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NATIONAL TARTAN DAY AN INTERNATIONAL WEEK

National Tartan Day, NTD for short, has grown in the United States from a simple proclamation sponsored by Senator Trent Lott that was read on the Capital steps on April 6, 1997. Six years later, NTD in the United States has become a national event, celebrated across the country, and expanded into a multi-faceted venue in Washington, D.C.



NTD is officially celebrated on the anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath (1320) principally in Canada and the United States. It recognizes the

contributions and achievements of our Scottish ancestors who migrated to the shores of North America.

This year's venue promises to be more enthusiastic and solidly packed with events to interest every one. Justice cannot be done here to all the activities, so check out the websites for more information:

www.tartanday.com (international)

www.nationalcapital-tartanday.org (local)

COS will be hosting two events: (1) a Ceilidh at Lulu's Mardi Gras in Washington, D.C. on Friday evening, April 4th. and, (2) a COS/NTD banquet at Bistro Europa in Alexandria on Saturday evening, April 5th. There are additional details for the events elsewhere in this newsletter.

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SOUTHERN MARYLAND & POTOMAC CELTIC FESTIVALS JUST AHEAD

The next three months brings two of our favorite Celtic festivals to our calendars. Southern Maryland Celtic Festival at Jefferson Patterson Park near St. Leonard, MD, is the opening event in the mid-Atlantic area. As in previous years, this is very popular because of both the mid-Spring weather and the bayside location. A one day event on April 25th, the historic grounds at Jefferson Patterson Park takes on the appearance of a Celtic village.

The clans, societies and vendors all have the opportunity to shake out the wrinkles in the tents, find all the pieces of their Scottish paraphernalia and print hundreds of copies of their applications. The morning is usually brisk, in a highland fashion, and the afternoon is usually warm and inviting. Yes, there have been cool days and hot days - but usually a mixture of both is the norm. So, bring a sweater or coat for the morning, and a short sleeved shirt for later in the day.

Jefferson Patterson Park is a nice, one-hour ride south on Maryland Route 4 East/South (Exit 11A, Pennsylvania Avenue) from the Capital Beltway. About 20 minutes south of Dunkirk, keep an eye out for the signs and Scottish flags on the right side of the highway.

The Potomac Celtic Festival will convene at Morvran Equestrian Center, just north of Leesburg on June 14th and 15th. This is the first two-day event in the mid-Atlantic area for the year. In addition to the Celtic Village with the Clans and Societies, there will be athletic competition on Saturday, vendors from Canada to Georgia, and continuous entertainment on seven separate stages.

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THE CHIEF'S CORNER

It is an honor and a privilege to have been selected by my peers to the position of your Chief of the Clans of Scotland, USA. "To love all things Scottish" is a vision that I hope we will all embrace as we enter into our 41st year of the existence. As we journey through this year, I will look to you, the COS membership, for your advice and counsel.



The Clans of Scotland, USA, encompasses so many facets of our Scottish heritage, from cultural and educational programs to fellowship amongst its membership. Diversified in our backgrounds, COS is an organization that offers a broad range of activities for everyone, both young and old.

The Council has been busy reviewing many activities to place on our 2003 Calendar. We plan to continue our active role in the local Celtic games and festivals. As part of the National Tartan Day activities in our Nation's Capital, COS is sponsoring a Ceilidh on April 4th at Lulu's downtown and a National Tartan Day Banquet at Bistro Europa on April 5th. The banquet features Professor Rosalind Hoagland, art historian and lecturer at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C. This Spring we have put a family picnic on the schedule in May. We also plan to participate at the Richmond games in late October for the first time. In December, we are going to change the focus of our Christmas party to include a local charity.

Enthusiastic about our future endeavors, COS welcomes all your efforts to help, should it be stopping by the tent to share in conversation or to become involved in one of our Committees. As told to me recently by Robert Wallace, President of The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC, "Volunteers built the Ark, professionals built the Titanic."

I look forward to promoting our Scottish heritage in the Community and developing many lasting friendships along the way!

The best to you always,



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NTD BANQUET AT BISTRO EUROPA

information provided by Ken Allen

The Clans of Scotland Second Annual National Tartan Day Banquet will be held on April 5, 2003 at Bistro Europa, 715 King Street, Old Town Alexandria, VA. The evening will begin with a piper at the door heralding a social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a cash bar. The banquet begins at 7:30 p.m. and will consist of meat and potatoes, salad and dessert, coffee and tea. There will be a haggis appetizer.

The cost is \$45 per person and seating is limited to 45 attendees. There will be no seats available for attending just the guest speaker portion of the program. Scottish evening attire is recommended (Prince Charlie, Montrose, or coat and tie). There will also be door prizes.

The guest speaker is Professor Rosalind Hoagland, art historian and lecturer at the Corcoran College of Art and Design, Washington, DC, and Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria and Annandale campuses.

She will be speaking on Art and Architecture, Scottish by Design and focusing on the Glasgow Art Nouveau movement of the 1890s up to World War I. There will be a slide presentation featuring the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Glasgow architect and designer whose work is experiencing a favorable popular renaissance among art critics and the general public in Scotland and the United States.

For dinner reservations, please send checks payable to the Clans of Scotland, USA, to Ken Allen, 2204 N. Pickett St., Apt. 201, Alexandria, VA 22304. Alternately, you may contact Ken at kennrallen@aol.com or (703) 751-3830, but Ken would rather you e-mail him.

As you can see, COS NTD Banquet costs are up from last year. As banquet participants, this year we want to pay all costs with no funds pulled from the COS Sporrán. Last year, to get the banquet established, we used \$50 from the Sporrán and received more than \$200 in donations from very generous COS members. This year, we want to more than cover our costs, as we did with our Robert Burns Night. It is expected that we will set up a special Sporrán pocket to be used to fund next year's COS NTD Banquet when we will move to a larger venue.



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PROFESSOR ROSALIND HOAGLAND - NTD BANQUET GUEST SPEAKER

Professor Hoagland is of Celtic ancestry and was born in Hawaii to a United States Navy family. She grew up in the Arlington Virginia area, though she spent two years in Japan with her family. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio. She earned a Master's of Art History at Penn State, and is working on her dissertation for a Ph.D.

Professor Hoagland is the only lecturer teaching the History of Design at NVCC, Alexandria. Each semester, that particular class is filled with Fine Arts, Communication Design, Photography, and Liberal Arts students, plus Continuing Education students, all ranging in age from the late teens to students in their 70s. In the past five years, Professor Hoagland has conducted Art History travel seminars to Europe as part of NVCC Continuing Education classes.

Rosalind will be joined by her husband of 30 years, Bill Hoagland. He is currently an advisor to Senate Majority Leader William Frist for Budget and Appropriations. He has served 20 years with the US Senate Budget Committee.



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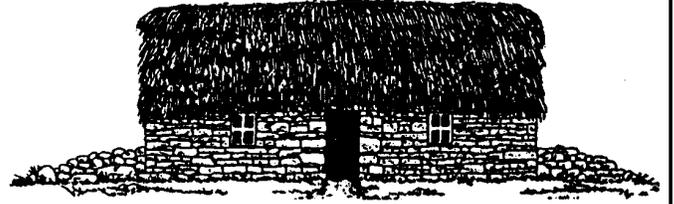
CAROLINA NEWS

We often receive a newsletter from the Mountain Heritage Center at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC, that provides information on their ongoing exhibits and programs documenting Scottish and Scotch-Irish immigration in the Carolinas. Submitted for your consideration is a permanent exhibit that traces the Scotch-Irish migration from Ulster to Pennsylvania, the Shenandoah Valley and into western North Carolina. The exhibit includes text panels, illustrations, artifacts and vibrant murals.

If you have been pursuing your genealogical roots, you may find that the Scots in your family immigrated to the eastern seaboard and eventually settled in or passed through the Carolinas on their trek south and westward. The Appalachians were a natural refuge for those Scots who missed their Caledonia mountains. Of particular interest is the merging of the Scots and Scotch-Irish with the great Cherokee Nation that once existed in southern Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, the Carolinas and northern Georgia before the end of the 18th century.

Should your travels this year take you down to the Asheville area, put the Mountain Heritage Center on your itinerary. For further information, go to www.wcu.edu/mhc.

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Membership News

Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 Welcomes)

The *Clans of Scotland* offers a rousing welcome to all our new and returning members. We hope to see you at many of the events we have scheduled for this year.

Chuck Fowler
Travis Ian Howard
Anne Robertson Kennedy
Richard & Evalyne Leith

Membership Boxscore

Counts	Memberships
Paid through 2002	120
Renewed to date	27
New in 2003	1
Total current	114
Life members	7
Total active memberships	121

SCOTSOUNDS - A TEST

We have received a complimentary CD copy of a pilot 30 minute radio program, "The Scottish Connection," that may be of interest to anyone seeking to increase their knowledge of Scots in America - as well as enjoying the music and sounds of our Scottish heritage.

Produced by Tom Laurenson of Ossining, NY, the objective is to market a radio series for and about Scots, aimed at the Scottish community within the USA. This is exactly the sort of programming that we have been seeking for quite some time. Imagine a weekly Scottish program with news, information and music coming to you via one of our local stations, possibly NPR. No more searching the net to link into BBC Scotland, or one of the Scottish websites, only to find that you're six hours late, contemporary music is the norm and issues are far removed from our own playground.

The CD is available from this editor for anyone wishing to provide a review to Tom Laurenson on the program format and content. Quick return would be appreciated. Further information on the goals and objectives of Scotsounds may be found at

www.scotsounds.com

So, tune in and let Tom know what you think. He welcomes any and all feedback. I think it's great!

OUR FEATURED CLAN -

CLAN MACGREGOR SOCIETY

The Children of the Mist



Arms: Argent, an oak tree eradicated in bend sinister proper, surmounted by a sword azure hilted and pommelled or, in bend supporting on its point, in the dexter canton, an antique crown gules.

Crest: A lion's head erased proper crowned with an antique crown.

Mottos: Above escutcheon: *'S Rioghal Mo Dbream* (*Royal is My Race*) and, below escutcheon, **Ard Choille** (The woody height - a place in Glen Dochart). **E'en Do bait Spair Nocht** is also used.

Gaelic Name: MacGhriogair

War Cry: Ard Choille! (The woody height!)

Plant Badge: Pine/Scots Fir

Clan Gregor, or MacGregor, is one of the oldest Celtic Scottish Clans tracing its origin back to King Kenneth Alpin, who united the Picts and the Scots around 850. The MacGregors take their motto from Gregor, a descendant of King Alpin. Living in the regions of Glen Orchy, Glen Lyon and Glen Strae, the "Children of the Mist" were a powerful clan for hundreds of years, standing by the old Celtic clan rule of defending one's possessions with the sword.

Robert the Bruce granted the barony of Loch Awe, including much of the MacGregor lands, to the Chief of the Campbells. As with many royal gifts of the time, it was left to the recipient to work out how to take possession of it. The Campbells harried the MacGregors who were forced to retire deeper into their lands until they were largely restricted to Glenstrae.

In 1589 John Drummond, the King's forester, was murdered after hanging some MacGregors for poaching. The Chief, Alasdair MacGregor of Glenstrae, took responsibility for the act and was condemned by the Privy Council. King James VI issued an edict abolishing the MacGregor name.

The Proscriptive Acts of Clan Gregor were enacted in 1603 which authorized the capture of Alasdair MacGregor of Glenstrae, Chief and Laird of MacGregor, and his leading kinsmen. In the spring of 1604, MacGregor was hung with thirty of his warriors against the West End of Saint Giles's Kirk where the Tollbooth stood. Today, the "Heart of Midlothian" in Edinburgh marks the spot where the MacGregor Chief was executed.

The names of Clan Gregor were erased from existence and the clanfolk of the Gregorach were ordered to take different names, usually assigned. They were to obey implicitly the new Chief placed over them. It should be noted here that many of the Gregors refused. Of those who refused (and were caught); the men were executed, the women were stripped bare, branded, and whipped through the streets. The women and children were sold into slavery in the colonies in North America.

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14TH MEETING

submitted by Lorri Robertson, Scribe

The annual election of Officers was the first order of business. The following is the elected slate:

Chief – Martha Walls
 Chieftain – Aaron Kidwell
 Keeper of the Sporrán - Michael Robertson
 Scribe – Lorri Robertson

Bob McLaren asked for a unanimous voice vote of acceptance of the election of the new officers. A voice vote produced all yeas, no dissenting votes were voiced. Bob offered a toast to our new female Chief. He cited the historical importance of women to the Celtic community, and their leading roles in the ruling councils of old Scotland, as well as the current female Clan Chiefs in modern Scotland.

Old Business –

John Wallace gave a synopsis of the Burns Night Supper. He has 96 definite reservations.

Randy Gregory gave a report on National Tartan Day events scheduled so far. There will be a NTD meeting the weekend of the 18th of January. Interested people are welcome. Events so far -

Friday, April 4th – Dance and social at Lulu's beginning at 7:00 pm. There will be Scottish entertainment

Saturday, April 5th – NTD Committee to attend the Cherry Blossom Parade 12 – 2:00 pm

Saturday, April 5th - NTD Banquet, Bistro Europa – 6:30 pm cocktails, 7:30 pm Lecture on Art and Architecture Dinner following lecture.

Sunday, April 6th – Massing of the Clans on the Mall.

New Business –

Jerry Vandenberg announced his resignation as convener for House of Gordon. The Rogues and Wenches are now looking for a home, and Jerry offered them for help in promoting COS. Bob McLaren and Larry Young offered their condolences and thanked him for his past help with COS. Council to discuss merging of COS and Rogues and Wenches at next council meeting.

Chief Martha Walls formally requested all Committee heads to remain in place until after the first Council meeting. Any changes will be announced after that meeting.

Vernon Gardener requested the By-Laws Committee be reactivated to work on questions coming up. He did not state what those questions were.

Connie McLaughlin made suggestion that Pete Josendale be made Maraschal. Several people attempted to second, however Martha reminded the members that it was a

FEATURED CLAN, *continued from page 5*

Further additions to the proscriptive acts denied the Gregors basic necessities of food, water, shelter, and care for infants and the elderly. The Gregors were denied the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, marriage, and last rites. The gentry of Scotland were encouraged to hunt the Gregors with dogs as if they were common game stock. But, without a doubt, the most horrifying act was the commission of selling Gregor heads to the government to attain pardon for thievery and murder.

The surviving MacGregors continued in two groups: those who legally changed their name to satisfy the law, but never changed their heart or blood; the others were those who took to the great highlands and continued to use their Gregor names in defiance.

Despite this treatment, 200 men from the Clan Gregor fought against Cromwell for Charles I during the civil war (1642-1646). His son Charles II, upon being restored to the throne in 1660, repealed the proscription and restored the MacGregors' name and privileges as a reward for their loyalty, only to be re-imposed when William of Orange took the throne.

Rob Roy MacGregor, born in 1671, a younger son of MacGregor of Glengyle, was forced to assume his mother's name of Campbell. His somewhat fictionalized adventures have been immortalized in Sir Walter Scott's novel, *Rob Roy*.

The persecution finally ended in 1774 when the proscription was repealed - **171** years later. Although many clansmen wanted to claim chiefship, ultimately it was Sir Even MacGregor, 19th Chief who led clansmen to guard the "Honors of Scotland" during a visit of King George IV to Edinburgh in 1822. The present clan chief is Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Baronet, 23rd Chief of MacGregor.

For more information, please visit:

www.clangregor.org

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chief's decision, with Council approval. She said she had already approached Pete about the position, but no decision would be made until after the Council mtg.

Garrett Whiteside volunteered to be head of the By-Laws Committee as well as Parliamentarian, as he says he's experienced in that area. Martha thanked him for his interest and agreed he would be considered, along with others, at the first Council Meeting.

A toast was offered to COS and Auld Lang Syne sung by the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

TARTAN DAY, *continued from page 1*

In addition to the COS-hosted events, other organizations are hosting concerts, participation in the Cherry Blossom Parade, a formal ball, receptions and the all-day celebration on the National Mall. These organizations include Baltimore St. Andrew's Society, St. Andrew's Society of Richmond, the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society, the Scottish American Military Society and, of course, the St. Andrew's Society of Washington D.C. All of these organizations have participated in the year-long planning under the auspices of the National Tartan Day Committee. Some how, all those Scotsmen got it together without a second enactment of Arbroath.

The Celebration on the Mall will be a day-long event beginning at 9 a.m. There will be tents and displays from Clans and Societies, massed Pipe Bands, cultural and educational displays, dancing, athletic demonstrations, story telling, Scottish food and an evening tattoo.

So, split the weekend in Washington D.C. between admiring the cherry blossoms on the Tidal Basin and the Scots in full regalia on the Mall.

FESTIVALS, *continued from page 1*

Unlike Southern Maryland, this event is always warm and seasonal. Usually, sun block is recommended since our winter pallors are quickly brought to summer conditions. For those working the clan tents, the Sunday morning pancake breakfast is always a huge success. You need to be there early, though. Breakfast is served until 8 a.m. and reservations on Saturday are appreciated by the organizers.

Because of the long public hours, this is one event where volunteers for the tent are extremely important. Plan for an hour or two to help meet the public, provide information, and share a brew with other COSians.

We received the following card from Doris Wine:

Thank you all so much for the moment to remember Bob. He really enjoyed being Chief and worked so hard at the games, the Walk, and had the Blessing of the Tartan at our church, the Little Falls Presbyterian Church. We joined when there were only about 15 members and, in fact, when Frances Hobbins was Chief. They made Bob an honorary Scot! It's in the minutes. When we went to the Clan Gathering in Scotland, he and Chief MacKinnan got along so well - told Bob he could wear the MacKinnan tartan.

We had a memorial here at Westminster and it was a Scottish affair - wore our kilts and had Bill Nightingale pipe for him. Everyone said they hadn't been to one like this so we sent him off in style!

Our best wishes for the New Year and thanks again.

LETTERS AND SUCH

Our Chief received the following note from Anne Robertson Kennedy:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Living Legacy of Scotland, Inc., I would like to express our thanks to the Board of Directors and members of the Clans of Scotland for inviting us to participate in the Clans of Scotland's "Kirkin" and to the very enjoyable party afterwards.

I would also like to thank you, personally, for the very lovely and interesting book which you presented to me at the party.

We wish you and the Clans of Scotland every success in the future.

From Debera and Bill Howard:

Regarding upcoming educational programs on Scotland at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC: The February, 2003 edition of the Smithsonian Associate magazine covered Scottish related matters as a prelude to honoring Scotland through events occurring during the annual Folk Life Festival on the Mall, June 25-29 and July 2-6, 2003.

Editor's note: Check the Smithsonian Resident Associate website at www.residentassociates.org/rap/idx-scot.asp for a complete listing of the 31 programs in the lecture series between March and June that lead up to the Folk Life Festival on the Mall.

John Lumsden reminds us:

The 61st Annual Kirkin of the Tartan at the Washington National Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul is planned for April 27th. This event is hosted by the St. Andrews Society of Washington, D.C. The acoustics and magnificence of the Cathedral interior make this a must-attend event. For additional information, visit Jim McGregor's *Capital Scot* website at:

<http://thecapitalscot.com/standrew/kirkinstasdc.html>

Calling for Inventory:

We are attempting to conduct an inventory of COS supplies and materials (e.g., tents, tables, chairs, containers, pictures, books, tartan material, flags, etc.) so that Michael Robertson can reconcile the COS financial books. We are asking COS members to send Michael a list of any supplies and materials they presently have in their possession. Please send your list to

mike.robertson@mindspring.com

GAMES CALENDAR

The Clans of Scotland cannot attend all the Games held within any one Games Season. However, we thought the members would like to know when some of these additional events will be held. They are close enough to our area to qualify for a simple, easy day trip. There will NOT be a COS tent at these events, but it would be helpful if you could let us know what you found there. If there is enough interest in a certain event, and our budget allows, it will be taken under consideration for addition to our schedule.



May 10 ~ Frederick Celtic Festival

Beatty-Cramer House
Frederick, MD

May 15-17 ~ Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games

PO Box 1487
Gatlinburg TN 37738

May 30-June 1 ~ Glasgow Highland Games

119 E Main St
Glasgow KY 42141

June 7th ~ Highland Festival Garrett County, MD

PO Box 160
McHenry MD 21541

July 10-13 ~ Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

PO Box 1095
Linville NC 28646

September 5-6 ~ 44th Ligonier Scottish Festival -

Idlewild Park, Ligonier, PA
(for info: 1-412-851-9900)

September 27 ~ 25th Williamsburg Scottish Festival -

Williamsburg Winery, Williamsburg, VA (for info: PO Box 866, Williamsburg, VA 23187)

October 4 ~ Tallahassee Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Festival -

Tallahassee, Fl (for info: 1-850-894-6270)

October 11 ~ Radford Highlanders Festival - Radford University, Radford, VA (for info: 1-540-831-5324)

If there are other games, festivals or other events you wish to see listed, please contact the editor at

mike.robertson@mindspring.com.

We will be glad to list them as information for all of COS.

Jim MacGregor

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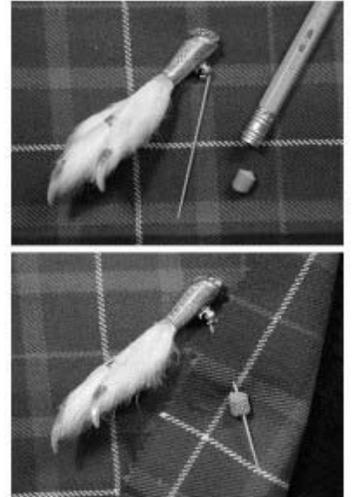
"Ask me about Scottish stuff!"

DON'T LOOSE THAT KILT PIN

by Jim (Bowie) Wallace

I lost another kilt pin at the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk. This one was a small antique Arabian knife in an enameled scabbard made in Spain. The brooch pin on the back came open and I didn't see it go. Oh, well. I hope someone will enjoy it as much as I did. But I won't lose another kilt pin or cap badge again. Here's how.

Break the eraser off a No. 2 pencil. Push about one third of the pin thru the kilt. Push the eraser onto the pin. Now push the pin back thru the kilt and secure it in the clasp. Even if the pin comes loose from the clasp, the eraser will hold the pin on the kilt.



Editor's note: Jim's method works a whole lot better than my baling wire and bubble gum lash-up around the clasp.

DUES NOTICE

Membership renewals for 2003 are due on March 31st. Please check the label on this issue of the *Piper* to determine your dues status. The first line contains your membership status (single or family), membership number (for the computer only) and the last year for which you have paid your full dues. If the label says 2002, then you need to renew.



Clans of Scotland, USA

2003 Calendar



Revised March 2003

The Clans of Scotland is pleased to bring you our calendar of events for 2003. As we receive more information during the year, the *Piper* will update this listing. We encourage your input & participation. Call Ramsey Reed at (703) 897-9633 for information or to find out how you can help out.

- April 4th ~ NTD Ceilidh** - Lulu's Mardi Gras Club
Washington D.C., 7 p.m. (see article in this issue)
- April 5th ~ COS/NTD Banquet** - Bistro Europa
715 King St, Alexandria, 6:30 pm.
- April 6th ~ Tartan Day** - Wear your tartan today!
- April 26th ~ Southern Maryland Celtic Festival & Highland Gathering** - Jefferson Patterson Park, St. Leonard, MD.
- ★ **May 13th ~ Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting** - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.
- May 17th ~ Clans of Scotland Picnic** -
Place and time to be determined
- June 14th-15th ~ Potomac Celtic Festival** -
Morven Park International Equestrian Center, Leesburg, VA.
- ★ **July 8th ~ Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting** - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.
- July 25th-27th ~ Virginia Scottish Games** -
Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA.
- ★ **September 9th ~ Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting** -
Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.
- September 13th-14th ~ Maryland Renaissance Faire Scottish Weekend** - Crownsville, MD.
- September 27th ~ Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair** -
Fort Ward Park, Alexandria, VA 9am-5pm
- October 11th ~ Anne Arundel Highland Games** -
Anne Arundel Fairgrounds, Annapolis, MD
- October 25th-26th ~ Richmond Scottish Games** -
Richmond Raceway (Strawberry Hill)
- ★ **November 11th ~ Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting** -
Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.
- November 29th ~ Scottish Heritage Bake Sale**
Lyceum, Old Town Alexandria, VA, 11:00 am.
- December 6th ~ Scottish Christmas Walk Parade** -
Old Town Alexandria, VA, 9:30 am.
- December ~ Kirkin' o' the Tartans** -
Location & Time TBA
- December 14th ~ Clans of Scotland Christmas Party** -
Location & Time TBA

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Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm
- January 17th ~ Annual Burns Night Supper** -
Location & Time TBA
- March 6th ~ St. Patricks Day Parade** -
Old Town Alexandria
- ★ **March 9th ~ Clans of Scotland Meeting** -
Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.



Please note: All dates for Year 2003 events are best available.
This calendar will be updated as new information becomes available.

The above graphic is the colorful, weatherproof COS bumper sticker. They are available for \$5 at every festival or meeting.

Senate Resolution No. 155

Whereas April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320 and the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on that inspirational document;

Whereas this resolution honors the major role that Scottish Americans played in the founding of this Nation, such as the fact that almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, the Governors in 9 of the original 13 States were of Scottish ancestry, Scottish Americans successfully helped shape this country in its formative years and guide this Nation through its most troubled times;

Whereas this resolution recognizes the monumental achievements and invaluable contributions made by Scottish Americans that

have led to America's preeminence in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics, architecture, literature, media, and visual and performing arts;

Whereas this resolution commends the more than 200 organizations throughout the United States that honor Scottish heritage, tradition, and culture, representing the hundreds of thousands of Americans of Scottish descent, residing in every State, who already have made the observance of Tartan Day on April 6 a success;

Whereas these numerous individuals, clans, societies, clubs, and fraternal organizations do not let the great contributions of the Scottish people go unnoticed:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Senate designates April 6 of each year as "National Tartan Day."

Other activities on the NTD Schedule

Sunday, March 30, 2003 - Church Service (Kirkin) at the Basilica with Cardinal Keeler in Baltimore, MD, at 10:45 AM - Hosted by the Baltimore St. Andrew's Society - Open to the Public.

Sunday, March 30, 2003 - Scottish Spring Tea Dance in Baltimore, MD, at 2:00 PM - Music by Terpsichore - Hosted by the Baltimore Chapter of the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society - Open to the Public; \$15:00 admission fee.

Thursday, April 3, 2003 - Benefit Concert by Singer John McDermott at the Carpenter Center in Richmond, VA, at 8:00 PM - Hosted by the Friends of St. Andrew to benefit the charities of the St. Andrew's Society of Richmond - Open to the Public; advance purchase of tickets necessary.

Saturday, April 5, 2003 - Scottish Contingent in the Annual Cherry Blossom Parade at 10:00 AM in Washington D.C. beginning at the National Mall - Invited participants include The Pipes and Drums of the Canadian Black Watch (RHR), The Escort to the Colors of the Baltimore St. Andrew's Society, and Flag Bearers from Scottish Clans, Societies, and Organizations - Hosted by the Scottish American Military Society - Open to the Public.

Saturday, April 5, 2003 - Scottish Musical Concert at the Jefferson Memorial from 12:00 N to 2:00 PM in Washington, D.C. - Invited participants include The Pipes and Drums of the Canadian Black Watch (RHR), Celtic Singer Christina Harrison, and The Charlie Zahm Scottish Trio - Hosted by the Scottish American Military Society - sponsored in part by The Clan Currie Society - Open to the Public.

Saturday, April 5, 2003 - A Capital Ball at the National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C.; 7:15 PM Reception, 8:00 PM Grand March and Ball, After Party for Dancers, music by Terpsichore - Hosted by the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society - Open to the Public - Free to spectators with nominal charge for dancing (Dancers must Pre-Register).

Sunday, April 6, 2003 - Celebration on the Mall - Hosted by the National Capital Tartan Day Committee at the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Scottish Gathering of the Clans and Games: from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM - Scottish Clans, Societies, and Organizations; Massed Pipe Bands and EUSPBA Sanctioned Piping and Drumming Competition; Cultural and Educational Displays; Highland/Country Dancing; Scottish Athletic Games Sanctioned by the MidAtlantic Scottish Athletics Association; Story Telling, Celtic Language Classes, Fly-fishing Demonstration, Church Service (Kirkin); and Musical Entertainment.

Tattoo: from 6:00 to 7:30 PM - The Celebration will conclude with a stirring Tattoo with Massed Bands and Musical Entertainment staged on the Mall with the U.S. Capital dome providing a stunning backdrop. Hosted by the Scottish American Military Society - Open to the Public

For the most up-to-date information, go to the Website at:

nationalcapital-tartanday.org

GETTING ORGANIZED FOR A CEILIDH *from information provided by Ramsey Reed*

The Ceilidh is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and run until 12, although that could be extended, depending on the crowd and the music.

COS will be provided a separate entrance at Lulu's into a room adjacent to the main stage for Ceilidh participants. There may be a piper at the entrance to attract attendance. We are asking for a \$10 cover charge at the door. Proceeds from the Ceilidh will benefit COS. A donation from COS will help defray a portion of the expenses incurred by the NTD Committee.

There will be a separate cash bar in our room and the complete Lulu's menu for meals or appetizers will be available to us. We expect to decorate the room with our flags and banners, and information for both COS and NTD.

The Jeff Greer Band will play from 9 to 12. More information about this group may be found at www.jeffgreerband.com.

We are looking to provide additional live entertainment in our area 7 p.m. to 9 p.m..

Of course, we need several volunteers for the table at the entrance to take donations. If we are able to complete arrangements for raffle donations, tickets will be sold to participants for drawings throughout the evening.

Updated information will be posted on the COS Website, Members Only page, including downloadable and printable sheets of invitations that may be passed out to friends and acquaintances. Any late-breaking news will be sent to the COS Listserv. For more information, contact:

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VOLUNTEERS ON THE MALL *from past experience...*

Remembering past National Tartan Day activities on the Mall, we need to staff the COS tent so that the major burden doesn't fall on just a few. This is an opportunity for the general public to meet the Scottish community and, in particular, our mid-Atlantic clansmen.

Staffing the COS tent may not seem glamorous or sexy, but it is demanding and rewarding. The difference between the public at a game or festival and the general pub-

lic on the Mall is immediately apparent. At the games and festivals, people are looking for something. On the Mall, people don't know where to begin looking (or why). For that reason, it is extremely important that we have a tent that is a fully staffed with volunteers as possible for the duration of the Mall Celebration.

If you can spare an hour or two, your presence will make a difference. Please contact Ramsey or Martha to help.

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Jul-Sep	\$10.00	\$15.00
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