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## CLANS CONVERGE AT MORVAN PARK FOR WEEKEND FESTIVAL

It was a clear, warm weekend at Morvan Equestrian Center in Leesburg, Virginia, for a gathering of the clans. True to form, they come from all points on the compass for the annual Potomac Celtic Festival. COS set up shop on a knoll overlooking the Clan parade area and nearly everything else spread over many acres. Chief Eric Bartock and Aaron Kidwell began the tent setup and were soon joined by a host of COSians ready to enjoy the fine weather and festive crowds. With parking close by and easy access to the grounds through the east gate and the Finnegan compound, everything was in readiness by the opening at 10 a.m.

Bob and Jan Hardy spent the weekend RVing with the Finnegan Clan and were joined by Aaron Kidwell on Saturday night after the Ceilidh. Many of our members worked at the tent and enjoyed the many vendors and music venues on both days. Dick and Iris Hyson worked tirelessly from start to finish. Scribe Martha Walls split her time between the Living Legacy tent and COS - a full weekend for anyone. Even our genealogist, Bob McLaren, ventured up the hill from the McLaren compound to answer questions at the front table.

We saw many familiar faces, including six membership renewals and gained one new member. The food table

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## EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SUCCESS FOR NORTHERN ALEXANDRIA GAMES

Well, what did we say about "hot at Potomac, cool at Episcopal?" Forget that! It was a scorcher on both days. But, that didn't stop a large crowd of COS stalwarts from attending the Episcopal games on both days. Aaron Kidwell, Deborah Wilkes and Chieftain Vernon Gardener set up the tent and basic furnishings on Friday afternoon. A change in parking logistics this year placed Aaron right on the field for unloading and setup on Saturday morning. No lugging or backpacking from the field house parking area. That was a big plus. Chief Eric Bartock, Connie McLaughlin, Mick Pratt and Dick and Iris Hyson worked on the front tent while Aaron, Deborah, Vernon and Pete Josedale worked on the back tent in an expanded refreshment area.

Sitting near the north goalpost facing south, COS had an unfettered view of the entire clan area. The gates opened at 8 a.m. this year, but the public didn't show until later. That gave the growing crowd at the tent time to finish the expanded and improved Scottish flag decorations designed and assembled by Deborah Wilkes. By 10 a.m., everything was ready for the day's activities.

Saturday was not as well attended as Sunday, at least in the clan area. That gave a lot of time for visiting with old friends and acquaintances - especially in the morning. Even so, COS had more than its share of Scottish information seekers through out the day. The abundance of food and beverages in the "refreshment pavilion" throughout the day attested to the commitment of our members. After temperatures climbed into the high 90's, a moderate rain shower around 4 p.m. provided very temporary relief and cleared the clans area.

Sunday blossomed clear and warm. With a slow start (due possibly to the Ceilidh the previous evening), the

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## THE CHIEF'S CORNER

Greetings COS members,

Well, we have had two successful festivals this Summer - the Potomac Celtic Festival and the Virginia Scottish Games. The turnout of COS members at both festivals was very good. We had several members renew their memberships and some new members join.



The weather at both festivals was quite warm this year as opposed to one being very hot and the other one pleasant. This year both were, shall we say, tolerable. At least it didn't storm like it did a few years ago.

I would personally like to thank everyone who volunteered at the tent at these festivals as well as those who brought food and/or beverages or donated money for the COS Cafe at the back table/tent.

Special thanks and recognition goes to Deborah Wilkes for her creative additions to the COS tent at Episcopal which included a string of tartan banners that attached to the sides and back facings of the front tent and about 40-50 small tartan flags which were placed in a large display stand. Chieftain Vernon Gardener and Aaron Kidwell created a very long staff topped with deer antlers and three long tartan banners: Bruce, Wallace, and MacGregor. It was/is quite impressive.

On another successful note, Clan Leatherworks from whom many of us have bought wonderful sporrans, pouches, and kilt pins was not admitted this year to the Potomac Celtic Festival. As a result of COS' efforts and those of several other clan organizations, Clan Leatherworks will be at the Potomac festival next year!

I would like to congratulate COS members Pete and Erin Josendale who were married on June 15, 2002. May God bless them and grant them many years of wedded bliss.

Coming up we have my favorite festival of the year, the Maryland Renaissance Festival (MRF) in Crownsville, MD. COS will again have its tent set up during Scottish Weekend, Septmeber 14th-15th. Please note the corrected date and see the article on Page 7 for further information.

Two weeks later, on September 28th, COS will be attending the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair. There will be plenty of shops at which to buy Scottish, Irish, and Celtic wares including tartan products. Also at this festival are the Scottish breed dogs and other Scottish animals such as sheep and Highland cattle.

We may be attending the Anne Arundel Scottish Festival in Crownsville, MD on October 12th. COS went again last year after a long hiatus. Look for future information if we can make it happen.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on September 10th at Bistro Europa and at the upcoming festivals.

Yours Aye,

*Eric*

**Correction to the last Piper.** Dick and Iris Hyson were incorrectly identified as Jim and Iris Hyson by this editor on several occasions when reporting the Southern Maryland and Frederick games. My deep and humble apologies. MR.



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# GENEALOGY

## THE 1920 CENSUS

by Robert McLaren  
Clan MacLaren



Last year I wrote a quick overview on census records. Now I am starting a series of articles on census records. Why a more in depth coverage? I find that census records are basic components of any research that I do. Additionally, they are easily available since the National Archives is an easy metro ride away.

The 1920 Federal Census record is the most recent census record available for researchers. (Since federal census records are closed (not available to researchers) for 72 years, the 1930 Census will not be available until 2002.) When tracing ancestries, I normally start at the 1920 census since it has so much information.

Information was collected at each place of abode. Information on the place of abode includes the street and number, thus allowing you to locate where the family lived. The name of every person is listed who lived at that place of abode on 1 January 1920. Additionally, the relationship to the head of the household is given for everyone. Sometimes, elderly parents live with their children, so this is one way of expanding your research back another generation. Also given for each person is sex, color or race, age at last birthday, and whether single, married, widowed or divorced. By the way, don't think that a relative had a sex change just because Uncle Jim is listed as a female - census takers did make mistakes. You can also learn if their home is rented or owned, and if owned, free or mortgaged (if owned, land records would be useful in your research).

This census also includes citizenship information. Given is the year of immigration to the U.S., whether naturalized or alien, and, if naturalized, year of naturalization. The education information listed is if school was attended since 1 September 1919 and if each person is able to read and write. Also noted is if the person is able to speak English.

Nativity information is given for each person - a valuable bit of information. The place of birth and mother tongue is listed for each person, his/her father, and his/her mother.

Finally, occupational information is included - trade or profession and industry or business. Also listed is whether the person is an employer, a salary or wage worker, or working on his/her own account. Finally, for farmers the number of the farm schedule is given. (This is a separate census taken on farmers listing information on the farm - useful in getting a better picture of your ancestor.)

Now that I've convinced you that this census is worth examining, how do you find your grandfather Fred in it? The basic unit of the census is the Enumeration District (ED). This was the area the census taker covered, and each census taker typically covered one enumeration district. A number of enumeration districts were grouped into a Supervisor's District, and counties were subdivided into supervisor's districts. In order to locate someone in this census you need to know the state, county, and ED (and page number in the ED). Fortunately, the 1920 census is indexed and the microfilm of the index is available at the National Archives.

Additional details on the 1920 Federal Census and its index are available in *The 1920 Federal Population Census*, National Archives Trust Fund Board, Washington, DC, 1991 (Second Edition 1992). If you are doing research in the 1920 census, this publication is a must. A reference copy is available at the National Archives in the Microfilm Room (Room 400), but I find having a copy at home is well worth it.

It's time to bring this article to a close. Since I've left you hanging on how to use the Soundex code, and since other census years are also indexed using this code, I will devote the next article to Soundex.

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Editor's Note: The 1930 Census has been recently released, but is not indexed. Partial indexing results are available on the web at USGENWEB and many other localized genealogy sites. A CD containing the complete 1930 census may be purchased through the National Archives in Washington, DC.

### Past Articles on Genealogy Written by Bob McLaren

Compliments of Bob McLaren, our COS genealogy expert, several articles from his lecture series have been published in *The Piper* over the past two years:

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1 | The First Steps              |
| 2 | Contacting Your Relatives    |
| 3 | Vital Records                |
| 4 | Federal Census Records       |
| 5 | Proof                        |
| 6 | Documentation                |
| 7 | Land Records                 |
| 8 | Probate Records (this issue) |
| 9 | More Death Records           |

If you would like copies of earlier articles, please contact the editor at [mike.robertson@mindspring.com](mailto:mike.robertson@mindspring.com) to receive them as an email attachment.

## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The following recommended changes to the Clans of Scotland's Bylaws are being submitted to the Membership by the Council for approval at the next regularly schedule membership meeting (Note: *Italicized, bolded text indicates additions to the Bylaws.*)

### ARTICLE II, MEMBERSHIP

(Change summary: reinstate the Associate Membership classification)

#### Amend:

**Classes:** There shall be *four* classes of Members: Regular Members, Life Members, Honorary Members, *and Associate Members*

#### Add:

*Associates: In addition to members, the Clans of Scotland, U.S.A., Inc. reserves the right to associate itself with persons – or with organizations not qualified for Regular Membership, but espousing its purposes or having interests or talents that contribute to its program. Such persons or organizations shall be called Associates or Associate Members and shall be eligible to participate in the activities of the Corporation other than business meetings and voting. Where the Associate is an organization, firm or corporation, that Associate may appoint one natural person as its representative. Such representatives so appointed shall be the only person entitled to participate in activities.*

### ARTICLE VIII, STANDING COMMITTEES

(Change summary: amend the Membership Committee charter, expand the Program Committee to include entertainment functions, eliminate the Refreshment Committee, and add the Communications Committee)

#### Amend:

**General:** Each standing committee will consist of the Chairman and at least one other member, appointed by the Chief, and approved by a majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting. Their membership in the committee will extend to the next succeeding annual meeting or until such time as their membership in the committee is otherwise terminated. Nothing in this Article shall prohibit the Chief from appointing ad hoc committees as appropriate from time to time. *Members may provide any recommendations or suggestions to the Committee Chairmen for inclusion in the next Committee meeting. Each Committee Chairman reports his or her Committee's activities to the Council for approval prior to reporting to the general membership.*

**Membership Committee:** It shall be the function of the Membership Committee to assume the initiative in establishing programs and ways and means to attract new members *and* to contact prospective members, ~~evaluate their qualifications, and advise the membership concerning their eligibility.~~

**Program/Entertainment Committee:** It shall be the function of the Program/*Entertainment* Committee to arrange for the program that is conducted pursuant to the objectives of the Corporation during the non-business portion of all regular meetings at which there is an opportunity to conduct such a program, ~~except to the extent that the Refreshment Committee provides for such a program.~~ *The Program/Entertainment Committee will also give guidance and assistance in preparing the Annual Calendar of Events and help to coordinate these activities once they become official sponsored activities.*

#### Delete:

~~Refreshment Committee: It shall be the function of the Refreshment Committee to determine the need for refreshments to be served at any regular meeting and to provide for the serving of refreshments when appropriate.~~

#### Add:

*Communications Committee: It shall be the function of the Communications Committee to develop, promulgate and maintain communication media for both the general membership and the public at large. Such media may include, but are not limited to, brochures, advertisements, Internet web sites, telephone trees, and email broadcasts. The purpose for these media shall be used to inform the membership of special activities, issues and events not contained in the newsletter, and to educate the general public with the goals and objectives of the Clans of Scotland.*

## TARTAN DONATIONS ABOUND

The Clans of Scotland recently received several cases of donated tartan remnants from several kilt makers in both Scotland and the United States. These included John Higgins (J. Higgins), Howie Nicholsby (Geoffrey Kilts), Douglas Gregor (TartanWeb) and Lochcarron of Scotland.

In a project initiated by Deborah Wilkes to improve our tent appearance, the samples and scraps were requested so that flags and swatch samples could be displayed as a visual reminder of our charter of broad Scottish inclusiveness. Deborah stitched and sewed a string of tartan flags to surround the top of the tent enclosure and built a flag display stand with miniature tartan flags for the front table.

At the Alexandria games, Deborah was asked by several clans to provide them with tartan flags. With the abundance of excess remnants, the germ of an idea is blossoming that can provide COS with a fundraising source in the future.

In appreciation and support of our donors, please visit their interesting web sites at:

[www.jhiggins.net](http://www.jhiggins.net) (John Higgins)

[www.geoffreykilts.co.uk](http://www.geoffreykilts.co.uk) (Howie Nicholsby)

[www.tartanweb.com](http://www.tartanweb.com) (Douglas Gregor)

[www.lochcarron.com](http://www.lochcarron.com) (Lochcarron of Scotland)

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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.

Thom Guthrie  
 Steven Hoffman  
 Susan Lindsey  
 Connie McLaughlin & Mick Pratt  
 Ruth Nowjack-Raymer & John Raymer

### Membership Boxscore

Counts	Memberships
Paid through 2001	98
Renewed to date	66
New in 2002	16
Total current	72
Life members	7
Total active memberships	89

### GENERAL EMAIL POLICY

It is Clans of Scotland policy that "COS email addresses," which have been obtained through the COS organization, will not be used for personal e-mail broadcasts. Any abuse of this policy will be reviewed by the Council and appropriate action will be administered at the discretion of the Council. Also, all e-mail lists will not be given out to the membership, and only the Council and Communication Chairman will have access to this information.

We now have a COS listserve through which all e-mails from COS members must be submitted before reaching the membership recipients. This gives the Communications Committee Chair, and the Chief when need be, the ability to edit all e-mails before they reach the membership thus preventing spamming, and it keeps members' e-mail addresses private. The editing of e-mails will make sure that no COS information which is not authorized by the Chief and/or the Council will go out to the COS membership.

If you have not been receiving COS listserve messages and wish to be placed on the list, please contact Michael Robertson at the email address on page 11 with your email address.

## OUR FEATURED CLAN

### CLAN WALLACE - A WORLDWIDE SOCIETY

- Branches: Wallace of Cairnhill, Wallace of Cessnock, Wallace of Craigie, Wallace of Elderslie, Wallace of Kelly, Wallace of Riccarton.
- Arms: Gules, a lion rampant Argent within a bordure countercompony of the Last and Azure.
- Badge: Issuant from a crest coronet of four (three visible) strawberry leaves Or, a dexter arm vambraced, the hand brandishing a sword all Proper.
- Motto: Pro libertate (For Freedom)
- Gaelic Name: Uallas
- Tartans: Wallace, Wallace (green)



The Clan Wallace Society represents all Scots of any clan and all others who wish they were Scots.

The Society has over 700 members in the United States, Canada, Scotland, England and as far away as Hong Kong and Australia. The Society was founded and chartered in Texas in 1966. The purpose of the society is educational with particular reference to the

history of Scotland, its public figures, such as Sir William Wallace, the national hero of Scotland who suffered martyrdom for his country in 1305, its Clans and the heritage and achievements of those claiming Scottish descent. The current Chief of Clan Wallace is Ian Francis Wallace of that ILK, 35th Chief of the Clan and Name of Wallace and Honorary President of the Society. The largest and most active group of members is found in the Western region of the United States. This group represents the Society at a number of Scottish Games and Festivals in the California, Arizona and Nevada annually. Another very active group is in the Mid-Atlantic region, representing the Society in Maryland and Virginia.

The term 'Welsh' appeared in the earlier English form of Weallise and the mediaeval form Wallensis, and was applied to the British peoples from Strathclyde in Scotland to Brittany in France who spoke that branch of the Celtic family of languages now represented by Breton and Welsh. In the 12th century the Kings of Scots were still addressing their subjects as distinct ethnic groups: French and English, Scots and Welsh. Hence the surnames Inglis, Scott and Wallace. The ancient capital of Strathclyde is still remembered as Dumbarton, the Fortress of the Britons.

In the second half of the 12th century a man called Richard, defined as a Wallace, obtained lands in Ayrshire, which belongs to the former Kingdom of Strathclyde. His property was called Richardston, now Riccarton; and his great-grandson, Sir Malcolm Wallace, received the lands of Elderslie in Renfrewshire.

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## PICTORIAL SAMPLER

*From the Albums on Our Website  
at [www.clansofscotland.org](http://www.clansofscotland.org)*



*Above: It may seem peaceful and quiet at Potomac, but it was only the calm before the storm.*



*Above: A motley crew, if ever there was one! Enough said. You really do need to see this on the website in color to catch Ralph Wallace's phosphorescent blue.*



*Left: Deborah Wilkes at the refurbished front table for the Alexandria Games with the new tartan flag display for many, many Scottish clans.*

*Left: Yes, Eric is working the front of the tent while Dick Hyson naps. The three in the foreground are trying to figure out the AAA map of Scotland while asking, "Didn't they say take a left at Braddock Road?"*



*Right: Eric, ever the stalwart chief, leads his troops toward the reviewing field at Episcopal in the full noon day sun. ...something to disproving mad dogs and Englishmen?*



## RENAISSANCE FAIRE PLANNING

*by Chief Eric Bartock*

COS will again have its tent set up at the Maryland Renaissance Festival in Crownsville, MD, during Scottish Weekend, September 14th-15th. (Note the date change - in an earlier issue we mistakenly had the 21st-22nd listed.) This is always tons of fun.

Set in England during the reign of Henry VIII, the festival is a chance to experience life as it was in the 16th century. For more information go to [www.rennfest.com](http://www.rennfest.com) or call 1-800-296-7304. Please note that in having a tent at the festival, COS members are actually considered by the management to be a part of the festival and should dress according to the period. Great Kilts with the appropriate accoutrements are perfect. Modern kilts are also fine as long as one wears the

appropriate kind of shirt (i.e., Jacobite or similar). For the women, period clothing can be found and made rather easily if you want to dress as a peasant or as a merchant-class citizen or anywhere in between. If you want to dress as nobility or upper-class it can get expensive.

As of the information I have right now, NO weapons are allowed to be worn or carried at the Faire. This includes sgian dubhs and dirks, and certainly no claymores. If I hear anything differently before the festival, I will let everyone know. Also, this is the one festival to which we are not allowed to bring any food or drink. Festival policy stipulates that we must purchase food and drink from the festival vendors. Not to worry, the food and drink are very good and not expensive.

We'll send out any changes to this information as soon as we get it. See you there!

**POTOMAC**, *continued from page 1*

was overstocked with snacks and beverages, proving that COSians do respond positively to the challenge of being generous and welcoming to everyone.

At anytime during the afternoon, there were a dozen people enjoying a respite from the sun in the additional tent set up behind the regular tent as a lounge and refreshment area. The expansion was sorely needed and surely welcome.

As usual, COS become the information booth for festival-goers looking for their immediate and obscure Scottish roots. This has become a very regular function as many of the clans direct inquiries to COS for those not actively represented by their clans or part of a clan with a presence at the gatherings. The three-volume tartan books are especially popular with the browsing public.

We learned that the Finnegan's, the clan organizers for many years, are stepping down for family needs. Although they will continue to assist when and were possible, they will no longer be organizing and running the clan host pavilion and traditional Sunday morning pancake breakfast. Their efforts on behalf of the clans will be missed.

Over the weekend, COS contributed significantly to lobbying for a Festival Committee review of the vendor policy for Clan Leatherworks, a favorite Scottish outfitter at the area games. Due to a jury selection process, Clan Leatherworks had been omitted from the vendor list this year. Additionally, COS contributed to an experimental change in policy permitting the clans to breakdown their sites quickly after the closing of the clan area to the public. In the past, this was a long, drawn out process that required several hours after closing - an insurance issue with the Festival Committee.

In short, the Potomac Celtic Festival was a fun, worth-while weekend in early June. Always hope for warmer weather at Leesburg in June so that the Northern Virginia Games in Alexandria will be cooler in July. It seems to work that way.

**FEATURED RECIPE** *by Iris Nimmo***EASY BARBEQUE BRISKET**

4-5 lb. brisket of beef	1 4 oz. bottle of liquid
1 tsp. garlic salt	barbecue smoke
½ tsp. lemon pepper	½ tsp. salt
1 8 oz. bottle of barbecue sauce	1 can beer

Mix together liquid smoke, garlic salt and lemon pepper; pour over beef and let marinate for 1½ hours. Remove beef from marinade and put in foil lined baking pan (allow enough foil to come up and cover meat completely). Pour marinade and beer over meat. Seal the foil over the top and put lid on pan. Bake for 8 hours at 200°. Remove pan from oven and discard aluminum foil and all of the liquid from the meat. Pour bottle of barbecue sauce over the meat and bake in an open pan for ½ hour at 350°. Cut across grain of meat to serve.

Editor's note: This is great on the barbee using heavy foil and an ale!

**FEATURED CLAN**, *continued from page 6*

Such was the background of Malcolm's son William, who was to evoke a national spirit which united so many disparate peoples and to earn his place as Scotland's greatest patriot.

The Clan Wallace did not descend from Sir William Wallace but from the Riccarton Branch. The current chief of the clan, Ian Wallace, is recognized by the Lord Lyon King of Arms as the head of all branches, Renfrewshire, Riccarton, and Craigie.

For further information, visit:

<http://www.clanwallace.org/>

<http://www.tartans.com/clans/Wallace/wallace.html>

This article was compiled from several internet sources.

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COS crew grew steadily to meet the demands of a larger public attendance as the morning progressed. Throughout the day, the front table was constantly pressed to answer questions and discuss the clans and Scottish history.

Measured in terms of three new members and several renewals, the Episcopal Games was a rousing success. The abundance of Scottish flags made by Deborah added to the persona of our charter as a blanket organization for those interested in any and all things Scottish. The new refreshment area created a very inviting atmosphere and the large number of COS workers reinforced the image of a vital and active organization.

**COS Classifieds**

*Do you have something to sell, a room to rent? Maybe you've been searching for a particular item — that book on Clans or a used set of bagpipes. Whatever it is that you're looking to buy or sell, look first here in the COS Classifieds. No charge for listing. Just send in a description of the item, price you wish for it (if selling), or a description of what you're looking for, and a contact point. COS accepts no responsibility for the condition of items sold.*

Still looking for garden-scale engines and rolling stock. Contact Michael Robertson, 703-780-2269 or [mike.robertson@mindspring.com](mailto:mike.robertson@mindspring.com).

Wanted: Previously-owned Anderson kilt, W38" x L21-23". Contact Lorri Robertson, 703-780-2269 or [mike.robertson@mindspring.com](mailto:mike.robertson@mindspring.com).

## MAKING POINTS

by Michael Robertson, Clan Donnachaidh

Well, we took a trip out West last week and tested the genealogical waters, so to speak. I focused on my step-mother and her family line even though none of them are blood relatives. As she kept saying, "Why are you doing this?"

Doing what? OK. I brought along everything I could find on the VitalSearch website, California databases. This included the fact that my step-mother's first name was Anna, not Irene, as I had believed for nearly 25 years. "So?" she said. "It's no family secret. I've always preferred Irene. And, besides, Anna was my grandmother. So she had the first rights." So much for sleuthing. But I haven't given up. Sooner or later something juicy will show up.

Irene pulled out a bunch of papers that were written in German. Heavy German. I couldn't read it. But I tried. Fortunately, I finally made out the meanings of geb., aus and mit, I think. So, I started stuffing the data into my database. Out to the LDS site for a last name search. Holy smokes! There is a huge batch of German names from the same family in the IGI (International Genealogical Index - for those of you who might want to know) for Germany. Of course, I was overwhelmed. So I picked a couple that matched the dates I had, saved any tidbits that I didn't have, and moved on.

I scanned the 1920 U.S. census. That has always been a gold mine for me. In fact, I think that every person I ever found was in the 1920 census, except George Washington - but he's not related - yet. That makes me suspicious of those government reports.

Well, Irene had asked me to send her one of my reports for her niece, another budding genealogist. Gladly! Today I mailed a huge packet of data going back 12 generations. It's neat what a computer can do to generate volumes of paper with just a little information. However, I even impressed myself. And, of course, I'm sure that Irene will be impressed. That means making points - because I'm interested. Others may call it nosy, but what do they know about genealogy and family relations?

On another front, I've really gotten my website together. Ancestry.com has this really neat, free (especially free!) software for storing all my genealogy nuggets. It has this whizbang feature that generates web pages at the click of a button. I have so many branches on my family tree that a lot of clicks are required. Anyway, I managed to get organized and connected to the net. Just a simple file transfer and I was published. Tom Clancy, eat your heart out.

I even got an email from a NORCAL subscriber in California tonight telling me how great the website looked.

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## 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.*



### September 6-7 ~ 43rd Ligonier Scottish Festival -

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

### September 22 ~ 24th Williamsburg Scottish Festival -

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

### October 4-6 ~ 5th Annual Tallahassee Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Festival -

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

### October 12 ~ 10th Annual Anne Arundel Scottish Festival -

Anne Arundel Fairgrounds, Crownsville, MD (for info: 1-410-849-2849)

### October 12 ~ Radford Highlanders Festival -

Radford University, Radford, VA (for info: 1-540-831-5324)

### October 26-27 ~ 7th Annual Richmond Scottish

Festival - State Fair Grounds (Strawberry Hill), Richmond, VA (for info: 1-804-228-3200x225)

## MEETING NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Clans of Scotland will take place at Bistro Europa in Old Town Alexandria on September 10th at 7:30 p.m. Changes to the **By-Laws** will be voted upon, and information for the **Renaissance Faire** and **Heritage Fair** will be presented. Please mark your calendars for this important event. Also, it isn't too soon to start thinking about officer nominees for 2003.



# Clans of Scotland, USA

## 2002 Calendar



Revised August 2002

The Clans of Scotland is pleased to bring you our calendar of events for 2002. As we receive more information during the year, the *Piper* will update this listing. We encourage your input & participation. Call Eric Bartock at (703) 218-1280 for information or to find out how you can help out.

★ September 10th ~ *Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting* -  
Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.

September 14th-15th ~ *Maryland Renaissance Faire  
Scottish Weekend* - Crownsville, MD.

September 28th ~ *Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair* -  
Fort Ward Park, Alexandria, VA 9am-5pm

★ November 12th ~ *Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting* -  
Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm..

November 30th ~ *Kirkin' o' the Tartans* -  
Details to follow

December 7th ~ *Scottish Christmas Walk  
Parade* - Old Town Alexandria, VA, 9:30 am.

December 8th ~ *Clans of Scotland Christmas Party* -  
Vinson Hall, McLean, VA 5 - 8pm.

### 2003

★ January 7th ~ *Annual Clans of Scotland Meeting* -  
Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm

January 18th ~ *Annual Burns Night Supper* -

February 6th ~ *Organizational Council Meeting*

March 1st ~ *St. Patricks Day Parade* - Old Town  
Alexandria

★ March 11th ~ *Clans of Scotland Meeting* - Bistro  
Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.

March 31st ~ *Deadline for Yearly Dues !!!*

April 6th ~ *Tartan Day* - Wear your tartan today!

April 26th ~ *Southern Maryland Celtic Festival &  
Highland Gathering* - Jefferson Patterson Park,  
St. Leonard, MD.

May 10th ~ *Beatty-Cramer Celtic Festival* - Frederick,  
MD. Details to follow.

★ May 13th ~ *Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting* - Bistro  
Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.

June 7th-8th ~ *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.



Please note: All dates for Year 2002 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.

**BOOK REVIEW:****“SON OF THE SWORD”** by J. Ardain Lee*Submitted by Jim Wallace, Clan Wallace*

For your summer reading pleasure I present a new author whose first book is a historical fiction. It starts at a Scottish Game in Tennessee and deals with swords. What more could a lad ask for? Ah, but there is enough romance here for the lassies, too.

The following is taken from the author's web page, [www.sff.net/people/ardian/](http://www.sff.net/people/ardian/)

*Dylan Matheson is an ordinary guy with ordinary problems: family, girlfriend – the usual. He likes his life. He's happy living above the dojo where he teaches martial arts and swordfighting. He has a few close friends who share his interest in things ancient and Scottish. Then one day at a Medieval Faire, he sees a magnificent broadsword. He takes it in hand – and is transported to a time and place he has only read about, the early eighteenth century Scotland.*

*Now Dylan Matheson, ordinary guy, is about to embark upon an extraordinary adventure. Trapped in the past, he will find the sweetness of true love – and the bitterness of betrayal. And it will take all of his skills – plus a bit of magic – just to survive.*

And, if you like this story as much as I did, you'll want to get J. Ardain Lee's next book, "Outlaw Sword," due out in July 2002. I already have it on order from Amazon.com.

ISBN 0-441-00838-3 paperback

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Well, it isn't easy clicking those buttons, I tell you! Who needs JAVA (isn't that coffee?) or Visual Basic or C++ or any of that stuff? But being published? Well, I tell you that I drop my website name just like a kitty litter salesman at a dog food convention.

I think I made points with Irene because I couldn't keep my trap shut about all those ancestors. It wore her out and she really slept well after my visit. There's a poem about that and if you're really interested, I can post it next time. If not, well at least I'm published and that's a fact. Hey, I just had a thought. Why don't I put the poem on my website and then the world can read it. Maybe, just maybe, I can make points there.

I know, I know ...geta life, Michael. Just get a life.

**Jim MacGregor**

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Jul-Sep	\$10.00	\$15.00
Oct-Dec	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.50

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Robertson, Membership Chairman, at (703) 780-2269 or [mike.robertson@mindspring.com](mailto:mike.robertson@mindspring.com)

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