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Martin O Hiceadha photo



Ready! Set! Get ready to GO!
Glasgow, KY, Highland Games this June!

The Glasgow Highland Games are set for the upcoming June first through June third. Lucas, Kentucky and the Barren River State Park & Resort are again the setting for this event.

Direct from Scotland, the Tannahill Weavers will be the featured entertainment at the Friday night Ceilidh on the games field. They will also be performing Saturday and Sunday at the games.

Glasgow will also be the site of the US Scottish Female Athletics National Championships! The brawny men will be competing, as

well, in the Scottish Heavy Athletics.

Chief of the Games this year will be James C. Burnett, of Leys, Chief of the Name of Burnett.

The 2018 Honored Society is the Scottish Society of Louisville.

Absolutely no pets are allowed.

Visit the Glasgow Highland Games website to order your early tickets to the games. Use: <http://glasgowhighlandgames.com/order.pdf> or, for a complete schedule of events: visit the web:

glasgowhighlandgames.com/scheduleofevents.htm

Call: 1-270-651-3141.

Remember, National Tartan Day is April 6. Wear your tartan wherever you go!



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**Browse amongst the archives,
read the current issue as much
as you wish!**

Section B is "up" on the Internet
about the 15th of each month.

Section A is "up" a day or so
before the
first of the next month.



Beth, Tom and Alastair
wish you a very

**HAPPY
EASTER**



A letter from your editor...

Doesn't everyone make Easter Baskets for their husbands?



In shopping for the goodies to go in Tom's Easter Basket this year, a lady asked me, "How many children do you have to make baskets for?"

I replied, "Oh, this is for my husband."

She said, "Well, I never heard anything so silly."

She went off in a sort of huff, looking back at me as if I had a monkey on my head.

I wondered at that moment, "I'll bet THAT home doesn't hear much laughter."

I do admit that Easter Baskets for my husband are relatively new for me. I reckon this one will be my 10th one, as we will celebrate our eleventh wedding/handfasting anniversary next June...well, if you think in people years.

When we were first married, I told Tom that I figured we wouldn't make it until our BIG anniversaries, since I played with dinosaurs as a child.

We talked about that for awhile and he came up with the perfect solution. We simply changed our years to "Miniature African Pygmy Hedgehog Years."

Before me, he loved Mrs. Tuppence, a tiny blonde miniature African Pygmy Hedgehog. Tom said that Mrs. Tuppence celebrated her own birthday sixteen times each year!

She had MANY birthday parties and expected MANY presents...which she always got!

Tom says every three weeks + 2 1/2 days, he would

have to bake a tiny barley cake with clotted cream and whisky marmalade for her birthday and sing.

She spent her days in his shirt pocket and her nights in her three-floored home built by Tom. She could run all through her house, dive into the sawdust that served as a soft floor...and then would do it all over again, again and again, etc.

Beloved wee critter that she was, she only lived about four people years...which meant she made it to the ripe old age of sixty-four in her own APH years.

Anyway, Tom and I changed our own wedding/handfasting anniversaries to the "African Pygmy Hedgehog Years."

That means, eleven years in people years

translates to our 176th wedding/handfasting anniversary in Pygmy Hedgehog years next June. Anybody know what anniversary gift is traditional to give each other then? Let us know, please.

Does Tom bake ME a tiny barley cake with clotted cream and whisky marmalade every three weeks + 2 1/2 days for our anniversary?

Tom says he will, as soon as he can find the human equivalent of the APH barley! Also, we have to order the whisky marmalade and by the time it arrives here, the jar is empty with sticky fingerprints on it.

Yes, Tom gets an Easter Basket!



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Marvel at Tiny, Perfect Staircases Made by a Secret Society of French Woodworkers

Who are the *compagnons*?

Natasha Frost, *Atlas Obscura* (Subscribe for free at <www.atlasobscura.com>)

Since the Middle Ages, France's "compagnons" have lived idiosyncratic existences, steeped in mystery, ritual, and a devotion to their trades. Even today, these master craftsmen have certain quirks: As young people, they live in boarding houses together in towns across France, where they spend their days learning and training to become the country's greatest tradespeople. After six months in one place, each tradesman will pack up and move on to another French town, and a new hostel, to learn more skills under a new master.

The name "compagnon" translates to "companion," relating to the brotherhood between members and the shared identity of a movement that, today, encompasses around 12,000 permanent, active members. Professions usually fall into one of five "groups," depending on their principal material: stone; wood; metal; leather and textiles; and food. Within these groups are bakers, clog-makers, carpenters, masons, glaziers, and many more. In the past century, new trades have been added and old

ones have fallen away. But whatever the craft, the journey from apprentice to "compagnon" is long and highly specific, and culminates in the comple-

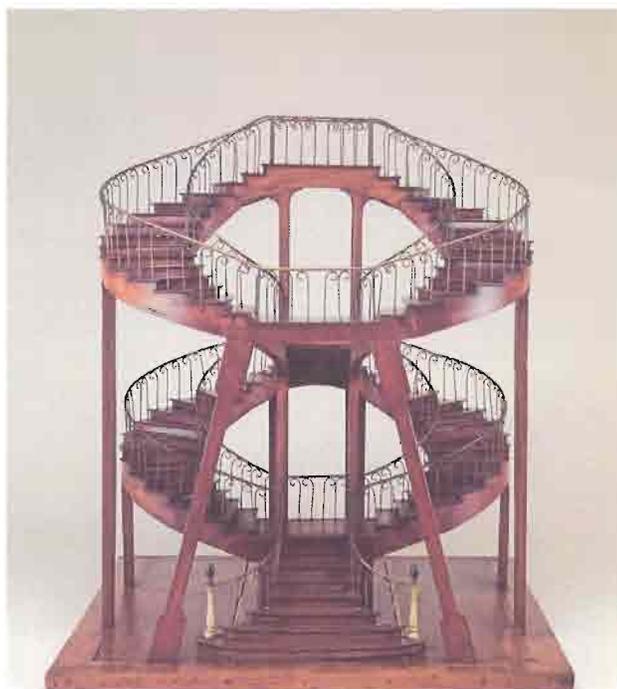
tion of a "masterwork": an item that showcases the skills acquired over at least five years of sustained study.

Historically, woodworkers have often chosen to produce a tiny, intricate staircase as their "masterwork." Over 30 years, the art dealer and collector Eugene V. Thaw, who died at 90 in January 2018, amassed an incredible collection of these staircase models, dating from between the 18th and 20th centuries. Measuring only a few

inches in height, they are self-supporting, graceful, and impossibly delicate. Since 2007, they have been part of the permanent collection of New

York's Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, and are currently on display alongside craftsmen's working drawings.

To make these models, craftsmen draw on a



Staircase Model (France), late 18th century; joined, planed, bent, and carved pear, wrought brass wire, turned bone; H x W x D: 75 x 67.3 x 67 cm (29 1/2 x 26 1/2 x 26 3/8 in.); Gift of Eugene V. and Clare E. Thaw; 2007-45-11 COURTESY COOPER HEWITT MUSEUM

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The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs, Crosiers, Fairbairns, Grosiers, Nixons
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The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from United States Federal Income Taxes. On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms in the upper left corner of this page. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."

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Student \$500 genealogy grant invites applications now!

The following announcement was written by the Suzanne Winsor Freeman Memorial Student Genealogy Grant Committee:

Photo below shows Suzanne Freeman (right) with her sisters, Frances Jones (left) and Lucille Smith in Green Valley, Arizona.

The Suzanne Winsor Freeman Memorial Student Genealogy Grant Committee and the Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree are pleased to announce the 2018 Student Grant and Jamboree Scholarship. Student genealogists between the ages of 18 and 23 are eligible to apply for the \$500 cash award and full registration scholarship

to the 2018 SCGS Jamboree to be held in Burbank, California June 1-2, 2018.

The Student Grant was established in 2010 by family and friends in memory of Suzanne Winsor Freeman, family historian and life-long volunteer, and an enthusiastic annual attendee at the SCGS Jamboree. The 2018 Southern California Genealogy Jamboree sponsored by the Southern California Genealogical Society will provide conference registration to the SCGS Jamboree in June where the award will be presented. This

is a unique opportunity for a young genealogist to attend a premiere regional conference and meet genealogists from throughout the nation.

Past recipients include Mindy Jacox (Kaysville, Utah), Melanie Frick (Renton, Washington), Paul Woodbury (Provo, Utah). Michael Savoca (New York, New York), Elyse Doerflinger (Torrance, California), A.C. Ivory (Salt Lake City, Utah), and Anthony Ray (Palmdale, California).

“The Student Genealogy Grant pays tribute to Suzanne Freeman’s dedication to youth volunteerism and family history by awarding the annual cash grant to a young genealogist attending the SCGS Annual Genealogy Jamboree, Southern California’s premiere regional genealogy conference,” notes Denise Levenick, committee chair and Freeman’s daughter.

“We are especially grateful to Jamboree for providing a three-day conference registration to the grant recipient,” she adds. “SCGS is truly a leader in conference organizations by encouraging youth involvement in genealogy through the student conference scholarship.”

Born in Olathe, Kansas, Suzanne Winsor (Brown) Freeman moved to Orange County, California with her family in the early 1930s where she attended school and lived most of her life. She developed a strong interest in family history sparked by the stories of her mother’s early



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Glasgow Highland Games

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Tannahill Weavers

at the Ceilidh on Friday evening at 7 PM on the Games Field. Plus, they will perform at the Games on Saturday & Sunday!

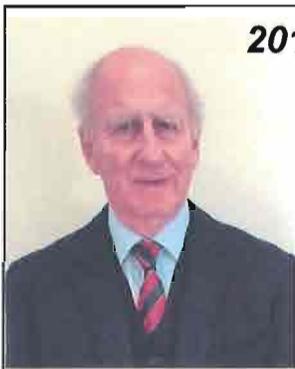


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Attention Scots! Scotland has now produced “rainbow” sheep!

Just in time for spring and Easter, The Exotic Sheep Producers of Scotland have announced that they have successfully produced a brand new breed of Scottish sheep - the Rainbow Sheep.

Testing and work on this project has been going on for at least the last 30 years.

The specific process which makes these beautiful creatures be born in all of the colors of the rainbow is a closely guarded secret.

BNFT's Special Reporter is just back from a fact-finding trip to Scotland and does have some information for our readers.

Our SP writes, “To make these lambs be born in colors, it has something to do with being born at the end of a rainbow where, normally, we search for the “Pot of Gold.” Instead, when these sheep are

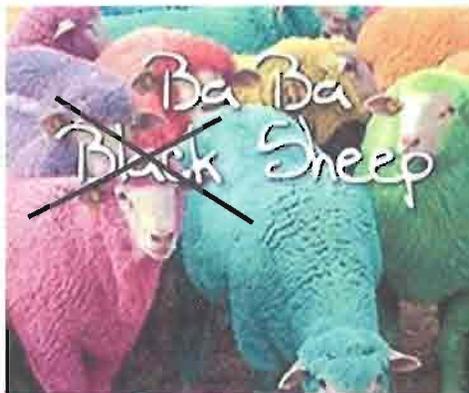
present in that magical place at just the proper time, the lambs are born all the colors of the rainbow.”

Our SP was present at the births of the sheep photobraphed below. While she could not figure out the secret of the sheep...when she arrived back at her Edinburgh hotel, she realized that she, herself, had become coloured with all the colors of the rainbow!

It does not appear to be harmful to a person, but it did make flying back to the USA somewhat of a problem with Security!

Next time you're in Scotland, look for a rainbow as you might see the Rainbow Sheep too!

!loof lirpA



Student genealogy grants, *continued from page 7*

life in Colorado and Kansas. After retirement Suzanne moved to Green Valley, Arizona where she was active in the local genealogy society. She enjoyed returning to Southern California each year in June to attend the SCGS Jamboree. Suzanne passed away after a brief illness in Tucson, Arizona August 28, 2010.

The \$500 cash award pays tribute to these interests by awarding the annual cash grant to a young genealogist attending the Jamboree. In addition, a student scholarship for conference registration to the Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree will

be provided by the Jamboree conference.

Any genealogist who is between the ages of 18 and 23 as of June 1, 2018 and a full-time or part-time student is eligible to apply. The award will be presented at Jamboree 2018; the recipient must be present to receive the award. See the Grant Application for eligibility details.

Funding for the cash award is provided by the family grant program; Jamboree registration is provided by the conference. Individual contributions to the grant program are welcome at the Student Grant webpage.





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Welcome to the wonderful world of black sheep ancestors

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS Lee County Library, Ft. Myers, FL

Historically, regardless of the country of residence, the size of your average family was much larger than in modern times. Genealogists often encounter at least one black sheep ancestor in every family unit researched.

Black sheep ancestors are usually individuals often ignored in the written or verbal accounts passed down by family members. When or if they are mentioned, it is often a brief terse comment that may or may not describe what the “offense” was. In some cases, this was caused by an incident against another family member or someone within the community. In other cases, they often deserted the family for personal reasons. Most are essentially banished or disinherited from the family and are only discovered later, usually by accident, by another person doing genealogical research.

The usual strategy used by many families is to initially pretend that the person doesn't exist. Next, they tend to vilify the ancestor. In some cases, their actions were justified based on the social mores of the time. Beware of the possibility that the real reason may be related to the family or an influential member of the household being guilty of wrongdoing and it led to a cover up. The ancestor who refused to go along with the lie ended up having the blame transferred to them. If they were conveniently deceased, the person was not around to defend themselves.

The most common scenarios that I've encountered with patrons I work with are listed below. 1. Criminal activity; 2. Refusal to follow a family mandated directive (such as an arranged marriage; 3. Unplanned or unwanted pregnancy; 4. Extramarital affair; 5. Mental or medical disability that embarrassed the family; 6. Marriage outside the ap-

proved ethnic or religious group; 7. Employed in what was perceived as an unacceptable occupation; 8. Failure to achieve a family designated educational, social, religious or occupational goal.

If you encounter any of the research scenarios listed below, the person in question may qualify as a black

I'm the black sheep
of the family



& proud of it!

sheep ancestor:

Family stories about an unpopular ancestor. You must be cautious because stories are not always true although most contain some level of truth. One must also remember that there are always two sides to every story.

Your research uncovers an unexplained disappearance from the family. It could indicate an unrecorded death or migration for work, or the ancestor deserted the family.

Your ancestor is listed in prison on a census. You'll usually see the institution listed at the top of the form, and he may be listed as an “inmate” or a “prisoner.” Please note that not all inmates were in

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Staircase models, *continued from page 5*

variety of different kinds of wood, including pear, ebony, walnut, and mahogany, with extra twiddly bits, like banisters and infinitesimal hand-railings, made of anything from brass to bone. Every minute piece of wood—and there are hundreds in each model—has been painstakingly hand-cut, carved, planed, joined, and inlaid to produce a staggeringly detailed staircase, in miniature. These were sometimes produced for competitions, writes Sarah D. Coffin, author of *Made to Scale: Staircase Masterpieces*, The Eugene & Clare Thaw Gift, where apprentices vied to be named the master carpenter of a city. “Other times, they might be group works for parade.” In these instances, slightly larger models would be carried through the city by their

makers for all to admire.

After going from apprentice to “compagnon,” craftsmen undergo an initiation rite, which, according to UNESCO documents, remains “shrouded in secrecy to preserve its magic and effectiveness.” Depending on the trade, this ritual may include additional elements, like a two-day “symbolic journey.” A constant, however, is the adoption of a symbolic name that indicates where they have come from and something about their character: Prudence of Draguignan, Flower of Bagnolet, Liberty of Chateaufort. The organization’s other particularities beyond the “secret” nickname include the wearing of a colored sash and carrying of a tall, ornamental wooden cane, given to



Curved Staircase Model In The French Style, ca. 1850; carved, planed, turned, and veneered walnut; H x W x D: 30 x 28 x 43.5 cm (11 13/16 in. x 11 in. x 17 1/8 in.); Gift of Eugene V. and Clare E. Thaw; 2014-11-2 COURTESY COOPER HEWITT MUSEUM



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prisons. Some may have been sentenced to other institutions such as sanitariums, orphanages, asylums, etc. If you know or suspect your ancestor was imprisoned, you can find some records or indexes online. For federal institutions, check the National Archives link <https://www.archives.gov/research/prisons>. For state prisons, check the state archives’ website.

If you hear accounts about a possible or suspected divorce, check newspaper articles about a divorce filing, desertion (wives would sometimes post newspaper ads for missing husbands), arrest, or a court action.

Court records are another source to check for divorces or criminal prosecutions.

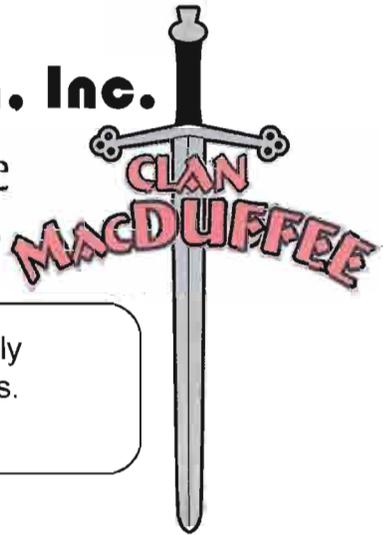
them after initiation. For the rest of their lives, compagnons are part of a close knit brotherhood, with its own patron saint, feasts, and even funerary traditions. But in the past, these secretive ways caused outsiders—or “lay people,” as the compagnons call them—to regard them with suspicion and sometimes misgivings, Coffin writes.

Perhaps to dispel these ill-feelings, in 1839, compagnon Agricole Perdiguier wrote *The Book of Compagnonnage*. This multi-volume series revealed some of the movement’s customs, secrets, and obligations. “I do not pretend to map out its history here,” he wrote, in French, “but I will give a few details which should give enough of an understanding of it. ... It should be remembered that I am writing here for the public, and most of all, for

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Compagnons, who largely possess very few books.” In recording many of their customs, Coffin writes, Perdiguer inspired a novel by George Sand, which “drew attention to some of the great works being produced by compagnonnage members and resulted in a revival of interest in their work.”

Today, the compagnons continue much as they have for centuries—though these days, the specialist knowledge once put to work on France’s medieval cathedrals has led them to travel all over the world. In 1990, in the wake of Hurricane Hugo, they were flown in to Charleston, South Carolina, to help repair antique furniture and the damaged roofs of stately homes. Nine years later, a team of compagnon metalworkers were brought over from Reims to help to refurbish the Statue of Liberty’s flame. In France, they’ve recently received an uptick in public attention due to French president Emmanuel Macron’s interest in them and their work.

Now comprised of thousands of young French people, there are some small signs of change in this little-understood group of craftspeople.

Once made up exclusively of men, since 2005, the compagnons have accepted women, and are now an international organization, with the option to train overseas at sister organizations in countries including Germany and Poland.

In the past century, craftspeople from newer trades, like bakers and electricians, have joined traditional woodworkers and masons. What has not changed, however, is the spirit of commitment to their work. In the 19th century, graduating compagnons’ diplomas read: “Glory be to Work



Staircase Model, mid-late 19th century; mahogany, oak; H x W x D: 91.8 x 59.8 x 47 cm (36 1/8 x 23 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.); Gift of Eugene V. and Clare E. Thaw; 2007-45-7 COURTESY COOPER HEWITT MUSEUM

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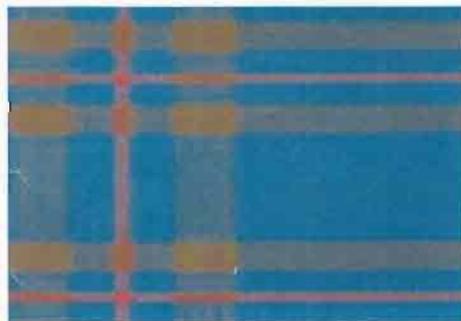
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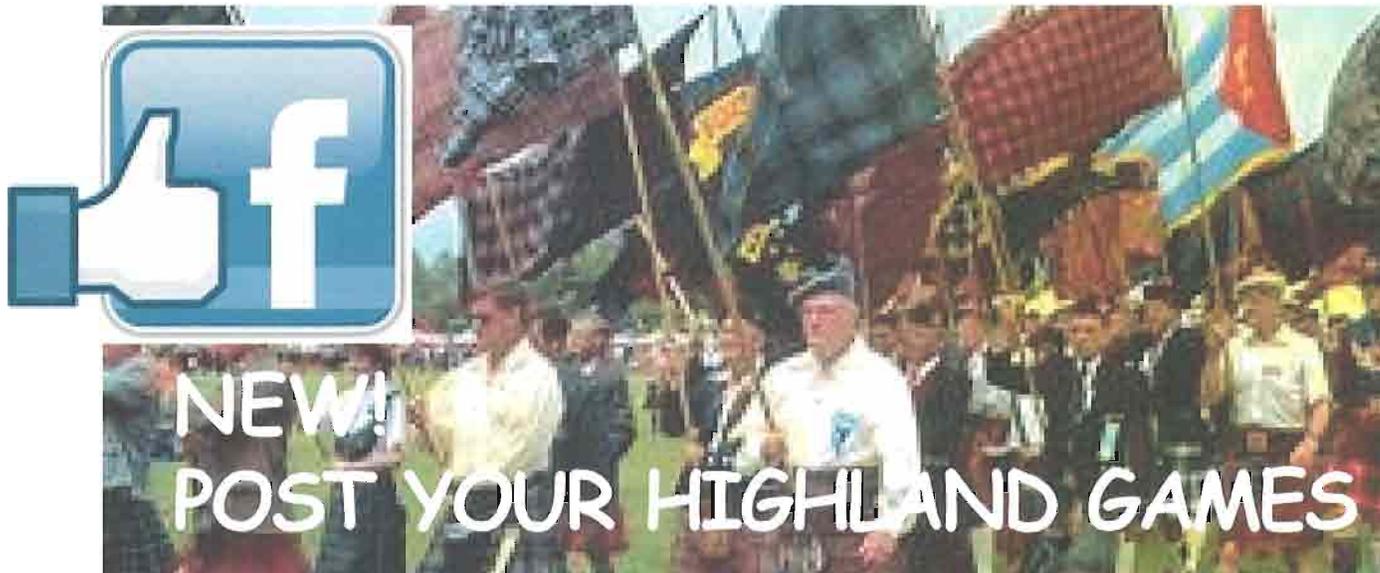
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Clan MacClellan had an awesome AGM in Texas

We thank Jill and all the Texas members that made our trip to the North Texas Irish Festival a delight. We had a very productive board meeting on Friday morning with four additional board members joining us by Skype.

MacLellans from AR, CA, CN, FL, GA, IN, KY, LA, MO, OK, NJ, TN & lots from TX were in attendance during the weekend. We had three tents at the festival and they were completely filled during the Annual General Meeting.

Santa even joined Clan MacLellan during the AGM weekend. We checked the database when another member joined. On her genealogy sheet, her oldest MacLellan was in Pennsylvania. We were able to locate her oldest ancestor in the database then took her to Ireland then to Scotland. I was more excited than she was that we found two more generations. This festival was huge. From Star Wars, nine music stages, shopping, yummy food, DeLorean's cars, cooking demonstrations - all at the beautiful TX State Fairgrounds, it was an amazing festival.

We are going back to Estes Park, CO for our 2019 AGM at the Long's Peak Scottish Festival and Highland Games September 6-8, 2019. In 2020, the Western Region is planning Reno, NV for the annual meeting at the Reno Celtic Festival - October 5 & 6, 2020.

I will be in Washington, DC next month for Colonial Week and would love to meet MacLellan cousins for dinner on April 14. At this point, we are planning on McClellan Sports Bar. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for Clan MacLellan.

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A Leslie Wedding in Scotland



The wedding was between Scott William Leslie and Jenna-Leigh Wyness.

The ceremony took place on August the 11th at the Ardoe House estate in Aberdeenshire.

With thanks to the Clan Leslie Society, International publication *Gripfast*.

For membership information, please visit <clanlesliesociety.org>

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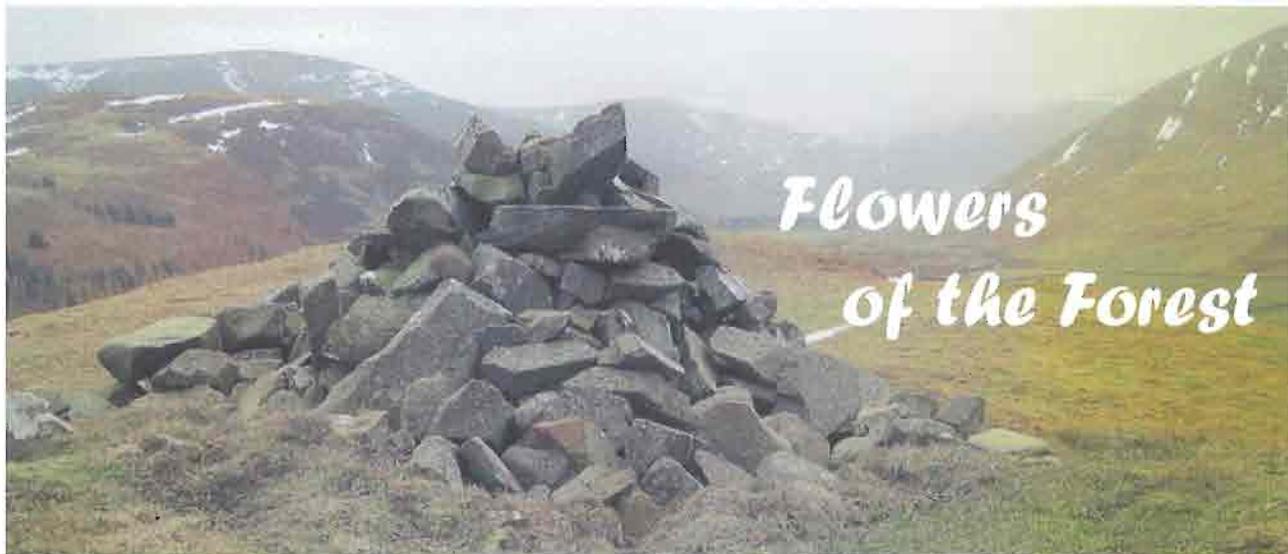
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We Are Clan MacTavish!



For information about joining us email: clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com



The Clan Anderson Society is saddened to report that the following members of their society have passed away: CPO **Addison O. Miller** of Alderson, West Virginia, who died on 6 January 2017; Ms. **Erma P. Hise** of Cocoa, Florida on January 11, 2017; **Col. Thornton J. Anderson** of Longwood, Florida who passed away on 8 February 2017; **Mr. James K. Anderson** of Louisville, Kentucky who died on 13 February, 2017 and Mr. **Preston J. Heinle** of Phoenix, Arizona on 4 May 2017,

Glennwood Elementary, Decatur, Georgia, announced that one of its most popular employees had passed away.

The school said that **Fran Frantz**, a paraprofessional, worked with the Kindergarten classes and as a substitute throughout City Schools of Decatur.

“As an active member of the Decatur community, she led a life of service touching lives of hundreds of students,” the school said in an email to parents. “She made the world a better place, and we will miss her greatly.”

Frantz could often be seen playing the drums while her husband, Henry Frantz, played the bagpipes at events around Decatur.

Christine Koehler, a City Schools of Decatur parent, remembered her fondly. Her presence brightened the room at the school’s weekly assembly, called Community Circle.

“Her enthusiasm was my favorite part of Com-



The bagpiper of Decatur – Henry Frantz performs at The Marlay for St. Patrick’s Day, along with his wife, Fran, on tenor drums. Photo courtesy of Michelle Stroud.

munity Circle,” she said. “Ms Frantz had the best facial expressions and was so enthusiastic about whatever theme was happening or whoever was presenting a program.”

THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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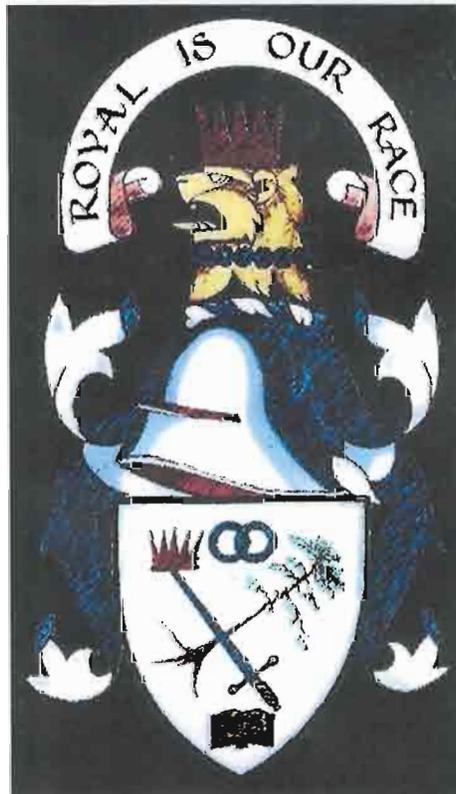
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

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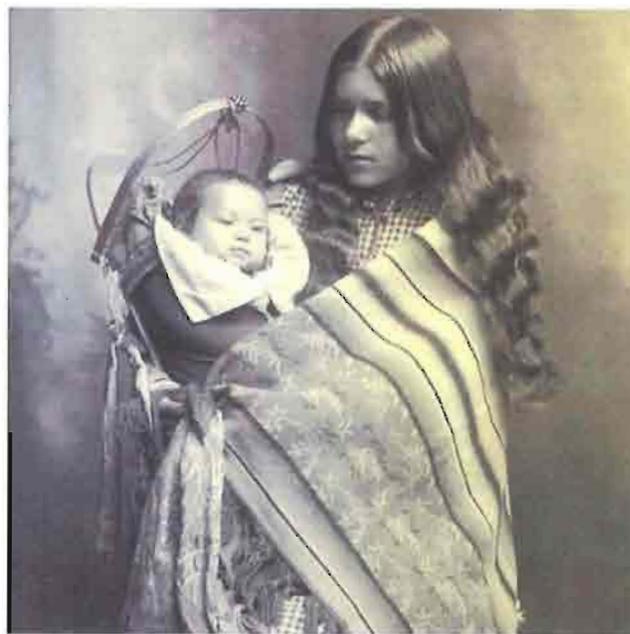


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Our Scottish ties to American Indians



With thanks to **Dave Chagnon**, who sent it to us...with "Author Unknown"

The Scottish fur traders arrived in the colonies largely as single men. The Scots were so compatible with the Indians that after 1750 nearly all the fur traders among the Eastern Indians were Highland Scots. They soon aligned with Native American women. These marriages facilitated trade because Native wives usually taught their husbands their tribal languages. It was well acknowledged the key roles that Native wives played in their husband's operations.

Historically there were many parallels between the American Indians and the Highland Scots. The two groups had much in common. The Cherokee admired the Highland Scots whom they considered fellow warriors. Each had fought lengthy battles, stretching over centuries, both against one another and against English speaking invaders. Members of both groups being driven from their homelands deepened the parallel. Both were mountain people with proud, independent, warrior societies who gloried in a good fight, rough games and reckless living. Each had achieved partial, but by no means



complete, success in fending off invasions.

As indigenous peoples, their social structures reflected numerous similarities. Each viewed land as essentially a communal resource, not a commodity to be bought and sold for profit. Each identified itself by bands or clans, and since chieftdom descended through lineage, each devised a system flexible enough to allow selection of the best person for the job. Both were clan societies which considered loyalty to the clan their first obligation.

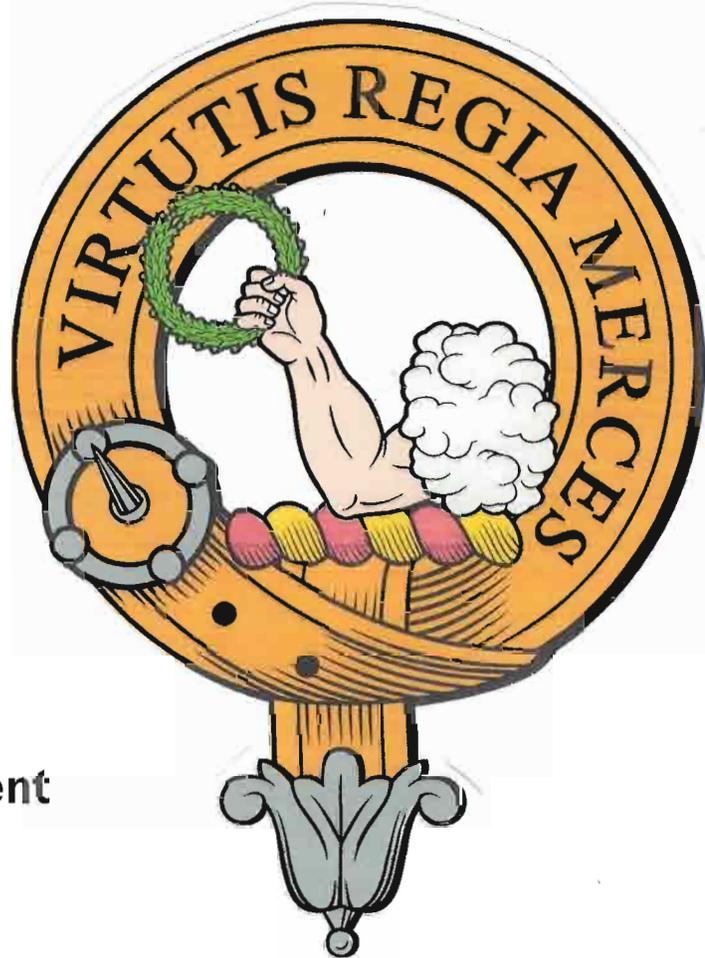
An Indian's insistence on vengeance for the killing of a member of his clan was perfectly understood by an 18th century Highlander with a similar custom. There were even parallels between their harvest ceremonies. Both cultures were primarily oral, with folklore and stories passed on to the children containing the distilled wisdom of their people.

Finally, the deep wisdom and strength of character that each group has displayed over the centuries has allowed them to endure their calamities with dignity.

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Believe it or not, National Tartan Day has only been around in an official capacity since 1998, when nationwide grassroots efforts led to resolution in the U.S. Senate. Since then, Scots-American groups from New York to St. Louis to San Diego have shown their pride on a growing annual basis.

On National Tartan Day, you're representing more than just your clan. You're also a part of the of great Scottish Diaspora that have come before you, and still walk among you. Check with your nearest Scottish association chapter for Tartan Day parades, performances, dinners and other assorted merriment near you. If you're not close to an official celebration, throw your own! Nothing's more Scottish than a parade marching the streets in kilts or a dinner to celebrate our heritage.

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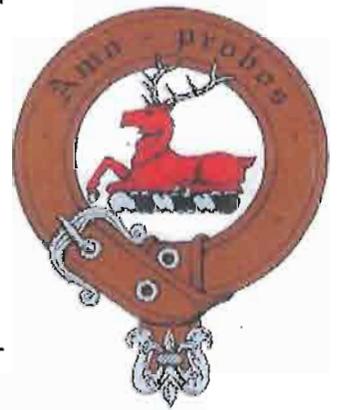
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Success for P*rr**tts in Pyeongchang!!



Silver medalist Max Parrot of Canada, gold medalist Redmond Gerard of the United States and bronze medalist Mark McMorris of Canada pose during the victory ceremony for the Snowboard Men's Slopestyle Final on day two of the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympic Games at Phoenix Snow Park on February 11, 2018 in Pyeongchang-gun, South Korea.

With family and members from all over the world, The P*RR*TTs Socity reports in its latest *Family Notes* that the recent Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea were a great success for P*rr**tt competitors with all three winning silver medals.

Canadian snowboarder, Maxence "Max" Parrot won a silver medal in the Men's Slopestyle and in the Men's Big Air, he finished ninth. Max's family are no strangers to sporting success, as his father, Alain Parrot, was an Alpine ski racer and water ski jump champion.

Jenny Perret won a silver medal for Switzerland in the mixed doubles curling and finished in seventh place with the Swiss women's team. Jenny has been participating in curling since the age of eight and says her hero is Roger Federer.

Another silver medalist was Lucia Peretti, who was part of the successful Italian short track speed skating team for the 3,000 m relay. She also competed in the 500 m, finishing in 27th place. She took up the sport in Bormio, Italy at the age of 10. When she is not skating, she enjoys reading, hiking, nature and food when she is not competing.

If you would like more information about The P*rr**tt Society, contact the chairman at <chairman@p-rr-tt.org.uk>



Silver medalists Jenny Perret (pictured) of Switzerland during the medal ceremony for Curling Mixed Doubles on day five of the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics at Medal Plaza on February 14, 2018 in Pyeongchang-gun, South Korea. Her team-mate was Martin Rios, also of Switzerland. (Photo by Andreas Rentz/Getty Images)



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Loganair plane has been named *Spirit of Eilidh* in honour of teenage victim



Eilidh MacLeod was among 22 people killed in the May 2017 terrorist attack in Manchester, England.

A plane has been named *Spirit of Eilidh* in honour of teenager Eilidh MacLeod who died in last year's Manchester Arena terrorist attack.

Scottish airline Loganair flies the aircraft on a service linking Barra, Tiree and Campbeltown with Glasgow.

The Twin Otter is capable of landing on a beach at Barra, the island in the Western Isles Eilidh was from.

The 14-year-old had gone to Manchester for an Ariana Grande concert.

Her friend Laura MacIntyre, 15 and also

from Barra, was badly injured in the terrorist attack which killed 22 people on 22 May.

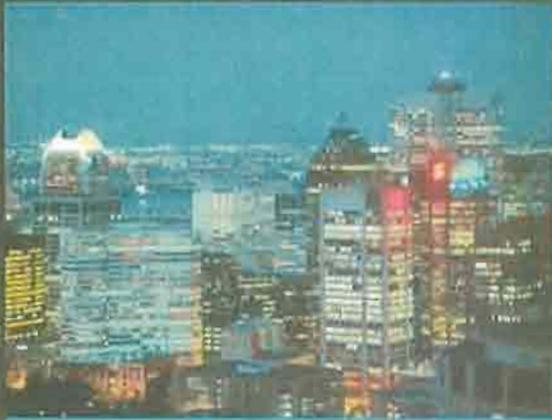
The plane named *Spirit of Eilidh* serves a lifeline air route

Loganair managing director Jonathan Hinkles said: "We are honoured that Eilidh's parents have consented to allow us to name our Twin Otter after their daughter.

"We at Loganair hope that it may play a small part in ensuring that her spirit and presence endure long into the future.

"Every passenger on the aircraft will see the *Spirit of Eilidh* title as they board."





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