

# ***THE FIERY CROSS***



*Award-Winning Newsletter For Clan An Cu, The Highland Independent Company of Darien*

## ***THE LATEST NEWS***

### **FREDERICA FILM PREMIER**

The new film for *Fort Frederica National Monument*, with a working title of *History Uncovered*, is tentatively scheduled for its premier on Saturday, February 12, 2005, during the Frederica Festival. Current plans are to preview it the preceding Friday night, February 11, for the reenactors who participated in the filming.



English troops and Highlanders ambush Spanish forces during filming a scene for the upcoming movie *History Uncovered*. English troops were from Fort Loudon. The Highlanders pictured (L-R) are Ed Lunderman, Steve Henderson, Collin King, Neal Fitzgibbons, Cody Bennett, Amos McCall, Mark Tippens, and Philip Boyd. Other members of Clan An Cu who took part were Britt Brinson, James Heldreth, and Skin Neal.

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The film was shot on location at Fort Frederica, Fort King George and Williamsburg. It was produced by *Great Divide Pictures*, under the direction of **Sonny Hutchison** and **Chris Wheeler**. *Clan An Cu* portrayed the *Highland Independent Company of Darien* during filming at Fort King George on August 27-29, 2004.

## BATTLE OF CULLODEN & SAVANNAH GAMES WON'T CONFLICT

The date of the *Savannah Highland Games and Gathering* has been moved off of its traditional "Saturday before Mother's Day" date, but it will not conflict with the *Battle of Culloden*. The Savannah Games will be held on Saturday, **April 30, 2005**. *Clan An Cu* made its first appearance at the event last year. We set up a living history encampment, talking to the public about the Highland Independent Company of Darien.

The *Battle of Culloden* has been set for **May 13-15, 2005**. It had been previously scheduled for Fort Meigs in Ohio, but that has fallen through. It will be held at *Caesar's Creek*, near Waynesville, Ohio, the site we attended in 2000. This will make for a 10-12 hour trip (about 650 miles). Hopefully, each clansman can make the effort to attend both.

## DATE SET FOR BLACK POWDER CERTIFICATION

**Jon Burpee**, of *Fort Frederica National Historic Site*, is planning to conduct the NPS Black Powder Certification Course on **January 15, 2005**. Wear your Highland attire. We will be working on Bland's drill & it would add something for the public. It might also draw some interest in possible recruits. Please let **Britt Brinson** know by **January 3, 2005** *whether or not* you will be able to attend.

## NEWS FROM FORT KING GEORGE

The new visitors' center is complete. It contains a new sales area as well as showers for reenactors. The fort is rolling forward and Kevin REALLY wants to keep it going, bigger and better than ever. They need our support. They have money and there is lots of firewood.

## BONNIE PRINCE PUBLISHES BOOK

**Chris Timm** (aka Bonnie Prince Charlie) has published his first novel. The book, entitled, *In The Absence of Eagles* is "a fantasy tale of good and evil set in a mythical land. While aimed at juvenile readers it appeals, I believe, to all ages. The story actually came out of one I was telling to my kids and kind of grew into what it is today."

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"I'm hoping to see the distribution widen in the new year but currently the major places it's available is at Barnes and Noble through their website [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) and at Amazon.com [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)."

In other news, Chris says, "after 13 years in the investment industry I am feeling God's call and so am leaving the bank and entering into pastoral ministry. I have accepted a position at a church in the area and will be starting in the New Year as their Associate Pastor of Family Life Ministry. This is something else I am very excited about and anticipating an exciting future."

## AFTER ACTION REPORT

On November 13, 2004, *Fort King George* once again sponsored its *Drums Along the Altamaha*. *Clan An Cu* made its appearance in the form of "Lone Dog" Lynch and its newest member, **Steve Henderson**. They were joined by **William Temple** and the three of them conducted the "Soldiers' Life" life portion of the presentations. *Clan An Cu* friends **Jim Sawgrass, Scott Hodges, Nan Gorden, Amanda, Nancy, Oglethorpe's Rangers** and a slew of others were also there giving the visitors a taste of the old ways.

There was an attack by the Yemasee Indians and Spaniards, who again were driven back after a brief, but decisive battle. In addition to the Rangers manning the wall, the Falconers manning the cannon, and Highlanders sniping from the blockhouse 3rd story loopholes (an almost a spiritual experience), William Temple led the Rangers in pursuit of the foes and dispatched them expeditiously. Although the weather, a bit brisk and blustery, kept many visitors away, the hard-core crowd seemed to really enjoy the battle and touring the fort. This is a wonderful event and one well worth attending.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NPS Black Powder Certification Course. January 15, 2005.** Fort Frederica, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

**Frederica Festival. February 12, 2005.** Fort Frederica, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

**Scottish Heritage Days. March 19, 2005.** Fort King George, Darien, Georgia.

**Coastal Heritage Week. March 29 thru April 2, 2005.** Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Brunswick, Georgia.

**Savannah Highland Games. April 30, 2005.** Richmond Hill, Georgia.

**Battle of Culloden. May 13-15, 2005.** Caesar's Creek, Ohio.

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Culloden Highland Games. ? Culloden, Georgia.

Blairsville Highland Games. June 11-12, 2004. Blairsville, Georgia.

## PHOTO GALLERY



Clan An Cu, the Highland Independent Company of Darien and the Fort Loudon garrison form the British battle line for scene's depicting the Battle of Bloody Marsh in the new film, *History Uncovered*. Clansmen shown (L-R) are Ed Lunderman, Steve Henderson, Collin King, Neil Fitzgibbons, Cody Bennett, Amos McCall, Mark Tippens and Philip Boyd.