



*Congratulations! New Officers!*

Louis Russell, President

Suzanne Emerson, Vice President Members

Mark Henderson, Vice President Operations

These officers will take office 1 January 2023

## What a fine looking group of CHS 2022 AGM Attendees!



With thanks to Sue Hoffman for the photo IDs. Christy Heston, Peggy Sanford, Suzanne Emerson, Jeff Emerson, Sherry Henderson, Vincent Henderson, Charm Russell, Louis Russell, Leon Hicks, Joyce Henderson, Eric Erickson, Sue Hoffman, Sharon Erickson, Mark Henderson, Dick Hoffman, Brittney Webster, Steve Henderson, Sandi Henderson, unknown, unknown and Jared Webster. If you are one of the two folks between Sandi and Jared, please email <[bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)> with your names.

*An Canach deadlines are on page 23 this time.*

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\* MacKendry \* McKendree \* Kendric and other versions of MacEanruit which means "Son of Henry"



## Clan Henderson Society AGM

Sue Hoffman, Secretary

The 2022 Annual General Meeting was held August 20, 2022 at the Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering, Hamilton, Montana. The meeting was conducted via ZOOM and in person. The reports of the Elected Officers and Regional Commissioned Officers are available on the CHS website [www.clanhendersonsociety.com](http://www.clanhendersonsociety.com)

**M e m b e r s**  
present at the meeting were: President Leon Hicks, Vice President Operations Steve Henderson, Vice President/Members Mark Henderson, Vice President & General Counsel Vincent Henderson

II, Counsellor Fred Sanford, Secretary Sue Hoffman, Suzanne Emerson Commissioner South Pacific Region, Art Henderson, Pat Henderson, Sherry Henderson, Peggy Sanford, Dick Hoffman, Charm Russell, Louis Russell, Sandi Henderson. Present via ZOOM: Vice President/Genealogy/DNA LaRhee Henderson, Barbara Pamboukes Commissioner North East Region, Bruce Henderson, Karen Banning, L. Henderson-Franta, Lee Henderson, Mary Kitses, Sharon Erickson, Eric Erickson, Laura German, Janell Henderson.

Due to the generosity of the membership, donations received allowed \$8800.00 to be awarded, the monies budgeted for scholarships were not used. Steve Henderson

made a motion to move \$4000.00 from the operating funds to the Investments, allocating \$2000.00 to Equity Funds and \$2000.00 Bond Funds. Mark Henderson seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chief's Prize for 2022 was awarded to Vice President & General Counsel Vincent Henderson, II. Only one prize is awarded per

calendar year and the recipient is determined by the President in consultation with the Executive Board.

President Leon Hicks presented the slate of nominees for election; Louis

Russell – President, Suzanne Emerson – Vice President Members, Mark Henderson – Vice President Operations. The balance of the slate, Vincent Henderson II – Vice President & General Counsel, LaRhee Henderson – Vice President Genealogy/DNA, Carol Martin – Treasurer and Sue Hoffman – Secretary are currently in those positions and have agreed to continue.

President Leon Hicks asked if there were any nominations from the floor. As there were none, Mark Henderson made a motion to accept and elect the slate as presented, Steve Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

*(There's more on the AGM on page 23.)*







# President's Farewell & Final Report

## Leon Hicks

*Clan Henderson Society  
President*



**This year's Annual General Meeting** was a huge success thanks to the tremendous effort of the organizers, Regional Commissioner Joyce Henderson, Regional Bodyguard Bruce Henderson, and to all those who traveled extreme distances to attend this year's event. Please refer to Joyce's article about the event, providing most details. Obviously, the biggest item on the agenda was the election of the slate of officers presented. I'm very pleased with the results. Most of the leadership team will remain intact, but with three notable exceptions. Louis Russell will be the new President for the next two years. Secondly, Suzanne Emerson will be the new Vice President Members. Lastly, Mark Henderson, who has previously served as Vice President Members will be assuming the new role of Vice President of Operations, replacing Steve Henderson, who is retiring from that position.

I am very pleased to announce that Christian

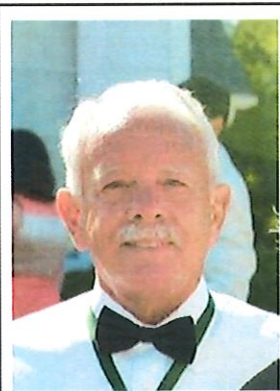
Henderson has been appointed the new Regional Commissioner for the South Pacific Region, replacing Suzanne Emerson. Christian will be an excellent Regional Commissioner. He has had many years of experience convening and interacting with Society members in the region. Please join me in congratulating Christian on his appointment.

Another important announcement to be made is the appointment of Gary Henderson as the Regional Commissioner of the North East Region. He is replacing Barbara Pamboukes, who is retiring from that position. Barbara has been a most excellent RC and will be greatly missed. However, we are very fortunate to have an experienced Re-

gional Commissioner to take her place. Gary has held the position of the North East Regional Commissioner in the past and is again looking forward to providing leadership for the region.

Key decisions made at this year's AGM in-

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**Leon Hicks**



# ***SILENZIO'...***

## **BEAUTIFUL AND HAUNTING**

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Lee Henderson

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Our Dad's and uncles are remembered more fervently by Europeans than by a lot of Americans!! The audience in the street paid rapt attention!

About six miles from Maastricht, in the Netherlands, lie buried 8,301 American soldiers who died in "Operation Market Garden" in the battles to liberate Holland in the fall/winter of 1944. Every one of the men buried in the cemetery, as well as those in the Canadian and British military cem-

eteries, has been adopted by a Dutch family who mind the grave, decorate it, and keep alive the memory of the soldier they have adopted. It is even the custom to keep a portrait of "their" soldier in a place of honour in their home.

Annually, on "Liberation Day," memorial services are held for "the men who died to liberate

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### **President's Farewell & Final Report, continued from page 3**

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clude refining the policies associated with the Society's scholarship program. Resolution 2022-2 was recently passed and is available on our website for your review. Its purpose is to more clearly define the goals and objectives of the Society on the one hand while providing more flexibility to the Youth Scholarship Committee on the other. There will be a new application form developed shortly and will be available before the Calendar Year is over. Applications will be received between Jan 1 and April 1. Please read the Resolution carefully. Another key decision was to continue to fund the Scholarship program via operational funds and invest contributions to the scholarship program in order to develop a self-sustaining scholarship program in the future. Thirdly, a decision was made to develop an AGM steering committee to identify the time and place for the next AGM and to consider decoupling the Executive Board Meeting. The goal is to ensure the AGM is held at a time and place more conducive for an end-of-year decision-making event while allowing the Executive Board Meeting more flexibility to encourage greater in-person participation. Other decisions were made that can be reviewed on our website at <clanhendersonsociety.com>. It is the best means to stay informed about your Society's activities and policies.

As this is my final address as President, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your tremendous support during the past four years.

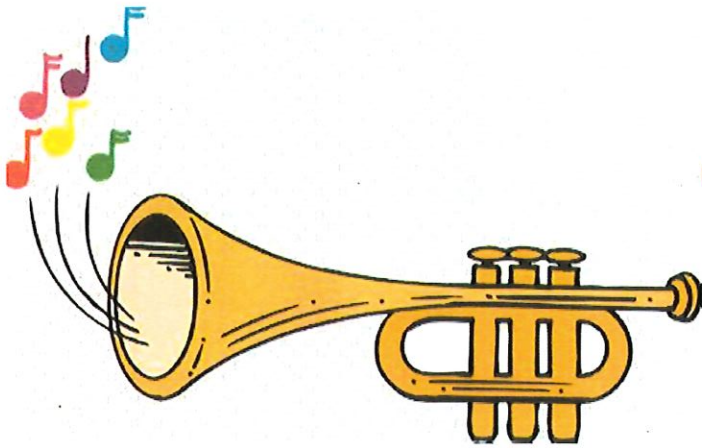
We've made a lot of progress, but as is always the case, there is still a lot more to do. Since becoming a member of Clan Henderson Society and initially being appointed Mid East Regional Commissioner, I have had the pleasure of serving under the previous Presidents; Rex Maddox, Billy Henderson, Larry Henderson, and Tom Hendrix. I was also privileged to serve under Clan Henderson Society High Commissioners; Claude Henderson, Rex Maddox, and now Dave Henderson. Finally, there are the Chiefs, Dr. John Henderson and his son, Alistair Henderson. The Society has been blessed to have so many willing to step up and dedicate their time and energy to sustain and grow the Society. The world has changed dramatically since the inception of the Society, changes that have introduced many new obstacles and challenges for organizations devoted to family, heritage, history, and tradition, but it has also brought many new capabilities and opportunities as well. Clan Henderson Society is truly the "big tent" where we welcome all who share our core values and principles. The new leadership team will be the best ever, please join me in congratulating them and continuing to help them and the Society.

*Leon Hicks*

*President*

*Clan Henderson Society*





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Holland." The day concludes with a concert. The final piece is always "Il Silenzio," a memorial piece commissioned by the Dutch and first played in 1965 on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Holland's liberation. It has been the concluding piece of the memorial concert ever since.

This year the soloist was a 13-year-old Dutch girl, Melissa Venema, backed by André Rieu and his orchestra (the Royal Orchestra of the Netherlands). This beautiful concert piece is based upon the original version of taps and was composed by Italian composer Nino Rossi.

<<http://www.fliixxy.com/trumpet-solo-melissa-venema.htm>>

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# Let's watch Brynn Brown grow up!



Scottish Highland  
Dancer, Brynn Brown  
has grown up right in  
front of the entire  
Clan Henderson!

How exciting to  
see such talent!

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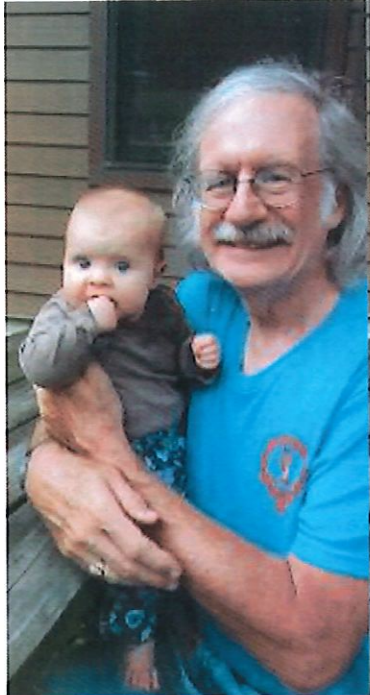
## Clan Henderson Society's



## Scholarship Program



*Youngest member at  
the Henderson family  
reunion, and me*



**Raven Iona  
Elisabeth  
DeYoung**

born last January.

The  
granddaughter  
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([stevehanerson28@gmail.com](mailto:stevehanerson28@gmail.com))



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**Elton Stillwell**

# 3973

For service supporting CHS  
in the State of Texas!

*The Order of the Chief  
with Distinction*

**John McKendry**

#3535

For service to the Clan and  
the Society as a Convenor and  
inspirational leader while in  
sustained support of multiple  
festivals and events in the South  
Pacific Region. He was awarded  
the Chief's Medal in 2011.

*The Order of the Chief  
with Distinction*

**Sherrilyn McKendry**

#3535

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# Congratulations!

## LONGEVITY MEMBER RECOGNITION

*Clan Henderson Society, Inc.* **PINS!** *Congratulations!*  
5 YEARS, 15 YEARS AND 25 YEARS

Just like clockwork, Suzanne Emerson, the new Clan Henderson Vice President Members has sent along the longevity member recognition information for this issue of *An Canach*.

Congratulations to the Five Year Membership Pin winners! They include from the **South East Region**: Joseph Hughes and Sarah Hughes from Contonment, Florida; Gary Henderson of Hampstead North Carolina; Joseph Broadus Henderson, Jr., of Denver, North Carolina; LaVonne Henderson Jones of Morehead City, North Carolina; Frances and Rick Kalk of Simpsonville, SC; Rose Kerry of Wake Forest, NC; F. Reynolds Henderson of Santa Rosa Beach, FL.

From the **Far South Region**, Susan Henderson Bradley of Irving, Texas is a Five Year Membership Pin winner. Welcome!

From the **South West Region** of CHS comes more Five Year Membership Pin Winners. Nancy Henderson of Highlands Ranch, CO; Gregg Henderson of Broomfield, CO; and J. Michael Pollini of Charleston, New Hampshire. Hurrah for you all!

The **Central Region** of CHS has Five Year Pin Winners, too! LaRhee Henderson of Des Moines, IA; Louis Russell of Ankeny, IA; and Stan Henderson of West Des Moines, IA are all Five Year Membership Pin winners! TA DA!

The **Great Lakes Region** of CHS has Five Year Pin Winners as well. Barbara Levine of Southfield, MI; Gene T. Henderson of Elyria, OH; Tom Lawlis of Baltimore, OH; and Roger Sobran



### Congratulations!

of New Hudson, MI all will sport these pins on their Scottish finery!

We have Robert A. Oakley of the **AP0** postal code honored with a Five Year Pin too!

Michael Henderson of Athens, AL, of the **Mid South Region** has been awarded his 5 Year Membership Pin.

The **South Pacific Region** of CHS honored as well. Christian Henderson of Murrieta, CA has won a Five Year Membership Pin!

The **Mid East Region** of CHS celebrates as well with Anita C. Henderson of Woodbine, MD being awarded a Five Year Membership Pin!

**Fifteen Year Membership Pins** are being awarded to CHS members from five different CHS Regions!

From the **Great Lakes Region**, Annette Elder of St. Louis, MI has won a Fifteen Year Membership Pin. From the **Far South Region**, Vincent C. Henderson, II of Little Rock, AR has won a Fif-

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# Welcome

## NEW HENDERSON COUSINS!

Suzanne Emerson, the new Clan Henderson Vice President Members has sent along the new members of The Clan Henderson Society for this issue of *An Canach*.

**The South Pacific Region** of CHS welcomes Ian Harte of Riverside, CA and also Rick Henderson of Beaumont, CA. New members in the South Pacific Region also are Alveraz Ricardez of Los Angeles, CA; Ward Henry of Tustin, CA; Ellen McCannon of San Diego, CA; as well as Tracy Henderson of Novato, CA. We're so glad to have you!

Everyone welcomes new **Far South Region** members as well. Lora Pallatto of Dallas, TX; Craid Henderson of Bedford, TX; Rev. Dr. Ze' Ayala, Jr., of Dallas, TX; Kenneth "McEndre" Curtis of Surfside Beach, TX; and James Henderson of McKinney, TX.

The **North Pacific Region** of CHS makes welcome Richard Henderson of Moscow, ID; Lori Fox of Stevensville, MT; Jaye Henderson of Dillon,

MT; Michael Henderson Hobbs of Ketchum, ID; Anthony Henderson Miller of Belgrade, MT; Bryant Smith of Shelby, MT; Becky Peters of Hamilton, MT; Karen L. Henderson McNees of Lolo, MT; Brittany Webster of Missoula, MT; Jamie Osborne and Diana Osborne of Mercer Island, WA; Bich Brandon of Spokane, WA; Molly Osborne of Portland, OR. We're so happy to have you all!

The **South West Region** of CHS has new members Rob Osborne of Ft. Collins, CO; Jonathan Saul of Layfayette, CO; Penny Peterson of Wellington, CO; W. Mark Henderon of Elizabeth, CO; Jeff and Allyson Hodges of Golden, CO; Paige Osborne of Ft. Collins, CO; and Tom Osborne of Limerick, ME.

The **South East Region** of the CHS is mighty glad to have Robert E. Merritt of Greenwood, SC; Dallas Harsa of Raleigh, NC; David Cleveland of Marshall, NC; Anne Snider of Leesville, SC; Greg Kemp of Acworth, GA; Tracey Henderson Bunn

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**New Members! When you get your new kilt or kilted skirt in one of the Henderson tartans, don't forget to have it "christened" at the Henderson Clan tent at the next Highland Games.**



## **New Members**, *continued from page 9*

of Beaufort, NC Vivian Adams of Mills River, NC; Catherine Michalak of Marietta, GA; Jack Gerzina of Stuart, FL; Eica Kaminski of Fuquay Varina, NC; Barney Roewart of Mooresville, NC; Tamara Henderson of Duluth, GA; Jean Hansson of Greenville, NC; Peggy Smith of Holly Springs, NC; Lauren Henderson of Fleetwood, NC; Janice H. Thigpen of Richlands, NC; Andy Henderson of Bakersville, NC; Scott Henderson of Lexington, SC; Michelle Erickson of Emerald Isle, NC; Mike McInerny of Cape Cateret, NC; Jaye Henderson of Mansfield, GA; Regan Hayes of Brooklet, GA; Kelly Holmes of Savannah, GA; Martha Henderson of Bloomingdale, GA; Stephanie Jackson of Castle Hayne, NC; Cliff McKeithan of Oak Island, NC; Brian Wisbith of North Topsail Beach, NC; and Pam Tence of Wilmington, NC. The more the merrier! We're delighted you all joined CHS.

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## **Longevity Pins**, *continued from page 8*

teen Year Membership Pin; From the **Mid East Region** Douglas H. Henderson of Bumpass, VA has won a Fifteen Year Membership Pin. From the **South East Region**, Mary Jane Spivey of Forsyth, GA has won a Fifteen Year Membership Pin. From the **Mid South Region** James D. Henderson of Opelika, AL has won a Fifteen Year Membership Pin!

Congratulations to all of these proud winners!

Twenty-Five Year Membership Pins have been won by CHS members from the **South East Region**. Members for a Quarter of a Century include T. Carlton Henderson of Monticello, GA; Joan P. Myers of Moncure, NC; Kari Henderson of Glade Valley, NC; Kevin Henderson of Salisbury, NC; and Martha Jones of Mabelton, GA.

Our Twenty-Five Year Membership Pins have been bestowed on members of the **Mid East** CHS Region. Carol Bittner of Stewartstown, PA; Allison L. Love of Standardsville, VA; and Christian Garin of Gainesville, VA.

Celebrating their Twenty-Five Year Pins are Jo Ann Henderson of Mobile, AL; and Anne

Henderson of Nashville, TN who belong to CHS's **Mid South Region**.

The **Great Lakes Region** has a member celebrating their silver anniversary! Karen Jean Bunning of Newark, OH is a proud recipient.

Last, but certainly not least is the **South West Region** with Sylvia Fink of Albuquerque, NM.

Next is **Mid East Region** of CHS. We have Marquette Kifer of Greenburg, PA; Joseph Henderson of Richmond, VA; Terry Pinkston of Rockville, MD; and Carlos A. Ayala of Salisbury, MD. We're happy you joined us!

From the CHS **North East Region** come new cousins Anne Osborne of Limerick, ME; Cassandra O'Hearn of Brooklyn, NY; Jessica Fasi of Glastonbury, CT; Kevin Osborne of Mercer Island, WA; Roberta Henderson of Sudbury, MA; Eric Henderson of Cambridge, MA; Kevin Henderson of Windsor, CT; Barclay Henderson of Cambridge, MA; Jenna Hodges of Westbrook, ME; Tom Osborne of Limerick, ME and Victoria Osborne of Sudbury, MA. Welcome everyone!

From the **Mid South Region** of CHS we have Johnny Henderson of Mentone, AL; as well as James Henderson of Pinson, AL. Yahoo, Johnny and James!

We have one **Independent** Member joining from Rykinn. He is Cydney Henderson! Welcome, Sir!

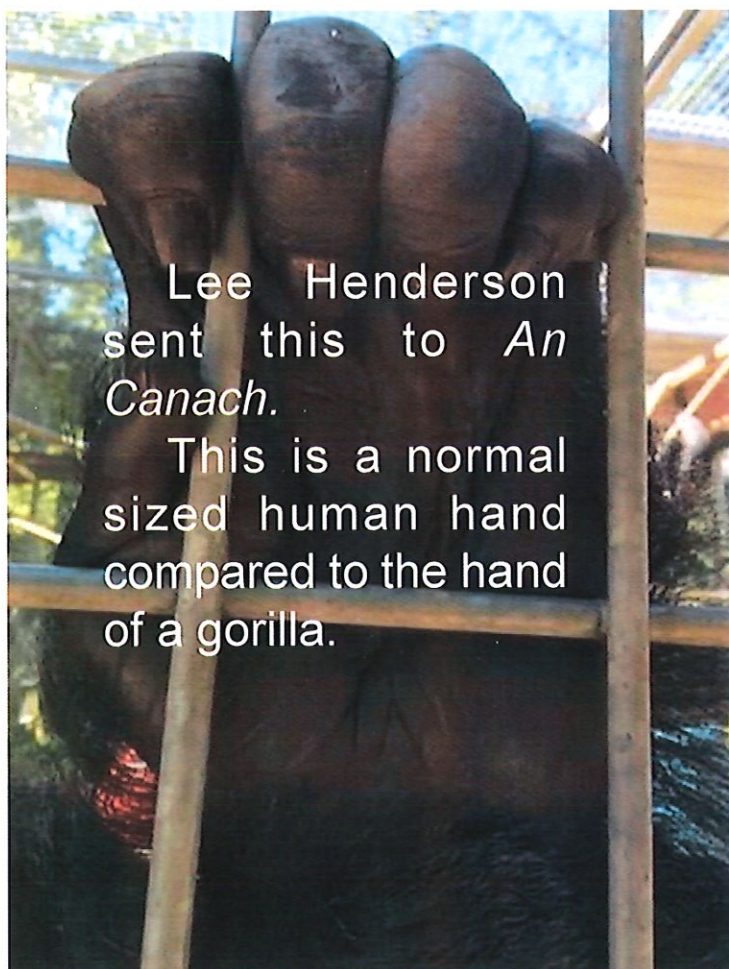
**Oceania** is represented with new members Peter Henderson of Elliott Heads, QLD; Dwayne Henderson of Loganholme, QLD; Lisa Correa also of Loganholme, QLD; Vanessa Loveday of Runcorn, QLD; and Neil Henderson of Belfield, NSW. Welcome!

**Canada** is here, too! Diana Purdue of Beaverdam, NB is now a member of CHS!

The **Great Lakes Region** of CHS has members too! Bill Henderson of Bainbridge, IN; and Amanda Henderson of Swayzee, IN have joined our CHS!

Phyllis Provost-Saas of Haysville, KS has joined CHS in the **Central Region** of CHS! Welcome!





**“An Canach”**  
means Cottongrass -  
which is the  
Clan Henderson  
Plant Badge.





# Introducing Our CHS 2022 Youth Scholarship Winners!

Mary Henderson, CHS Youth Scholarship Chair

## Bagpipers

We are proud to be a part of a clan that recognizes, supports and celebrates these young people who, rest assured, will be keeping Scottish culture alive for years to come! And, if you were a donor last year to our Scholarship fund, THANK YOU!

**Noah Schnee 16, from NC.** Our highest scorer, Noah comes from a musical family where three of his siblings also play Scottish instruments. He has been diligently studying since age of nine with three private instructors and at workshops with the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming. A member of the Queen City Juvenile Band (Charlottesville) where he is Pipe Major, he also loves to reach out to the community where he plays solos at weddings and funerals.



**Kaleb Query, 15 from CA.** Hailing from Tahoe City, Kaleb nabbed second place. He has been playing about 4 years and he loves performing regularly with the Sierra Highlands Pipe Band in nearby Reno. He recently joined a newly formed, but prize winning Youth Band in Sacramento. Kaleb likes to play solo as well, has entered many competitions and had lessons from world renown pipers. He was honored to pipe in the haggis at Burns Night last winter.

**Joshua Davidson 14, from AZ.** Joshua started playing at nine in his native Cornville, Arizona band. He is a member of the SW Skye Band and studies at the Jim Thompson School of Piping and Drumming. He also enjoys his instructor,



Aaron Shaw, of the Wicked Tinkers, with its emphasis on piping for fun. He has performed at the Flagstaff Highland Festival and looks forward to a massed band event also in Flagstaff. He is shown here to the left with his little sister, Saya Hart.



**Aiden Henderson 14, from CA.** Son of CHS member, Christian Henderson, Aiden is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, has been studying the pipes for a couple of years. He lives in Murietta and has competed solo at the Pleasanton and Phoenix Games. He looked forward to a mass band competition at the Vista Games this June. He planned to attend Carlsbad College of Piping and Drumming this summer.



**Daniel Larsen 21, from CA.** The Larsen brothers come from Sanger, CA. He is the elder brother of Joshua (below). Daniel has played the bagpipes for about 6 years. He joined the *Fresno Stag and Thistle* pipe band five years ago and performs

with them at many games and festivals. His playing was enriched at the Rob McLintock, California School of Piping & Drumming. "The camp was a fun experience that encouraged me to get more

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serious about the pipes” he says.

**Joshua Larsen 19, from CA.** The younger Larsen brother, Joshua has been playing the Scottish highland bagpipes for about 5 years. He is also a member of the *Fresno Stag and Thistle Pipes and Drums*, with whom he performs at various events, such as the Fresno and Angel’s camp Scottish games, Robert Burns dinners, and the Farmer’s Market to name a few. Joshua also participated in bagpipe camp, where he had the opportunity to meet and learn from



Aaron Shaw and Bruce Hitchings.

**Quinn Castilla 12, from OH.** Hailing from Shaker Heights, Quinn has been playing bagpipes only a couple of years. He is a grade 4 student of Michael Crawley and a member of the *87<sup>th</sup> Cleveland Bagpiping Band*. As a soloist he has participated in the 2021 Ohio Scottish Games & Celtic Festival solo piping competition and virtually in the *EUSPBA Ohio Valley Branch Solo Competition*. This summer he planned to return to both these contests live. He wanted schol-

arship assistance so he could attend the 44<sup>th</sup> Ohio Scottish Art School this Summer.

**Luca Schnee 11, from NC.** Luca is the younger brother of Noah (on page 12, 1st piper). He has been studying pipes since he was 8. He is the youngest of four siblings to become a member of the *Queen City Juvenile Pipe Band*. There he joins his



older brother, Noah, as well as an older sister and brother who play drums. He has competed in solos a few times in Grade 5 and is now Grade 4 Jr. He has begun lessons with Ed Krintz in person. He would like to use his scholarship to continue these lessons.

### **Highland Dancers**

**Morgan O’Connor 14, from WI.**

Morgan was our highest scorer among the dancers. She has been studying for ten and a half years. A Premier dancer she has won championships at Regionals, Nationals and she qualified to go to the Worlds in Scotland this summer. We have word that she placed in several events there.



**Brynn Brown 12, from SC.**



Brynn, runner up in our scores, is the daughter of CHS member Michelle Brown. Also, a Premier dancer, she comes from a family of Celtic Artists. She began dancing in Strongsville, Ohio when she was six with her mother as her first teacher and then in 2016 her family relocated to North Augusta, SC where she began lessons with Victoria Anderson. She has competed at numerous games.

**Brynn Henderson 15, from FL.**

Brynn, daughter of CHS member Brian Passaro, moved from Vancouver Island to Palmetto. She began formal lessons at age 8, and now studies at the Tampa Bay Highland Dancing School. She has competed at many Scottish Games successfully and is now at the Intermediate level. She was photographed in the last *An Canach* because she was having her Henderson tartan kilt blessed at the CHS tent at



Grandfather Mountain.

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**Lily Andrechek 14, from FL.** Lily has moved around a lot as her father is in the Canadian military. She has studied many places and is now with the Tampa Bay Highland Dancing

School where her teacher is Elizabeth Constantine. She is at the Intermediate level and her goal is to become a Highland Dance teacher herself. She already loves to share her art with others and does so as often as she can.

**Lilly Trimble 11, from FL.** Lily has a Scottish mother who was a dancer herself and she is the granddaughter of Larry Henderson, former president of CHS. She has been dancing since she was 8 and is now a student at the Center for Dance and Performing Arts in Orlando. Her teacher is Katherine Austin. She began the summer as an Intermediate and is very ambitious to advance to Premier dancer and the



Worlds. Her goal was to attend the Ohio Scottish Arts School this summer. She has been happy to share her art at Burns Nights, Tartan Days and International Carnivals.

**Lillian Sutphin 10, from VA.**

Lillian is a hardworking beginner who is closing in on her Novice level. She lives in Centerville with her family. She studied on zoom and at camps with well known teachers. She had a tour of several games planned for this summer where she hoped she would advance. Lillian is delighted to



share her dancing at local and international Festivals in nearby schools.



**Alice Merriman 7, from CO.** Alice began taking lesson when she was 5 while living in Albuquerque, NM. Her family then relocated to Alamosa, CO. but she still studies with Emma Trentman in Albuquerque online and travels there for in person intensives every few months. She has ad-

vanced from Primary to Beginner. They plan to attend several Scottish Games in New Mexico and Colorado this summer.



**Madeline Merriman 5, from CO.** Younger sister of Alice, Madeline began dancing just like her big sister when she was 3. Since she is younger, she hasn't progressed as fast, but she takes all same lessons and will attend all the games Alice does. She is still learning her Primary dances and loves hanging out with all the other little dancing girls she meets. Mother and daughters seem to be very much enjoying the Highland Dance "thing".

### **Other Celtic Artists**

**Elizabeth Ciresi, 19 from VA.** Elizabeth had been playing the lever harp for eight years with Mary Triola. She competed at the Scottish & Welsh Harp Day of Fredericksburg, winning the "best Welsh tune" award, and was twice awarded scholarships to the Somerset Folk Harp Festival in NJ where she focused mainly on workshops that featured Celtic music. She has been hired by many groups to pro-



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vide music at dinners while in high school and is now receiving similar requests from her college and has already played at three dinners for them this academic year. Elizabeth is the first to win a CHS scholarship for Celtic Harp.

**Saya Hart, 8 from AZ.**



Saya, from Cornville AZ, is the little sister of bagpiper, Joshua Davidson. She watched when her brother was at the Jim Thompson School of Piping and Drumming and fell in love with the snare drum. She connected with Ed Best for virtual lessons this last year. Due to a hand injury when she was 2, she lost three fingers on her right hand, but Ed has slightly modified techniques so she has been able to make great progress, nevertheless. She had the goal of attending the School of Piping and Drumming with her big brother this summer.

**Highland Sports**

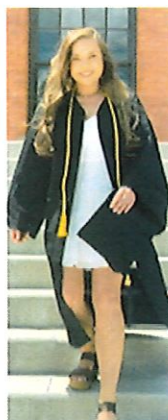
**Justin Pearce 24, from VA.** Justin descends from several generations of proud Scots and his heritage and family lineage has always been important to him. A former Pennsylvania State Champion in Shot Put and lifting hobbyist, he really wanted to try the sports he discovered at the Highland Games. They put him on touch with instructors and he so impressed this coach at his first practice that he invited Justin to compete at Witzstock Invitational. He came in third. After nearly a year of competing, he has managed to place in the top 3 at some large competitions while being among the youngest in the sport. His goal is to become a Pro at the Highland Games while his grandparents are around to witness it. He wants to use the scholarship to buy



equipment so he can practice on his own.

**Academic Scholarships**

**Erica Milnar 22, from MA.**



Erica is the daughter of Carol Martin, CHS Treasurer. She began studying to become a Physician Assistant at Bay Path University in Longmeadow, MA in January 2022. A Medical Services Officer of the U.S. Army National Guard, she also worked during the pandemic in the Geriatric, Elder Acute Care and Hospice units at Bayside Medial Center. Erica was a highland dancer for twelve years. Her GPA was 3.7. Home is in Westfield, MA.

**Molly May 18, from NY.** A freshman at

Georgetown University,

Molly is double majoring in Sociology and Mathematics.

Her GPA was 3.8. She began

highland dancing at age 7 and

she reached the Premier

Level. She attended the Mon-

roe School of Highland Dance

as well as Ohio Scottish Arts

Schools over 5 summers. She

loves to share her Celtic heri-

tage and tell stories through

her dancing. Molly delights in dancing at Festi-

vals, Burns Nights, Tartan Day celebrations as well

as performing at libraries and nursing homes.

Despite her busy academic schedule, she still takes

lessons at the Alexandria School of Highland

Dance. She was brought up in Lloyd Harbor, NY

and her university is in Washington, DC.

**Bernet Dernbach, 20 from CA.** A, familiar

name to many in

CHS, Bernet has

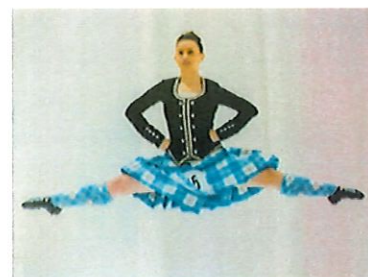
been helped along

her competitive

highland dance ca-



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# THANK YOU

**To the members of the  
Youth Scholarship Committee  
and their Chairman**

*Jan Burdette (SC), Ann Hicks (SC),  
Mary Higgins - Gomez (TN), Susan Keipp (MD),  
Shirley Stiffler (CA), and Rev. Mary Henderson*

This committee spent hours and hours making important decisions which effected the lives of all of these fine youngsters in so many different areas of expertise and talent.

Clan Henderson and all of the Scholarship Winners will never forget this Scholarship competition and the impact those scholarships made in their lives.

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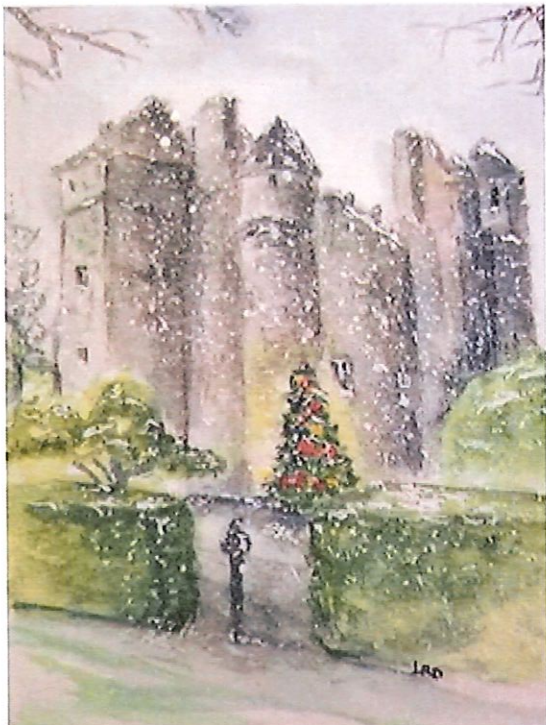
**CHS 2022 Youth Scholarship Winners, *continued from page 15***

reer by CHS Arts Scholarships. She was the Jr World Champion of Highland Dance in 2018 and 2019! She is now in her second year at the University of California at San Diego where she maintains a 3.96 GPA studying Pre-Law. Despite many extracurricular activities at college, she still competes at games and went again to the World Championships in Scotland. She is now certified to teach Highland Dance as well, which is a two year pro-

cess that requires extensive studies and exams. She passed with "highest honors". We are very proud of Bernet's many achievements and glad we could help her with an Academic Scholarship this year. She lives in San Diego.

**We are very proud of these young people and know you will be, too, now that you know their inspiring stories. Thank you to all who contributed to the scholarship fund.**





## Clan Henderson Christmas Cards

Buy a box of Christmas  
Cards, drawn by Society  
family members

Christmas Cards are 5X7  
and are 25 cards +  
envelopes.

\$30.00 per box, including  
shipping

Dear Clan Henderson Member,

The 2022 Christmas Cards have been printed and are now available for shipment. Remember and support our Clan Henderson Society artists. Visit the Clan Henderson Society website [www.clanhendersonsociety.com](http://www.clanhendersonsociety.com) to order your Christmas Cards.

All proceeds go to support the Clan Henderson Society's Youth Scholarship Program.

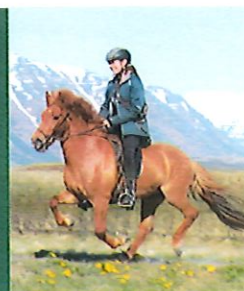
Louis Russell  
Mary Lane Henderson  
Mark Henderson

### **Riding the Highland Pony in Scotland**

This was sent in by AB Henderson.

Join me in the Highlands of Scotland and meet the beautiful Highland Pony breed.

*In 1993 when Marti and I were in Scotland, I got to ride a lovely Highland Pony on May Day and wash my face in the morning dew! Your editor:*





# A Tribute to My Friend and Colleague

## In Memoriam Tom Henderson



Georgia, Tom with Jeff

**His pleasures were simple,  
His needs were few.  
If his family were happy,  
He was too.**

**He gave us love  
In the fullest measure,  
Care, Devotion  
And memories to treasure.**

**He shared our dreams,  
Hopes and tears.  
Thank you for  
Those precious years.**

In August the Clan lost a much loved member, Thomas Roy Henderson.

Tom and I first unknowingly crossed paths in Edinburgh in August 2017. I was on the Clan Henderson tour while Tom and family were on their own private tour. We both were at the castle on the night our Clan marched at the Tattoo and later recognised each other in some of the group photos taken outside the castle.

We first officially met at the Brisbane Tartan Festival in July 2018 and immediately formed a bond of friendship. Rather than a cousin, I regarded Tom as a brother. With a calm temperament and easy going nature it was inevitable we would bond. I am honoured to have been one of Tom's friends.

Along with wife Georgia, Tom was a major contributor to the Clan's activities down-under, regularly attending gatherings along the east coast of Australia, sometimes travelling huge distances to attend. Whether convening or assisting at a tent, Tom quietly got on with the job and got things done.

Tom had a great sense of humour. Often when we posed for a photo he would crack a joke at the critical moment, leaving me with a goofy grin and him with a dead-pan expression.

Tom's commitment to his Scottish heritage was evident in his on-line activities. Every day he would post something relating to Scotland, usually a stunning image. My morning routine for the last few years included checking Toms daily post – every day he shared something new and interesting. If I couldn't be in Scotland, Tom's post was the next best thing.

Tom's popularity was evident with the large number of people attending his funeral service – family, friends and many work colleagues.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Georgia, Kyle, Aaron and Shannon.

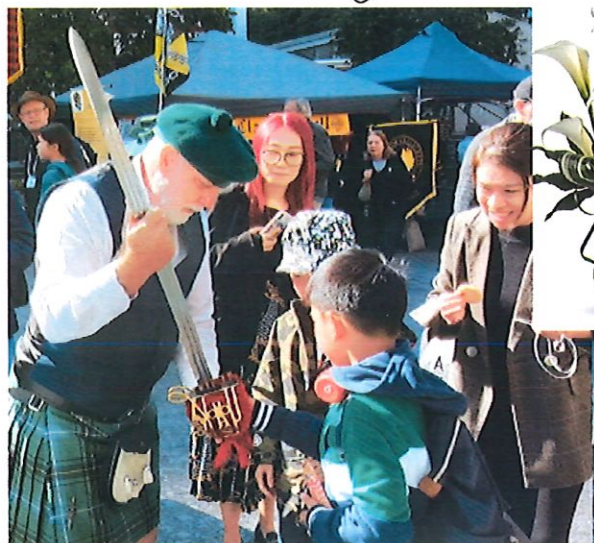
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# A Tribute to My Friend and Colleague

**In Memoriam  
Tom Henderson**



Tom Henderson with visitors



The Chief, Vanessa Henderson, Lady Audrey, Tom Henderson



Georgia Henderson, Shannon Henderson, the Chief, Jeff Henderson, Tom Henderson, Lady Audrey



Tom Henderson, Georgia Henderson, Lady Audrey, the Chief



Visitors, Georgia Henderson, Tom Henderson, Lady Audrey



Jennifer Marr, Tom Henderson, Georgia Henderson, Robyn Henderson



# Fresno Highland Games 2022

## *a Great Success*

John and Sherrilyn McKendry



On September 17th 2022, John and Sherrilyn McKendry convened the Clan Henderson tent.

It was a beautiful day. The temperature was in the mid 80's with a nice breeze.

There was a large turnout this year. Many, many children stopped by to have their passports stamped. 21 Clan tents, Celtic dancing, Living History village with realistic battles, and much more.

Many regulars and newbies stopped by the tent. 11 visitors signed the guest book.

This year the Fresno Games had a whisky tasting and it sold out for both sessions.

Visitors at the tent, Peter and Chelle Gartung, Anna Henderson Templer, Mariah Thompson, Barbara and Julianna Henderson, Marc Derendinger (member), Ted Henderson, Tom and Dolly McQuerry, Rebecca Lane, James Henderson, Wendy Dyer, Sharon Kissel, and Tom and Sue Lambie.





# 2022 Seaside Highlands Games and Gathering in Ventura, California last Hurrah for McKendry's

John and Sherrilyn McKendry



This report will be difficult to write. The Ventura Seaside Games was our last Highland Games as conveners. Sherrilyn and I (John) have enjoyed hosting over these many years. We have met and became friends with many visitors and members of other Clans.

We started convening the Fresno Highland Games and through the years added Bakersfield and Ventura. Joe Henderson was our mentor and got us started on our journey as conveners. Without Joe, we would have never become conveners and missed out on all the benefits that come with that honor.

We have reached the time in our lives where the saying, "the mind is willing but body is weak" has taken effect. We are not that old but sadly our bodies can't take the physical pain of all the work involved.

We will continue to attend several more Highland Games and be there to help Clan Henderson at the event. We will also be able to see a lot more Highland Games activities.

Who will take up the gauntlet and press on in our stead? Our new Commissioner needs your support. By the way, Bodyguard Christian Henderson was a great choice as Commissioner.

Sherrilyn and I have spent our lives in service to others and will continue to serve in one way or another. Luke 12:35, be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning ....

The weather cool and breezy for this event. Anthony Lee of the *Angry Brain's* stopped by for a visit between sets. We had 14 people sign the guest book including, Our Commissioner Christian Henderson and his family Danielle, Aiden and Alec. Ward Henry and his adult children, Cameron Henry

and Kaelin Schacht (Henry). Tyler and Kristi (Henderson) Turnbull. Jim and Pam McAuley. Gil and Brenda (Henderson) Toepfer. Clan Henderson Scholarship winner Beret Dernbach stopped by to thank everyone for the Clan's support.



**Thank you both so much!  
Your years of faithful service are  
much appreciated by the CHS!**





**Mary Frederica Rhineland McCarl**, independent historian and artist, died of heart failure on June 7, 2021 at her home in Gloucester, Mass., at age 81. Her articles on colonial New England include histories of Salem's witchcraft crisis (1692) and medical knowledge. She also worked as a librarian, an archivist, and a genealogist. She documented her own descent from Alexander and Eliza Hamilton and the entwined Rhineland/Hamilton families of nineteenth-century New York, including Metropolitan Museum cofounder Frederic William Rhineland.

Born on May 3, 1940, in Abington, Pennsylvania, to Constance Templeton Rhineland and Frederic William Rhineland, M.D., she came of age in Boston.

A proud graduate of the Winsor School for girls in 1957, she graduated magna cum laude from Radcliffe College in 1961. In addition to her three master's degrees, she completed the coursework for two doctorates: the first in medieval studies in the 1960s at Harvard, and the second in the *His-*

*tory of the Book* program at Boston University.

Her first marriage, to John S. C. Morgan, ended in divorce.

Preceding her in death are her parents; her brother, John B. Rhineland; and her stepdaughter, Kathy Maisel. She is survived by her husband, Henry N. McCarl; her daughter, Francesca Morgan, of Evanston, Ill.; two stepchildren, Patricia McCarl of Atlanta and Fred McCarl of Oneonta, Ala.; two brothers, Frederic W. T. Rhineland and David H. Rhineland, and sister-in-law Jeanne C. Rhineland, all of Gloucester; ten grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Her family held a memorial service in Gloucester in September, 2021 at St. John's Episcopal Church where she and Henry McCarl were married in 1987.

In her memory please consider donations to the Rhineland Performance Fund, Sawyer Free Library, 2 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA, 01930, 978-325-5500. Please specify the Rhineland Memorial Fund on all checks.



# More on the AGM at the Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering

Joyce Henderson Regional Commissioner, Clan Henderson Society North Pacific Region

Clan Henderson Society Annual General Meeting 2022 was held August 20-21, 2022 at the Bitterroot Celtic Games and Gathering, Hamilton, MT. This was the 13<sup>th</sup> year for the BCGG on the grounds of the beautiful and historic Daly Mansion.

Friday saw the Executive Board meeting to dis-

cuss pertinent issues before the Society. Those who could not be there in person joined via Zoom.

At this meeting, Vincent Henderson was presented with the Chief's Prize.

The rest of Friday was free time for sight seeing the beautiful Bitterroot Valley.

While our guests were enjoying the sights, Bruce Henderson and Andrew Tode (husband of Augila Hendeson Tode) set up the tents on the grounds, and many thanks to them!

Friday evening we got together for a meet and greet at Mark and Sandi Henderson's 'wilderness' cabin. It was so good to see all of our Henderson cousins again!

We were pleasantly surprised when Christy Heston (daughter of Rex Maddox) and husband Robert joined us!

In all there were 20+ Hendersons all in one place, coming from all parts of the country. Fellowship and great reminiscing made for a wonderful evening.

Saturday morning the Society held the Annual General Meeting via Zoom (for those who could not attend in person). The main topic for this AGM was nomination and election of officers to serve the next two years. Nominated and elected were:

President – Louis Russell  
VP Operations – Mark Henderson  
VP Membership – Suzanne Emerson  
VP General Counsel - Vincent Henderson, II  
VP Genealogy/DNA - LaRhee Henderson  
Treasurer - Carol Martin  
Secretary - Sue Hoffman

Congratulations to all, and we look forward to working with you!

Clan Henderson was Honored Clan this year at the Bitterroot Celtic Games and Gathering. We saw lots of new and familiar faces gracing our

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Mary Lane Henderson, member #4166, is a Claude A. Henderson Fellow (CAHF) by virtue of her donations to the Society that have exceeded \$1000.

Fellows are recognized for their generosity and dedication in support of the goals of the Society.

## Don't Miss the An Canach Deadline

June 1	15th May
September 1	15th August
December 1	15th November
March 2	15th February

Please send to  
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at any time.

If you have to be late,  
please let me know  
how much space you need  
and when your information  
will be to the editor.



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tents! Thanks to the hard work and friendly persuasion of Leon Hicks, Suzanne Emerson, Bruce Henderson and Mark Henderson, we signed up 11 (yes, 11!) new members!

The Clan area saw 30 Clans represented this year. As always, the athletic events drew great crowds & we were able to watch the sheaf toss right in front of us, and the caber toss right behind.

We were honored to lead the Parade of Clans, and President Leon Hicks welcomed the Clans and visitors, and proclaiming "Let the games begin!"

The Bitterroot Celtic Games hosted luncheon for Clan Henderson in the trophy room of the Daly Mansion. Surrounded by all manner of wild beast mounts, we were treated to Cornish pastys, cole slaw and rose scented shortbread.

The story is that the recipe for the pastys is the original recipe of Marcus Daly's wife. They were delicious!

The highlight of the event was a presentation to CHS of 2 quaich, engraved with 'Honored Clan 2022', by BCGG. They are beautiful and it was a lovely surprise.

Sunday saw us gathering for worship and Kirkin' o' the Tartans, with Fred Sanford leading the Kirkin'. The worship service was led by Clan Buchanan's Don McCammon and was a meaningful and relevant service, as always.

Many tartans were blessed on this beautiful, sunny and cool Sunday!

The highlight of Sunday's activity comes at the end of the Games. The Honored Clan gathers the Clans at the end of the day to offer a toast to fellowship, camaraderie, and safe travels.

Needless to say, good whisky, good wishes and safe travels was shared and enjoyed by all.

Personally, I would like to thank everyone who traveled the long distances to Montana for these Games and the AGM. Even though there were some hiccups, the important business of the Society was accomplished, and friendships new were made, and old renewed.

I sincerely look forward to seeing everyone next year!

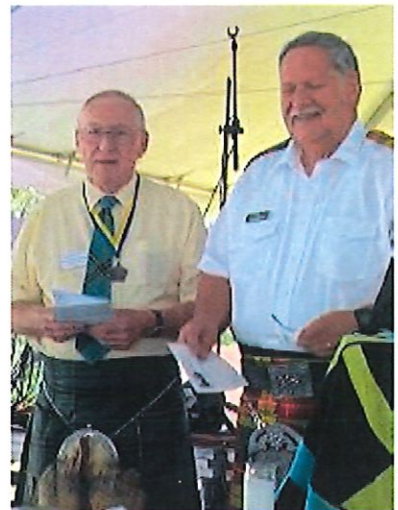
Clan Henderson was there in force!



## Margaret Sanford

sent along these photos from Montana and the 2022 AGM.

Pictured are Clan Henderson Chaplain Fred Sanford and Don McCammon of Clan Buchanan at the Kirkin O The Tartan Worship service at the Bitterroot Celtic Festival in Hamilton, Montana. Also Joyce Henderson placing the clan tartan on the table along with other clan tartans to be blessed during the service.





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Dear Clan Henderson,

Hello from Scotland! I've  
had a great trip so far - I've done  
some day trips into Glasgow and  
Stirling, and spent a night in  
Edinburgh to see the Royal Edinburgh  
Military Tattoo.

Now we are bunkering down to  
prepare for my 1st competition in  
Stirling on Sunday. On Monday  
we'll move over to Dunoon to  
prepare for the World Championships.  
I'm so excited!

More updates soon!

All the best,

Beret

FWD



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How Beret did in her competitions she wrote about above..

With thanks to Rev. Mary Henderson: I competed twice while I was over there. The first was at the Commonwealth Championships where I placed second overall in the 18 to under 20 group. The second was at the World Championships at the Cowal Highland Gathering. I was proud to place 4<sup>th</sup> Runner Up in the 18 and over Adult World Championship in a line-up alongside some of my biggest Highland Dancing idols.



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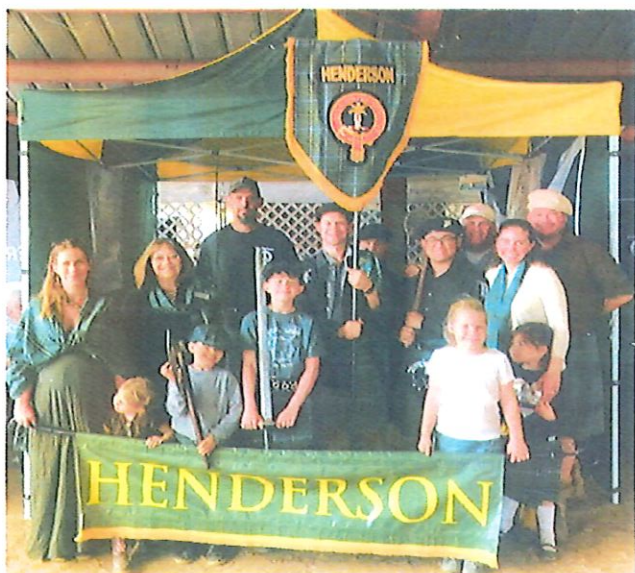
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Our new Webmaster, Charm Henderson Russell, says, "We feature the list of games, your area commissioners, how to apply for genealogy, member of the month and weekly news of Scotland. We have new pages for Scotland, Aussie Branch, and Canada as well as lots of history movies.

"Take a look yourself and maybe you'll get more ideas."



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