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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

During April, the Society lost a long-time, highly respected member. Jim Schmeltzer lost a long fight with bone cancer and joined the Flowers of the Forest. Before his passing, Jim was awarded the Society Certificate of Achievement recognizing his years of service in the Mid-Atlantic States. Those of you who attended the 2007 Gathering in Williamsburg, VA will remember Jim as the genial host at the Society tent.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, CAPT John provides an update concerning the good works the Society is accomplishing and the Rewards Program that makes those good works possible. To those who have contributed to the Program, thank you. Please go the Society website to see the new page devoted to good works and the Rewards Program. You will be impressed.

Those who plan to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> CWS International Gathering 2009 in Estes Park only have a couple more months to register with Treasurer/Event Planner Lisa Donant. The Society will have a 20'x20' enclosed tent at the festival in addition to the famous

hospitality suite. From personal experience, I can assure you Richard Tomlin and his family will have a tent all will be proud to call their home at the games. And Lisa will have a hospitality suite none of us will want to leave.

During January I wrote to our Chief, providing him with a copy of The Legacy of William Wallace & His Crawford Relations. He responded with some very nice comments. To paraphrase him: delighted to receive the booklet; congratulations on trying to balance fact and fiction, included latest historical opinion; well researched document. The booklet is available on the CWS website. Each convener of record was provided a copy for display early in the year.

**One more time:** Conveners please let Jean Wallace know the events where you will be convening as far ahead of time as possible. She and Jim 'Bowie' Wallace try hard to keep that information current on the web site for our members. They need your help.

Members Russ and Marcia Harper will be attending the Homecoming Scotland/Clan Gathering in Edinburgh during July. They will attend the COSCA/Clan Chief's meeting as COSCA members. The Clan Crawford Association has agreed to display CWS information at the Association tent at the Edinburgh festival. Russ is working with Joanne Crawford with respect to the Wallace representation at the tent. If Society members will be attending the Homecoming Scotland activities, look for Russ and Marcia. Please submit something about the events to the newsletter editor during August for the fall edition.

Norma and I plan to convene or co-convene at the following games this summer: Tacoma, WA 27 June/ Portland, OR; 18 Jul/ Pacific NW Games in Enumclaw, WA; 24-25 Jul, High Desert Celtic Fest Madras, OR; 8 Aug. We hope to see you there. Of course we will NOT miss the 6<sup>th</sup> CWS Gathering in Estes Park, Sep 11-13.

*Slainte mhath,*

Bill

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*On behalf of Ian Francis Wallace of that ilk, 35th Chief of Clan Wallace, the President and the Board of Directors welcome the Twenty-Five individuals listed below to the fellowship of our Society.*

### Annual Members

Steven Knight: Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

Betty J. Van Pelt: Littleton, CO

Chip Crawford: Fulton, NY

Kathleen Merchant: Denver, CO

Mark Kloczek: East Syracuse, NY

Anne Kidd: London, Ontario, Canada

Jessica Nichols: Homosassa, FL

Bonnie Greiner: Jensen Beach, FL

Hugh Wallace: Midland, TX

Connie Hensley: Cypress, TX

Phillip Tussing: Dickinson, TX

Aquino Wallace, Jr.: Alamogordo, NM

Cynthia Nelson: Boulder, CO

Gregory W. Geilman: San Antonio, TX

Richard Wallace: San Antonio, TX

Valerie Lynn Wallace: Kirby, TX

Chris Wallace: San Antonio, TX

Tom Wallace: Converse, TX

Frank Randall: Charlotte, NC

John Thomas Wallace: Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada

Frances Tisdale: Crosby, TX

Deirdre Prince: Houston, TX

### Life Members

William Wallace Smith: Vienna, VA

Ivan H. Wallace: Gainesville, FL

### Upgrade to Life Member

Thomas Bernard Wallace: Tucson, AZ

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Clan Wallace Society Worldwide.

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## CWSW REWARDS PROGRAM

*Since the Spring 2009 issue of the CWSW Newsletter was published, the Board of Directors of Clan Wallace Society Worldwide has continued to support important and meaningful international projects with the donations from the Rewards Program. In the last newsletter you were promised the details of the projects that are the recipients of these funds. In this issue we highlight our two most recent achievements.*

**Teaghlach Wood**

On 20 April 2009, in furtherance of the our CWSW charitable works program and in commemoration and support of this summers Gathering 2009 in Scotland, Clan Wallace Society Worldwide donated £95 (about \$144) to plant 10 native Scottish trees in an area called *Teaghlach Wood*, near Comrie in Highland Perthshire, Scotland. This project is a part of an overall effort called "Trees4Scotland," created to restore the great forests of Scotland. Its goal is to plant at least 100,000 new trees during 2009. The Society was recognized with a certificate, which can be seen online on the Clan Wallace website, as well as having our name on an Honors Board at Teaghlach Wood. See [www.teaghlachwood.com](http://www.teaghlachwood.com) for more.

And secondly, **The Scottish Monument in Philadelphia:** Clan Wallace Society Worldwide recently donated \$2,000.00 to the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia, PA, to assist them in developing and building a monument to memorialize the difficult work, hardships endured, and courage of the multitude of Scottish pioneers who left their homes to cross the stormy Atlantic to come to America, and settled as farmers and frontiersmen, as well as architects, designers, bankers, soldiers, and statesmen. This monument is an impressive statue of a Scottish family of four with deerhound, three Standing Stones, and a Cairn, all beautifully sited near the TUN Tavern in Philadelphia. This memorial complex was designed by Terry Jones, a noted Philadelphia area sculptor. It will be a tribute to all Scots past, present, and future for decades to come. The donation by our Society will be

recognized with an inscription on a Bronze Plaque on the Cairn. See more about this important project on line at

<http://www.standrewsociety.org/ScottishMemorialNational24301.pdf>

These projects, which are a major focus of



our Goals and Missions as a Society, would not be possible without the generous donations received by the Rewards Program. The President and the Board of Directors of Clan Wallace Society Worldwide extends its "Appreciation and Thanks" to the many donors who support the Society with participation in this innovative program. We strongly encourage those who have earned the Rewards Medallions, Medals, and Pins to wear them whenever appropriate so that you may be recognized and thus entice others to join us. The Board's Sincerest Thanks and Congratulations this period go to the following donors:

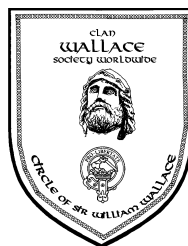
**The Circle of Sir William Wallace**

to

Council Member and  
Past President

**Marcus J. Wallace**

of Corinth, Texas



Marcus has compiled donations totaling \$5,000 to achieve this highest Rewards level. The presentation of his Medallion and Certificate will be

scheduled at an appropriate ceremony in the near future. Congratulations, Marcus! Well Done!!

**The Circle of the Knight**

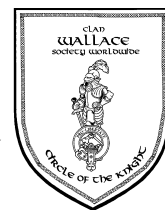
to

Life Member

**Marcia S. Harper**

of Lewisville, North Carolina

Marcia's total accumulation in her Rewards Account has reached \$1,000, qualifying her for this second highest Reward. The presentation of her Medals and Certificate is scheduled for the Luncheon at the 2009 CWS International Clan Gathering at the Longs Peak Festival in September 2009. Well Done!!

**The Circle of the Thistle**

to Council Member

**Wendell Carlisle**

of Champaign, Illinois

Wendell has accumulated donations totaling \$100 within the program and has been presented the Certificate and Pin for this first level reward. Thank You!!

All Members are strongly encouraged to check the CWSW Website at

[www.clanwallace.org](http://www.clanwallace.org) to view the newly revised Rewards Program Pages.

Your loyalty and support are needed to enable us to continue our important international project efforts. You can get involved by contacting the Rewards Program Coordinator at:

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## McLAIN SCOTTISH GAMES, CARLISLE, PA

It was a sunny day at the annual McLain Celtic Festival. People from many areas came out to attend.

The McLain Festival is set-up just off the main road on the wooded grounds of the 2-mile house. At the front, they have 1 performance stage inside a converted corn crib. Across the way is a large tent with a larger stage also for performances. Behind the tent was a photo display, "Landscapes & People", by Larry Rankin, which was set-up at the 2-mile house. Across from the tent was the children's highland game area with child-sized cabers for them to throw. Just beyond the children's area was a fenced in area with a Scottish cattle display. The long-haired bull seemed to mind the periodic humidity.

The food stands were in and around the first two performance stages. Food ranged from crab cakes, to stew in a bread bowl, hamburgers, and hot dogs. The merchant area followed. Any assortment of Celtic-inspired goods traced a line across before you could get to the more wooded area with the clans.

The clan area was 15 strong this year, which I believe was much more than 2007. Clan Wallace was on the left side, right next to the highland athletic field, only about 8 feet away. Luckily, nothing came flying over! I got to met some nice people, but this year there were not any Wallaces, only a couple of people whose grandparents were

related. Hopefully they'll become members. Only time will tell.

Down below the clan area in a small grove was a smaller performance stage and all the way in the back in another wooded area was a border collie demonstration which was a favorite of the kids.

At noon the processional included the 15 proud clans, the Scottish society of PA, and the Lochiel Emerald Society Pipes & Drums band. Charlie Zahm sang the national anthem.

Between the 3 performance stages there were multiple sets by 6 singing groups, an Irish dance school, a Bonnie Knees contest and a Scottish heritage presentation.

Highland games were a predictably big draw and there were some really strong lads. This years competition included some new beginners, some veterans of competition and some older competitors.

The athletes with the best technique were successful. Power although useful is no match for technique.

The McLain Celtic Festival is an ever-growing event with something for everyone to enjoy, if you're in the area or are looking for a something to enjoy on a Libertate!

~ Rich Wallis  
 Convenor

## MEMBERS INFORMATION

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## FROM THE EDITOR

As we approach the mid point of this year, I would like to recognize five members for their contributions to this newsletter: Russ and Marcia Harper, followed closely by Bill and Norma Wallace, and Capt. John Wallace.

These people have contributed articles on every game they have set up. It is always much easier to cut back the submitted material than try to stretch what you do have. Again, thank you for your efforts.





### *Houston Scottish Games and Highland Festival*

Convener and Council Member Wayne Wallace set up at the Houston Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festival on May 15th and 16th. The attendance was pretty good despite the stifling heat on Saturday afternoon. Eight non-member visitors signed the registration book and four of those joined CWS. Members of CWS visiting included Susan Kelm, who will be convening these games starting next year; Council Member Mary Jo Wallace, who is also a vendor; and Life Member Lance Wallace, who was participating in the heavy athletics.

Congratulations to Lance Wallace for winning the Silver Metal in the Caber Toss.

### *Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games Huntersville, North Carolina*



*The tent overflows with Wallace's, friends and family at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games in Huntersville, North Carolina.*

### *Laurel Hill Highland Games and Festival in Ararat Virginia, April 25, 2009*



*Russ Harper*

Another great day of sunshine greeted Russ and Marcia Harper as they played hosts at the Clan Wallace tent at the 2nd Annual Laurel Hill Highland Games and Festival held at the birthplace of J.E.B. Stuart. All told eight clans joined in the festivities. Come join us next year.

### *Savannah Scottish Games 2009: A Celtic Gathering*

After being missing for many years, The Clan Wallace Tent was back at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Savannah Scottish Games on May 8-10, 2009. The Bethesda Home for Boys hosted the event and Clan Wallace joined 22 other Clans to surround the athletic field in the center of this historic site.

Hosts Russ and Marcia Harper are joined by David Wallace (his Wife Nina and daughter Whitney not pictured) as well as members Ron Heacock, his son & family, Scott and Anne Wallace, their daughters and friends, Capt. John Wallace with his daughter and family, and Aubrey Wallace

with his daughter and her husband. Others not pictured but who also enjoyed the warm sunshine and great company were Frank Randall and his wife Sue, and Nelson Long. It's a good thing that several families chipped in and upgraded the traditional tent to a double this year.

#### *Savanna Scottish Games (cont'd)*

Convener John R. Wallace, CWSW Director and Past President, was joined by Society Members Judy and Larry Slight, Wallaces from St Augustine, FL, to man the Tent and greet visitors during the day. The highlight of the weekend was the presence of Dorothy Wallace from Savannah and the majority of her family, who were present at the site and marched in the opening ceremonies. Dorothy is the widow of Stuart Wallace of Savannah, a long-time life member of Clan Wallace Society.

This full-service games and festival drew several thousand attendees to the events, which included amateur Heavy Athletics contests, Highland Dancing competitions, Border Collie demonstrations, four Pipe Bands, a large inventory of Children's Activities, plus Musical Performances by several Celtic Groups during the day. The Vendor and Food area was filled during the event with people enjoying ethnic food and shopping in excellent heritage shops.

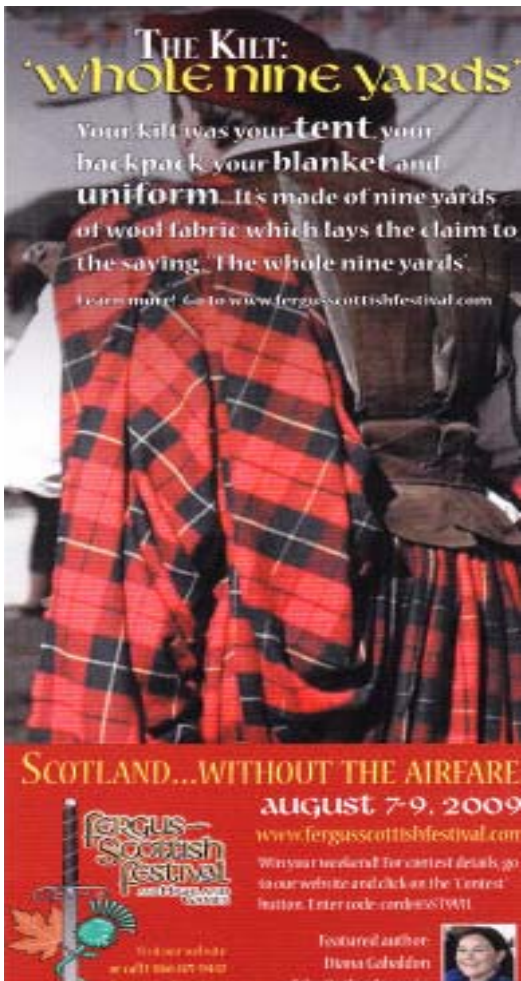
The weekend started with an exceptional Sponsor-Patron Reception at The Savannah

Golf Club and a Whiskey Tasting at MacPherson's Scottish Pub on Friday night. The event hosted a Ceilidh after the Saturday Games at the Knights of Columbus Hall and the weekend ended with a Kirkin' o' the Tartans at Independence Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. All in all, it was a great weekend. *Look for Clan Wallace at next year's exciting Savannah Scottish Games in 2010.*



*Capt John and Dot Wallace*

## FROM OUR CANADIAN ADVISOR DOROTHY KNIGHT



*Fergus, Ontario Brochure: Really like the selection of Tartan!*  
*Submitted by Dorothy Knight, Advisory Director For Canada*

### Special Notice from Dorothy Knight, Advisory Director for Canada:

*For those who are  
planning to attend  
Highland Games in  
Georgetown, Kincardine,  
Embros Fergus and  
Uxbridge, please be at  
the Clan Wallace tent no  
later than 12 Noon in  
Wallace attire.*

Clan Wallace will be the honored clan at the 2010 Triad Highland Games at Bryan Park, in Greensboro, North Carolina in May 2010. For more information visit [www.Triadhighlandgames.org](http://www.Triadhighlandgames.org).

Last year **CLAN WALLACE WON THE CLAN TENT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD.**

**RUSS AND MARCIA HARPER** invite you all to come experience their unique blend of Southern and Scottish hospitality.

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### *Flowers of the Forest*



*Chev. James (Jim) Anthony Wallace  
Schmelzer KCTJ, KST*

1935-2009

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas on October 12, 1935 to Thelma Fox Schmelzer and Anthony Schmelzer Jr., Jim Schmelzer died peacefully the afternoon of March 28, 2009 of cancer after a long illness. He leaves no immediate family but many, many good friends. Jim was an active Council Member of the Clan Wallace Society Worldwide, a member of The St. Andrew Society of Baltimore, a Knight in the Order of Sao Teatonio, and a Knight Commander in the Priory of St. James of Jerusalem of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem; also known as the Knights Templar.

Jim got his Bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas; his Masters from Northern Illinois in DeKalb; and worked on his PhD at the University of Maryland at College Park. He then taught Art and Art History in Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, and retired from Montgomery County, MD. He loved life, cooking, dining, theater, his friends, and all things Scottish.

A memorial service was held at 10:00AM Saturday April, 18, 2009 at St. John Neuman Church, 620 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD. [MAP](#) In lieu of flowers, he asked you to contribute to your favorite school or environmental group, such as The Nature Conservancy or The Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

We will miss you, Jim.

1917 -2009

William B. ("Bill") Wallace passed away quietly in his sleep at the age of 91 on the morning of Wednesday, May 20, 2009, after a brief but precipitous decline following complications from a stroke.

Bill was born on June 14, 1917 in Kearney, NJ to Anna (McManus) & James Wallace of Paisley, Scotland. He had a vibrant and playful sense of humor, and often spoke of his namesake, William Wallace. He spoke of being one in a 400-year line of Williams born to Jameses born to Williams, and deeply treasured his Scottish roots. On a recent visit to the Highland Games in Oregon, Bill met the President of the Clan Wallace Society and was delighted to learn he may very well have been the oldest member of the Clan in America.



*William B. Wallace*

### **Cooking Corner ~**

#### **Bara Brith (Speckled Bread)**

3 / 4 cup Dried Fruit, diced  
 1 1 / 4 cups Dark Brown Sugar  
 1 1 / 4 cups Strong Hot Tea  
 2 1 / 2 cups Self Rising Flour  
 1 Egg

Soak the dried fruit and sugar overnight in the tea. Next day, sieve the flour and fold it into the fruit. Mix in the lightly beaten egg. Line a 8" loaf pan with greased parchment paper and gently pour in the mixture, smoothing it well into corners. Bake at 300 for 1.5 hours. Cool on wire rack, then store in a tin for at least 2 days so that it matures moist and rich.

#### **Cold Crab Salad**

1 lb. Crabmeat, picked for shells  
 2 stalks of Celery, finely chopped  
 1 tsp. Onion, finely chopped  
 3 tsp. Sweet Pickle Relish  
 8 Green Olives, sliced  
 8 Tbsp. Mayonnaise  
 2 Tbsp. Prepared Mustard  
 2 Tbsp. Sugar  
 1 Tbsp. Salt  
 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce

Mix all ingredients together. Chill several hours or overnight before serving. Serve with favorite crackers.

*San Antonio Games April 3-5, 2009 Held in Helotes, Texas County Fairgrounds*



Vendor tent close to Clan Wallace Tent on Sunday morning. All told, about 12 tents were destroyed. Winds in excess of 40 mph damaged or destroyed many of the clan and vendor tents.



CWSW Life Member Frank Wallace Leslie after he cleaned up his tent site on Sunday morning. Frank tries to get a space adjacent to the Clan Wallace tent.



The banner in the back of the Clan Wallace tent is made of a very heavy material. Wind gusts were above 40 mph.



*Lance Wallace of Houston with Wayne Wallace*

The Clan Wallace Tent was hosted by Wayne Wallace of Canyon Lake, TX, with assistance from his brother, Past President Marcus J. Wallace of Corinth, TX.

And now for the good news: We signed up 5 new members at these games. Three on Saturday and two on Sunday. Several more took membership applications. There were about 40 clan tents and 20 vendors with 2,000 visitors on Saturday, and 1,000 on Sunday. These games were originally held at the San Antonio Racetrack but were moved to Helotes 10 years ago. They have been growing ever since.

A unique feature of this game is the memorial on Friday evening at the Alamo (in downtown San Antonio) to the men, and especially those of Scottish Heritage, who

died during the siege February 23, 1836 to March 6, 1836.

Two different groups inquired about their relationship to Sir William Wallace based on the legend that his sister married Edward Little. Blind Harry writes of a nephew of this marriage who fought with Wallace., however Rev.

Charles Rogers in his book *The Book of Wallace* Vol. II pg 107 disputes this. He believes that it is doubtful Wallace's sister existed and further that she would have been so much older than Wallace that she could have had a child old enough to bear arms. Nigel Tranter in his historical novel *The Wallace*, also refers to Edward Little, nephew of Wallace. The legend lives on.

CWSW members, Lance Wallace, Wally

Allen, Mike Wallace, and Frank Leslie visited the tent. New member Susan Kelm of Danbury, TX, came by on Sunday to discuss setting up for the games at Houston. Lance Wallace of Houston competed in heavy athletics on Sunday, Wally Allen was there with his Scottish Country Dance group (Celtic Menagerie) from Corpus Christi, and Frank set up for Clan Leslie. Mike (Wayne's son) and his wife Natalie came by just to say Hi.

CWSW Council member Mary Jo Wallace set up next to the Clan Wallace Tent as a vendor, (Touch of Glass). She makes stained glass objects from Celtic-influenced designs and clan logos, clan crests, and other clan emblems.

Clan Wallace was well represented.



### *High Desert Inter-Cultural Festival: April 18, 2009*

Norma and Bill Wallace, as members of the High Desert Celtic Society, host a booth to increase the knowledge of Celtic Nations at the Redmond/ High Desert Inter-Cultural festival. Other countries represented were Japan, Norway, Yemen, China, Russia, and many other Latin countries. It is a very different experience from the Scottish festivals we are accustomed to setting up. Norma spent a majority of her time teaching the bodhran and Bill was helpful to those who were looking up their Celtic roots.

Our display: High Desert Celtic Society, designed and set up by Norma; staffed by HDCS Pres and Norma and Bill.



*Bodhran Lesson*



*Researching Family Names*

### *Historic Bethabra Park 9th Annual Celtic Festival and Highland Games*

Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> started out sunny and warm at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Celtic festival and Highland Games held at historic Bethabra Park in Winston-Salem, NC... The park hosts the event to help promote education and cultural awareness of the contribution of the Scots and Scots-Irish pioneers who helped and guided the Moravians as they settled a 10,000 acre plot of land they called Wachovia, which eventually became part of Winston-Salem. While rain cut the day short many visitors enjoyed the Wallace tent hosted by Russ & Marcia Harper including Russ' daughter Lauren Harper and her friend Andy Meadows.



### *Mint Hill Scottish Game: March 29, 2009*

Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Scottish game at Mint Hill, NC on a cold and blustery last weekend in March. The high on Friday was 80°, but Saturday was a cold, windy 49° with intermittent rain showers. We had gusts of winds that took out two of the neighboring tents. Russ did the calling of the Clan during the Friday night torch lighting ceremony in short sleeves, but sweaters and jackets were definitely more appropriate for Saturday. Frank and Sue Randall joined us for the weekend. Frank is a MacDuff and Sue is a Douglass, but they hang out with us so much that last year they joined Clan Wallace. Craig and Teresa Wallace came by on Friday night for the torch lighting ceremony and Ceilidh. Due to a death in Teresa's family, they were not able to join us for the day Saturday. Nelson Long joined us for Saturday. Several other Wallace families joined us, some even lending their kids for the parade of tartans, a highlight of their day. Russ and Frank both competed in the Bonnie Knees contest (Frank was the defending champion). Competition was tough with even a Barney Fife lookalike. Oh well, maybe next year.

All in all, it was a great time. It was all worth it when our tent was chosen as the best Clan tent. A great start to another Scottish season!





*Russ and Marcia Harper and Frank and Sue Randall at Mint Hill*

### *Mint Hill Highland Games: May 23, 2009*

A mix of rain and sunshine didn't deter the good times at the tent of the honored Clan, Clan Wallace at the fifth annual Mint Hill Highland games in North Carolina. "Their visually appealing tent and informative displays paired with Russ and Marcia Harper's genuine, outgoing personalities made Clan Wallace an easy choice," said the Mint Hill Times. Also joining in the day's events were Frank and Sue Randall, Craig Wallace, along with David Cottle and his children Joseph and Catherine.

The Eighth Annual Scottish Festival and Celtic Gathering was held at the Bridgeport WV City Park on the May 3rd, 2009. The North Central West Virginia Scottish Heritage Society once again promoted a well-organized festival.

### *Life Member Cameron Flint Publishes*

**Cameron Flint** of Ohio has recently published a book about the Scottish Highland Diaspora to colonial North America. It is titled, "To Secure to Themselves and Their Countrymen an Agreeable and Happy Retreat: The Continuity of Scottish Highland Mercenary Traditions and North American Outmigration." This study, an academic work, analyzes the motivations for Scottish outmigration to British North America during the 18th century from both an economic and cultural perspective. The two reviews on Amazon are excellent. Contact the editor to send him a message.

### *Tartan Day Festivities in Greensboro, NC*

The event is sponsored by the Triad Highland Games and which included samples of Scottish food, bagpipe music, Gaelic language sessions, displays of military items and clan crests, tartans and information about the 2009 Homecoming Scotland Tartan Day kicks off the celebration of National Scots and Scots-Irish Heritage Month, and there was a public reading of the General Assembly resolution that established it in North Carolina. Gov. Beverly Perdue's proclamation for the events was also read.

Russ and Marcia were joined by their grand-daughter Samantha Teague who enjoyed the children's activities while eating shortbread cookies and listening to bagpipe music.

Russ and Marcia Harper represented Clan Wallace at "A Taste of Scottish Culture" at the Greensboro Historical Museum in celebration of National Tartan Day on Saturday April 4th.



*Marcia, Russ, and Samantha Teague*

**WOW 10 New Members from Texas!** Convenor William Wayne Wallace of Canyon Lake, TX has been very, very busy. Congratulations Wayne.

### *Bridgeport, West Virginia*

As usual, the festival fun started on Friday May 1st, at the evening Ceilidh with entertainment by The Homespun Ceilidh Band. Saturday, the Scottish Festival took place at the City Park. The day's events included a massed Bagpipe Band and parade, musical entertainment by Laura Risk and Paddy League, Tartanic, Scottish Heavy Athletic events, and world-renowned Scottish piper Alasdair Gillies. Sunday there was a grand procession of bagpipes and banners to the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church in Clarksburg for the "Kirkin' of the Tartans."

No fewer than 23 Clans and Societies participated in the Bridgeport festival, which continues to grow in size and quality. Of all the festivals I have attended over the years, Bridgeport seems to draw more children than most. They come to enjoy the games, entertainment, and dancing. They are rewarded with a prize when they fill their booklets with participating Clan Stamps.

Co-Conveners Garret and Mary Anne Whiteside helped Cathy and me in welcoming visitors to the Tent. Being the Honored Clan in 2008, Clan Wallace was honored to do the judging for best Clan

Tent for 2009. We pooled our votes, and Clan Irwin was this year's winner. Joining me in the Parade of Clans was member Lucy Wallace Ropp Honor, Linda Wallace Leonette, and member Glen Wolfe.

Even though the weather was cold, the atmosphere was warm in the Clan Wallace tent. Those who braved the cold winds had a great time. It was all worth it when our tent was chosen as the best Clan tent. A great start to another celebration of National Tartan Day on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## 2009 CLAN WALLACE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>



### Special Notice

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to secure a group room block at the hotel where our Hospitality Suite and Sunday Breakfast will be held. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. Located in the registration packet is a list of several hotels within half a mile of the Lake Shore Lodge; you may want to contact them for lodging possibilities.

*Estes Park, Colorado*



### CONVENOR'S CORNER



We have had eventful spring. We missed convening at the Arkansas Scottish Festival due to the fact that Dick had surgery 2 weeks before and was not cleared to do anything for 6 weeks. Therefore, we opted to stay home and get him well. But I can now report the he is in good health and ready to head west to Estes Park in September. Hope to see many of the conveners at the Gathering.

Please report to me and Jim "Bowie" Wallace (his email is listed on the bottom of the list in the newsletter) your games and then send in to the newsletter a report on your activities this year. We have a great issue and keep up the good work. Great convening for 2009 and see you in Estes Park.

We have had an excellent quarter signing up new members. I am not sure why the increased activity but appreciate the efforts of several of our conveners. The numbers of games convened seems to have increased also.

Keep up the good work.

Jean

### Tip on Convening

I have mentioned this before, and it's worth mentioning again. The dollar store has great little things to help you in your tent. The screw-in stakes in the pet department help hold down the tent in a wind or rain storm, and after having lost one, they are worth it. It is amazing what you can get for \$1.00, and in these times everything we can save is a good thing.



### *Eugene, Oregon Scottish Festival May 16, 2009*

The Peace Presbyterian Church of Eugene sponsors a Scottish Festival that is small but mighty. The cost is \$1.00 plus three cans of food for a food bank.

Scottish history is explained with a display in the church that depicts with dioramas, pictures and models many of aspects of Scottish culture. Children are asked to get the traditional stamps from the Clans. When they turn them in, their reward is a paper sporran with candy in it. Kids also look for the Loch Ness Monster in a model, if found they get more rewards. A kids section had games and archery, plus there was a wagon ride.

Families together sharing the Scottish culture is what it is all about. Iva Wallace Hill was attending as a CWS member for the first time with her grandson Cory and mother Margaret Wallace. Welcome aboard.

When Ada Wallace helped at the Clan tent she commented that everyone has a story. They sure do and the common thread is that it is such a small world. Susan Vollmer was enthusiastically helping by showing the Wallace sword to many of the young visitors who wanted to "try it on for size." Her daughter Katie enthusiastically helped stamp passports; daughter Jill was quiet, "taking everything in," when she went home she started a school project on Scotland and William Wallace; son Daniel & his cousin Jonathan thought the Scottish Highland Terrier puppies were the best part of the day. Mary Kelsey provided a much needed break helping at the Clan tent in the afternoon. All help was appreciated, especially since Bill of Norma and Bill couldn't be there.

Ed Moore helped set up and the Vollmers, Ada Wallace, and Mary Kelsey helped pack up. It is so nice to have so much cooperation.

What a great combination to make an interesting event: a Scottish Festival and Kilted Car Show car show!

Mary Wallace Kelsey keeps improving the Scottish cuisine at her now-famous Mary's Kitchen. As always she gives much credit to her co-chairman and staff. The shepherd's pie was delicious as was everything else.

This year, Norma made a display explaining National Tartan Day using some of the postcards and pictures from the 2005 Wallace Gathering, when we were at Arbroath. She explains the importance of the Declaration of Arbroath to Susan Vollmer, an annual CWS member who started going to festivals in New Mexico, joined in Arizona, and renewed her membership in Oregon.



### *Oregon Scottish Festival: Albany, OR*



*Tartan Day display*



*The message of the Wallace-Crawford connection is being explained by Norma Wallace (CWS) and Terry Pea of Clan Crawford as they share the information in the booklet: *The Legacy of William Wallace and His Crawford Relations*. This booklet is available on the CWS website, [www.clanwallace.org](http://www.clanwallace.org).*

## Genealogy Handbook

Over the years, many members have asked Conveners at Festivals and Games if the Society provides genealogy services. This service has never been provided because when The Clan Wallace Society (CWS) was formed in 1966, the founders included in the Articles of Incorporation (Charter), "This Corporation shall never engage, however, in specific genealogical research for its members or other persons." One reason this article may have been included is because CWS is an open society, wherein a person does not have to be or prove to be a Wallace to become a member. The co-founders did not want to mimic some Scottish Societies whereby the prospective member has to prove his blood line or family origins in Scotland. Due to the expected broad range of family names that could potentially be represented in CWS, one can imagine the many paths genealogical research could take and the monumental task that would be involved for an assigned genealogist.

Although the Charter forbids CWS from directly providing genealogical services, it does not prohibit providing guidance to assist members in conducting their own family genealogy. The Board has recently addressed this issue in a manner that stays true to the Charter, and is happy to announce that a handbook has been developed to serve this purpose.

Conveners have been provided with a brochure that provides an abstract of what can be found in the handbook. The handbook provides tips on how to get started, online genealogy assistance links, research tips, a list of research resources outside the U.S., and a list of genealogy research books. Although the handbook is focused on the family of "Wallace", the tips and links could be used for any family name. Members are welcomed to investigate the handbook and give a try at discovering your family history. The handbook can be accessed and downloaded on the CWS website at URL [www.clanwallace.org/genealogy](http://www.clanwallace.org/genealogy).

## Harrisburg Pipes and Drums Festival Report

It was a hot and hazy afternoon at the 8th annual Harrisburg Pipes & Drums Festival. The event is sponsored by the Scottish Society of Central PA and is held at Fort Hunter Park. The park is located just off the Susquehanna River.

Clans represented were Wallace, Cameron, and Donald. Despite the heat, attendance was better than the previous year. This year was organized a little better than last year with a better flow of people past the Clan tents. I met some Wallaces, one that was a member and another that is prospective member.

If you're into food, then you'd like the crab cakes, burgers, hot dogs, and ice cream, as well as the cool drinks that were available.

Only feet away beside the Clan Wallace tent was a sheep to shawl demonstration. The people running it brought along 2-two-month old lambs in a pen and the children as you might expect were all drawn over. It

added to the flow of people to the CWS tent. The only bad part was that these sheep did what sheep do and with heat and only occasional breezes it at times got a little ripe.

Activities on the day included performances by the Zembo Highland Pipe Band, Guilford & Glencoe District Juvenile Pipe Band, Susquehanna Pipe Band, Harrisburg Country Dancers, Wee Highland Games, McGinley Irish Dancers, Irishtown Road Celtic Band, and an all-day raffle for prizes throughout the day.

The weather didn't cooperate for long, as the hot/hazy gave way to a cloudburst for about 15 minutes, followed by hot/humid weather which shortened the event.

The Harrisburg Pipes & Drums Festival is an enjoyable 1-day event that the whole family would enjoy. With its continued progression with new organizers, it has the potential to grow into a bigger and bigger event. If your in the Harrisburg area this time of year, stop by and check it out.

~ Rich Wallis, Convenor, Clan Wallace Society

## 10th Frederick Celtic Festival

The Mid-Maryland Saint Andrews Society hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Frederick Celtic Festival on May 9, 2009. The festival was relocated this year from the Urbana Fire Department grounds to a new location at the Frederick Fair Grounds in Frederick, MD, which was the original site for the Frederick Celtic Festival when it began in the early 90's. This year's festival included participation by 26 Clans and Societies and 33 vendors, and the move to the new site gives the festival room for continued growth.

Patrons were entertained throughout the day by bagpipe bands, Scottish and Irish dancing, and professional Scottish Highland Athletics. The featured acts at the Pub Tent were Na'Bodach, Mythica, and Rant & Roar, which kept the tent packed with patrons all day. There was something for everyone to enjoy, and all attendees to the festival had a great time.

The Clan Wallace tent welcomed Wallaces and other visitors throughout the day. It was a great day of comradely with fellow Conveners Jim "Bowie" Wallace and Bill and Betsy Wallace. The Wallace Tent also displayed a memorial containing pictures of James A. Schmelzer, Council Member and Convener in Clan Wallace, and a grand gentleman and dear friend who recently passed and will be deeply missed.



*Bill and Betsy Wallace and CAPT John Pomerville USN (Ret)*