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Clan Donald sets 2011 Pre-AGM in Chicago and 2011 AGM in Milwaukee

Clan Donald Midwest-Great Plains Region has planned an event for this year that will encompass two cities from August 14 - August 21.

Events will include Chicago sights and Milwaukee's Irishfest - billed as the "largest Celtic fest in the world.

Planned events for AGM attendees include choices of the Chicago Art Institute, the Field Museum and the Shedd Aquarium and the Museum of Science and Industry. Broadway musicals will be available in the Chicago Theater District. Visitors may visit The House of Blues and Navy Pier, near the Wrigley Building as well. There will be a Chicago River Architectural Tour and the Water Tower, the Hancock Building and there will be time for attendees to shop the Magnificent Mile.

After a last walk around Buckingham Fountain and Grant Park, Clan Donald members will travel by AMTRAK or Coach USA to Milwaukee that afternoon.

With the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee as headquarters, the AGM will continue. Thursday morning

will see the State Commissioner and Conveners Meeting and a visit to the Johnson Company. That evening, you are on your own to visit the Irishfest with entertainment by the likes of the Chili Pipers.

Friday, visits to the Milwaukee Domes and the Clan Donald Board Meeting are scheduled. Lunch is on your own. You may visit the Milwaukee Art Museum, Veteran's Park, the Burns Statue, MacLaren House at UWM and the Harley Davidson Exhibition grounds.

That evening is the formal night with Emile Pandolfi entertaining. She is a talented pianist who married a Macdonald.

Saturday, there are genealogy and DNA research seminars and the Annual General Meeting for everyone. Afterwards, everyone may visit Irishfest for the rest of the day.

On Sunday morning, there will be a church service in Clan Donald's Hospitality Room.

If you would like more information on this gathering, you may visit <http://www.clandonaldmwgp.org> or www.thepfisterhotel.com or www.irishfest.com.



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Does anyone recognize this tree?

This tree was featured in many movies. Give up?

Our traveling *BNFT* reporter, Miss Narra The Wonder Cat, sent us this photograph while she was vacationing near Wakulla Springs, just south of Tallahassee, Florida.

Miss Narra says that this is the tree that Tarzan would stand on to do his famous “Tarzan yell!”

Many of the Tarzan movies were shot in this location.

Do not worry, Miss Narra is fine. She was exhausted after her trip to “the wedding” in London and decided to take a few days vacation. We surely do thank her for sending this picture!

A letter from your editor...
**Please read this before
you see the two pages (12-13)
of Mule Day photos!**

Here's just a little "back story" about the photographs on pages 12 - 13 of this publication.

I reckon I have lost maybe 10,000 images over the past 10 years through computer crashes. It took awhile for me to figure out I needed an external hard drive that automatically backs up in the middle of each night...but I mourn some of those pictures that have been lost.

Among them are photos taken at Mule Day held each November just north of Tallahassee, Florida in Calvary, Georgia. I went every year.

For the last 2 months, I have been moving my things from my house to storage upstairs at Tom's. For the last week, I have been moving hundreds of books from my cluttered and very crowded office at Tom's...lugging the books upstairs to newly vacated bookcases hauled to Tom's from my house. (The books that were on those shelves are in boxes, packed neatly, awaiting the house that is in our future!)

Imagine my delight to find a disc containing the photographs shown on pages 12

and 13 - and lots more from that day.

I remember the day clearly as it was my first time taking photos with a digital camera. It was a good camera for the time, but, to my dismay, there was a "lag" between when I asked it to take the picture and when it decided to go "snap." This is NOT a good thing when you are photographing horses, mules and other fast-moving critters and folks.

Amazingly, I did get some really nice

shots.

I hope you enjoy the pictures as much as I have in editing them for this *BNFT* issue.

What does this have to do with things Scottish?

Like most of us in the Scottish community, I am a Highlander...and also a part of the Border Clans.

My father, you see, was Daniel Clifton Palmer and the Palmer's are an allied family

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to the wonderful old Border Reiver Clan of Home!

Many of us are kin to those who were “horse improvers”...that is, they would rustle horses from the English and feed them and train them and then sell them back to the English in a different part of the country. An honourable way of life for centuries.

A time or two I’ve seen wonderful buckskin quarter horses who have made my heart wish to fold them into my car neatly and bring them home! I get those urges honestly although, so far, I have resisted them!

Not many folks know nowadays that I am not just the lady who marches around at Highland Games hawking my publication. Underneath the ladylike facade lurks a real “cowboy”. Not the silly “cowgirl” but someone who rides like a serious working cowboy and who spent years and years learning those skills from Mr. Floyd Lingle and Mr. Buddy Barnett down Kissimmee way. (Oh, how I miss both of those wonderful and kind gentlemen who taught me so much.)

I offer as proof the new hip installed almost 4 years ago. It was needed not because of the years that had passed, but because of a little 800 pound horse who chunked me higher than the tree by the arena

fence...whapping me on the head as I rocketed skyward rendering me out like a light...and the landing from that brief flight broke my pelvis and hurt that hip.

I did get right back on that horse and by the end of the day, he would go quietly and properly. That was before I knew about the pelvis and hip.

It will not be a surprise to any of my friends that my head was hard enough to survive the whapping without any injury at all.

Did I mention right about then, I was working very hard and studiously on riding bare-back broncs?

Good old Arthritis went to the hurt place and thirty years

later, the hip was just gone. (It’s fine now.)

I think I still hold the record for most “Best Dressed and Best Mounted” entrant awards in the Silver Spurs Rodeo parades in Kissimmee and St. Cloud.

Anyway, I get my love of “fat stock” from my grandmother, Annie Roberta McDonald Bishop, who loved horses above all, but also loved cattle and sheep and all of the critters on the farm.

Loving horses and cattle, etc., is truly a Scottish trait!

Hope you like the pictures! I’m glad I found them!



Beth and Sweet Thing

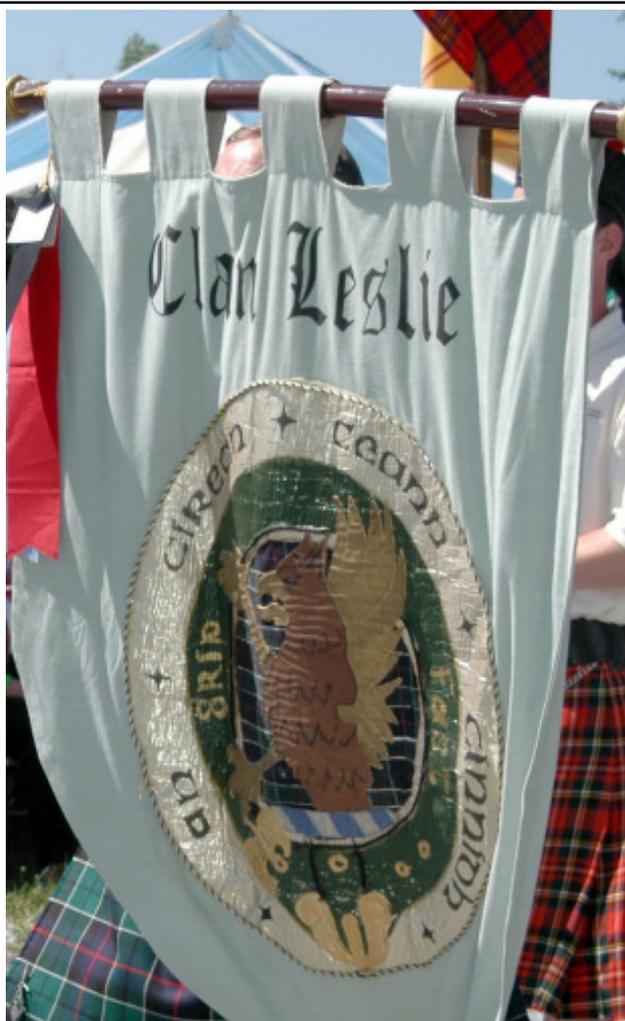
Chapel of Garioch to become Clan Leslie Chapel of Northeast Scotland

With thanks to *Gripfast*, the newsletter of the Clan Leslie and William Leslie

David Leslie from Leslie initiated the process of naming the Chapel of the Garioch as the Clan Leslie Chapel of North East Scotland. At a meeting of the Kirk Session of Blairdaff and Chapel of Garioch Church, on the 4th May, 2011, it was approved that Chapel of Garioch Church be recognised as the Clan Leslie Chapel for the North East of Scotland.

The Chief of Clan Leslie, the Honourable Alexander Leslie also approved this designation of the Church. The hand of fellowship was also offered by the Church to Leslies from all over the world who will be welcome to visit and worship in Chapel of Garioch Church.

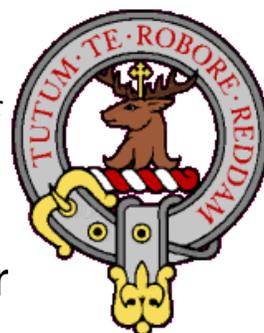
The Clan Leslie Society International has passed a motion welcoming this event and has asked Laura Messing to design a suitable plaque to be installed inside the church.



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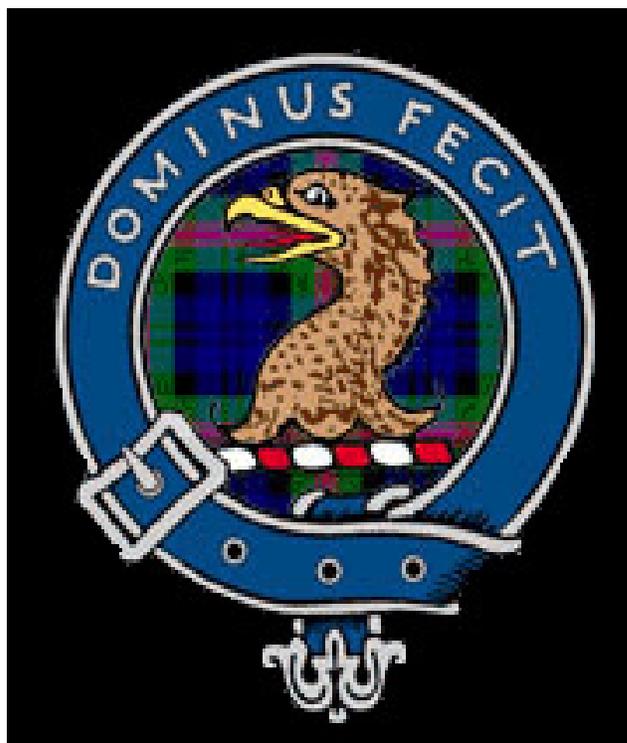
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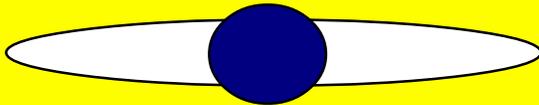
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The European beaver is being reintroduced into Wales after an absence of some 900 years at a 75-acre site in Ceredigion.

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An MA in Manx Studies is now being offered by the University of Liverpool, offering graduate students the opportunity of pursuing their Master of the Arts degrees in a variety of subjects, including Manx history, archaeology, culture and language, while spending a year's residence on the island.

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A Highlander And His Books....

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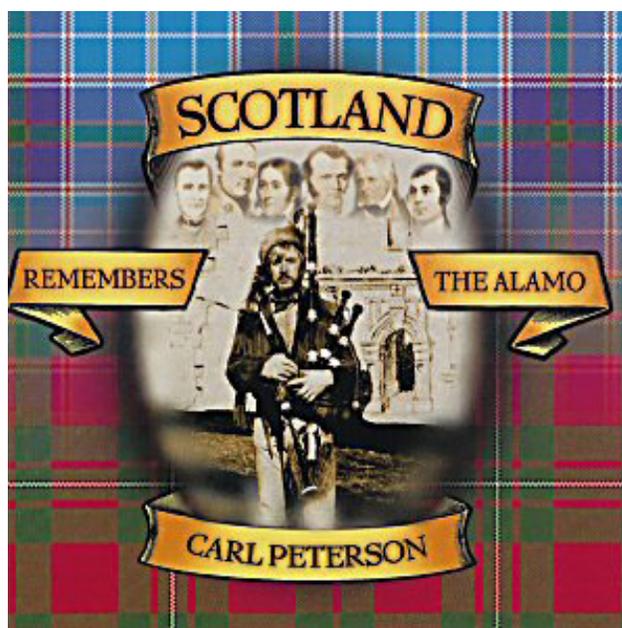
Reviewed By Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot, Dawsonville, GA

The Alamo Connection of Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott

Carl Peterson is a multi-talented man. He sings. He writes music. He plays the guitar. He tours. He is one of Scotland's top recording artists (I have more CDs by Carl Peterson than any other Scottish artist). He has his own recording studio. He flies his own plane. And, now, he is an author. I knew he could sing. I did not know he could write, but he does, and quite well!

Carl has written an unusual book about the Alamo and the influence of the Scotch-Irish, or Ulster Scots, as they were known in Britain. Scotch-Irish, you ask? Yes, 70% of the 200 or so men defending the Alamo were of Scotch-Irish ancestry. John MacGregor played the pipes at the Alamo before losing his life there, and it's said there was a fiddler who played Scottish tunes at the Alamo. Some say his name was Davy Crockett.

Sam Houston, of Scottish ancestry, read both Scottish history and the works of Robert Burns to inspire himself and his army to victory against Mexico. It was Houston who scattered a plea for volunteers throughout the



countryside by declaring:

“Freeman“Freemen of Texas
To Arms! To Arms!
Now's The Day,
And Now's The
Hour”

Maybe the
next time you read
Scots Wha Ha'e,

you will have a better appreciation of these words that come from the pen of Robert Burns. It would not be the last time Hous-

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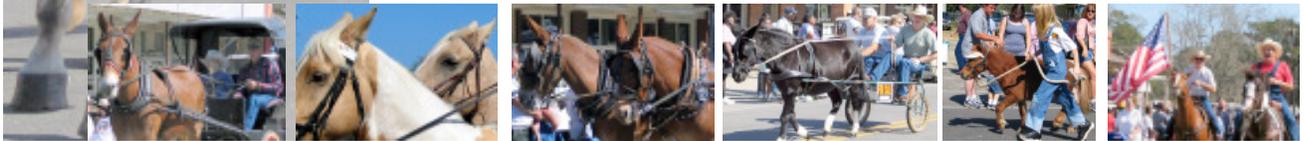
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Mule Day calvary, GA 2003





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The 56th Annual Grandfather Mountain Games Will Be Held July 7th-10th, 2011, Linville, NC

*Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
Celebrating 55 Years of Excellence*



Tentative event schedules for 2011

Thursday, July 7th

Picnic, Torchlight Ceremony & Sheep Herding

4:30 PM Picnic - Food concessions are available at MacRae Meadows or you can bring your own.

Scottish Entertainment - Traditional Celtic Music. Performers to be announced

Sheep Herding: Sheep Herding with Border Collies on the field.

7 PM The Bear: Assault on Grandfather - This five-mile footrace climbs 1,568 feet in elevation from the town of Linville to the summit of Grandfather mountain. Over 800 runners will start up the Old Yonahlossee Road from Linville at 7 PM, circle the Highland Games track around 7:15, and head up the Grandfather Mountain summit road.

More Sheep Herding

Torchlight Ceremony: Opening ceremony announcing each participating Clan's arrival to the Games

Friday, July 8th

7:30 AM **The Grizzly Bike Race**

9 AM **MacRae Meadows Opens:** Preliminary athletic competition, sheep herding, music/dancing exhibitions. Celtic Groves will be open and other activities will highlight the day.

Opening Ceremonies

Highland Wrestling Clinic for children
Children's Tent and Field Activities
Harp Workshop
Sheep Herding
History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents
Highland Dancing Pre-Championship
Lochaber Trump Competition in the Harp and Fiddling Tent

3:00 PM Day events completed, preparation begins for **Celtic Jam**

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Presents:
7 - 11 PM **Celtic Music Jam Concert** tracing the evolution of Celtic Music from the ancient to the contemporary at MacRae Meadows.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents
8:00 PM - 12 AM **Scottish Country Dance Gala** - Williams Gymnasium at Lees-McRae College. \$25 dancers / \$10 spectators. (Tickets sold only at the door).

Saturday, July 9th

7:00 AM **Mountain Marathon** begins in Boone, NC. Runners will arrive at Games track around 9:30 AM. Among the most strenuous marathons in the nation.

7:30 AM **MacRae Meadows Opens**

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The 56th Annual Grandfather Mountain Games Will Be Held July 7th-10th, 2011

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Amateur Heavy Athletic Qualifying Begins Competition begins for Highland Dancing

Atlantic International Championship, piping, drumming, Scottish athletic events, track & field events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish fiddling, and Scottish harp.

Children's Highland Wrestling Competition Sheep Herding

Massed Bands on track

Opening Ceremonies

History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents

Children's Tent Activities

Celtic Grove Music

Highland Wrestling

Harp Competitions

Pre-Premier Highland Dance Competition

NC Provincial Gaelic Mod

Scottish Fiddling Workshop & Jam Session

7:00 PM Celtic Rock Concert at MacRae

Meadows. \$15 Adults / \$5 Children age 5-12

Sunday, July 10th

8:00 AM MacRae Meadows Opens

**Scottish Heavy Athletic Demonstration and
Clinic**

Prelude Music for Worship Service Begins

9:00 AM Scottish Worship Service Outside main gate, bring a folding chair. Includes Kirkin' of the Tartans.

Children's Border Collie Demonstration on the main field.

Celtic Grove Entertainment Begins

Parade of Tartans Guests of Honor & Distinguished Guests are introduced as all members of the sponsoring clans are invited to march in the parade behind the massed pipe bands.

Scottish Fiddling Competition

Atlantic International **Highland Dance Championship** Competition.

Competition takes place throughout the day for Scottish athletic events, sheep herding, kilted miles, children's events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish

harp, Clan Tugs-of-War. Celtic Grove entertainment continues.

History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents

Sheep Herding Demonstration

4:00 PM Closing Ceremonies

to order tickets, etc.
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ton quoted Burns. Other Scottish writers influenced the men at the Alamo. Sir Walter Scott would figure prominently in songs and stories. Lord Byron, not given enough credit for his Scottishness, also played a part. Byron was brought up in Aberdeen by his Scottish mother and once said of himself that he was “half a Scot and bred a whole one”. These Scotch-Irish knew of the battles of Wallace and Bruce and their defeats and victories over the massive armies of the father and son team of Edward I and Edward II. Those brave lads took this knowledge with them to their graves at the Alamo.

William Barrett Travis, a South Carolina native, and eventually the Alamo commander, had in his possession Sir Walter Scott’s *Ivanhoe*, *Waverly*, and *The Black Dwarf*, as well as Jane Porter’s *The Scottish Chiefs*. Travis also read Lord Byron, and he emulated the heroic characters found in these books. Ironically, the son of Travis was named Charles Edward, two of the names of Bonnie Prince Charlie. Both Travis and Houston read Burns, Scott, and Byron widely. Scott was the favorite author of Travis who was 26 years old when he died at the Alamo.

There are many unusual characters in the book. None more so than Moses Rose, who fought in Naples, Portugal, Spain and Russia. He is the man who told of Travis drawing the “line in the sand”. True or not,

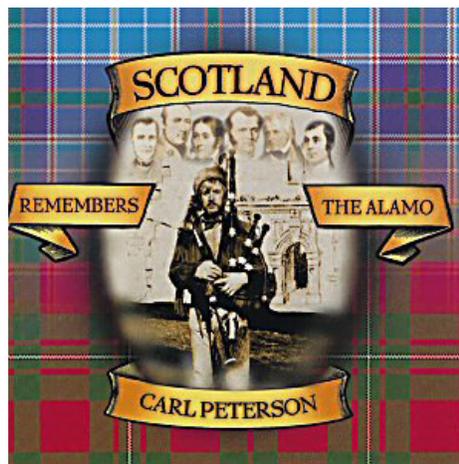
it sure sounds good! This friend of James Bowie was the only one not to cross the line. He was a mercenary of sorts, and when asked later why he did not stay for the last few days of the siege of the Alamo, he replied, “By God, I was not ready to die”.

Peterson tells us “the primary reason for this book is to demonstrate through the music how important the Scottish spirit was in Texas and at the Alamo”. Peterson goes on to point out “when you understand the history then you understand the music, for the music connects the people to their culture, present and past, and especially to their history...”

In addition to *Now’s The Day, Now’s The Hour*, you will want to purchase *Scotland Remembers the Alamo*, a CD released by Carl in 2001, which is a natural companion to the music section of this book. I’m listening to it now as I type these words, and I can feel in my bones what Carl Peterson is singing and writing about.

I enjoy a good read as much as the next fellow, and *Now’s The Day, Now’s The Hour* is just that – a good read. I love history, and I love music. I read a lot of the former and listen to a lot of the latter. I picked this manuscript up with a question in my mind and put it down with an exclamation in my heart! Make that a song. Many of you, like me, will find this to be a quick

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Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2011

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Eliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Eliots of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

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For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership it allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

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voting quorum)*

Flowers of the Forest

Eva “Eve” Stella Powell Skeen - March 20, 1925 until May 20, 2011. Eva “Eve” Stella Powell Skeen was born March 20, 1925 in Gardner, MA.

She later resided in Winston-Salem, NC. She passed away unexpectedly on the morning of Friday, May 20, 2011.

She was a cheerful and giving wife and mother during her lifetime and also a wonderful grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved to dance and was once named a jitterbug champion at Fitchburg High. She also studied real estate and flower design during her long career as a homemaker. During later years, she worked at Oak Hill Country Club in Fitchburg, MA, until she retired.

Eve possessed a great sense of humor, was always a gracious hostess and a fabulous cook, an avid reader, beach lover, and fan of crooners and big band music.

She was married to A.T. “Tom” Skeen, former U.S. Army, for 24 years.

She is survived by her children: Gerald Arthur Skeen, former U.S. Army, Brockton, MA; Linda Sue Skeen Williams, Winston-Salem, NC; Debra Anne Skeen Perret, Clemmons, NC; Thomas Forrest Skeen, Forsyth, GA; and Susan Lee Skeen House, Winter Garden, FL; and her grandchildren: Stephanie Lacy, Michael Skeen, Keri McNair, Dawn Stewart, Zachary Perret, Michael Perret, Steven Skeen, Kathryn Skeen, and Molly House; and her great-grandchildren: Hannah, Ian and Scott Lacy, Owen and Andrew McNair, and Jaxon Stewart.

She was preceded in death by her son, Steven James Skeen, U.S. Army.

Eve never missed a birthday or a Christmas gift and always loved a good book at the beach.

The family would like to give special remembrance to the families of Nick Kandianis and Ronnie

Bizzotto, longtime friends from MA.

A Gathering of Friends was held at Salem Funerals and Cremations, 120 Main Street, Winston-Salem, NC, on Sunday, May 22, 2011.

A celebration of her life was held at the home of Peter and Debra Perret in Clemmons following the Gathering of Friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103. Online condolences may be posted at www.salemfh.com. WS 61760

Cara Johnson, a proud Clan Donald Celtic woman, died last September 22 of an aggressive form of leukemia. She was a wonderful, spirited woman who always had a hearty laugh and dazzling smile for everyone. She loved people, told great stories and savored good food and wine. She and her family enjoyed Scottish



Country Dancing and Celtic music. She thrilled over her travels to Scotland and to Africa and was always willing to share her discoveries.

Gaynelle Pigg McDaniel, age 75, died last July 24. She died at home following an extended illness. She was a retired Licensed Practical Nurse and a member of Colbert Heights Baptist Church, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, MOCA, American Legion Auxiliary and Clan Donald USA. She is survived by husband, Z. Murray McDaniel of Sheffield, Alabama and children: Carlton Martin (Marilyn) of Killen, Billy G Martin and Bobby H. Martin of Tusculumbia, William T. (Amie) Bendall of Leighton and stepson, Phillip McDaniel of Mississippi; Martha N. (Randy) Brown of Florence, Gina L. (Jon) Myers of Tusculumbia, stepdaughter, An

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A Highlander and his books, *continued from page 16*

read. It is a fascinating book about a subject many of us have not thought or read about. The first part is history. The second part is music. Both are like two sides of the same coin, you can't have one without the other. To the author, I simply say that I look forward to your next CD and maybe, one day, you will gift us with another book. Both will be winners! Or, to use the coin analogy again, both will be sterling! (4/29/04)

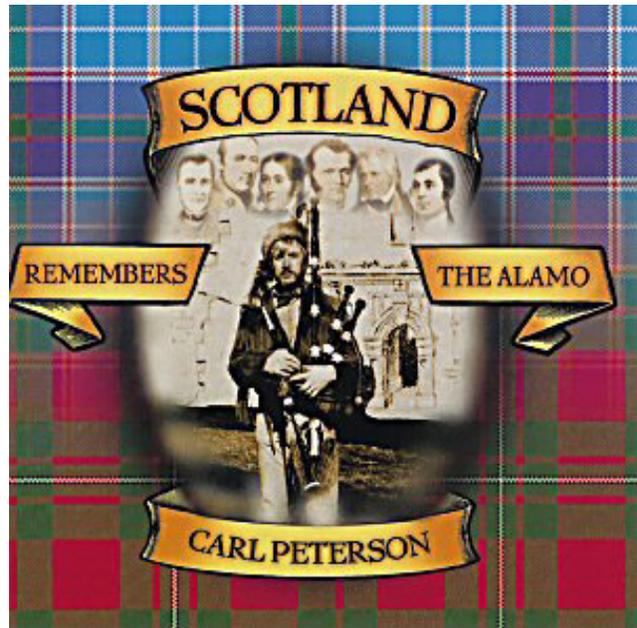
Dream Catcher Publishing, Inc., owned and run by Dwan Guthrie Hightower of Clan Guthrie is proud to announce the release of Carl Peterson's new book: *Now's the Day and Now's the Hour*. It is a brief history of how Scotland remembers the Alamo. With poems, verses, songs, lyrics and musical scores of the music popular at that time and played at the Alamo.

This intriguing Scottish insight into the battle at the Alamo gives a completely and historically accurate look at the men who fought and died at the Alamo.

This book can be purchased from Dream Catcher Publishing 888-771-2800 or 850-647-3637 or www.DreamCatcherPublishing.net or Amazon.com or at all fine book stores.

Carl will be selling his book at Grand Father Mountain , drop in at his tent and get a signed copy and an accompanying CD of the music.

Scotland Remembers the Alamo
the companion CD
to Carl Peterson's
Now's the Day, Now's the Hour



Flowers of the Forest, *continued from page 19*

gel Wilson of Canada, a brother W.J. Pigg of Murray, Kentucky and twelve grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Dr. Etna Little Palmer McCullough, 95, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, died last November 19. She was buried in Princeton, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred C. McCullough, who passed away in April of 2009. Her husband served as Past MidSouth Regional Commissioner for Clan Donald USA.

Mrs. McCullough was known professionally as Dr. Palmer. She was a clinician at Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies from 1953-1968, a part-time clinical and medical consultant at Oak Ridge Health and Welfare Department from 1964-1973 and part-time clinician at Anderson County Family planning Clinic from 1972-1974, a clinician for Planned Parenthood Association of the Southern Mountains from 1975-1979 and staff physician at Oak Ridge National Laboratory from 1977-1985..

She is survived by her daughter, Maris McCullough Ryan, son-in-law Jim Ryan and granddaughters Sarah and Sharon Ryan, all of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Britons of Strathclyde

Scottish District Families Association member, **Adam Bigham** from East Lansing, Michigan, sent the following article.

An important kingdom in the history of Scotland is that of the Britons: specifically the Britons of Strathclyde. After Roman rule was withdrawn from Britain at the beginning of the 5th century, several kingdoms gradually emerged. That which was later called Strathclyde was based on the British tribal division of the Damnonii around Dumbarton, or Alcluith, “the Rock of the Clyde.” At its greatest extent, Strathclyde stretched as far south and southeast as to include Galloway and Cumbria. Linguists classify the language of the ancient Britons as a Brythonic (or Brittonic) Celtic language.

A mid-5th century ruler, Ceretic was accused by St Patrick of capturing young Irish men and women and selling them as slaves to the Picts. It is not recorded that Ceretic ceased his trading, and no doubt the profitability of the slave trade helped establish the strong kingdom of Alcluith. Patrick wrote a second time to admonish the king.

In one account of Patrick’s life, Ceretic apparently had a premonition that his time had come and, in full view of his court, he was transformed into a fox and ran away.

Patrick identifies himself as a Briton in his works, his autobiographical Confession and his Letter to Ceretic. He was captured as a young man from his father’s estate, possibly in Cumbria, and escaped from captivity in Ireland after about six years. He later returned to Ireland as a missionary, and his success is legendary.

Another missionary associated with Strathclyde is St Kentigern, the patron saint of Glasgow, there known as St Mungo, which means, “dear friend”. He was brought up and taught at Culross by St Serf, and was active in attempting to con-

vert the Britons of Strathclyde, Cumbria and Wales. King Rhydderch Hen (the Old) summoned Kentigern from the monastery the saint built at Llanelwy, as the king sought to spread Christianity throughout the land. Reigning c580-612, Rhydderch’s Christian practice was probably exceptional in his time, for he was also called Rhydderch Hael, “the Generous”. He is best known from the story of his queen’s infidelity, the “salmon with the ring” miracle. Having gained knowledge of the affair, the king summoned the young soldier to accompany him

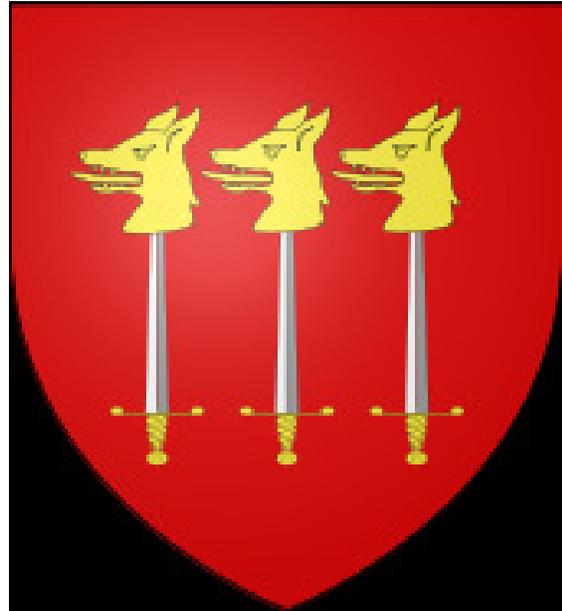
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on a hunt, during which they reclined on the bank of the Clyde for a rest. With marked self-restraint, the king pulled the royal ring off the sleeping man's finger and threw it into the Clyde Water.

The king demanded its return from queen Langueth, and since her lover apparently lost it, she sent a messenger to Kentigern, entreating a remedy. By the order of Saint Kentigern in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the messenger of the queen was sent with a fishhook and captured a fish in the river. He brought the captured fish to the saint and when it was cut up found the ring, which delivered the queen.

She zealously corrected her life for the future, for she restrained her feet from another such fall. Nevertheless she never revealed to anyone the sign by which the Lord magnified his mercy to her while her husband lived, but after his death she let it be known to all who wished. It is recorded that Rhydderch and Kentigern died in the year 612. The present splendid Glasgow Cathedral, which is mainly medieval, is built over Kentigern's tomb.

Following Rhydderch's reign, the Angles of Northumbria and the Scots of Dalriada dominated the north of Britain, but Owen, reigning from 633-c45, restored the supremacy of Strathclyde, especially with a decisive victory over the Scots at the battle of Strathcarron in 642. The Northumbrian

kingdom grew into a great power in the following decades, but at the battle of Nechtansmere in 685, the Picts with their king Brude MacBile killed the Northumbrian king Ecfriith and slaughtered his army.

During Teudebur's reign as king of Strathclyde, 722-52, the ascendance was with the Picts under their powerful king, Angus, who dominated northern Britain during the period 730-750.

However Teudebur overcame the Picts at the battle of Mygedawg in 750. Angus survived the battle, but his brother Talorgen was killed. Angus lent his help to Eadbert of Northumbria to attack



Dumbarton in 756. Dumbarton fell, but, on the homeward journey, the combined army was engaged by the Britons and devastated. Still, the kingdom of Strathclyde may have been subordinate to Northumbria for much of the next century.

Artgal was ruler from probably sometime in the 850s until 872. From late in the 8th century the power of Northumbria had been on the decline, but the rise in power of the Scots under Kenneth MacAlpin, and the start of Viking raids along the western coast, did not work in Artgal's favor.

The Vikings besieged Dumbarton Rock for four months in 870-1, cutting off the water supply. Thus in 871 Dumbarton was destroyed, and many inhabitants were ab-

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Suggested Pet Policy at Highland

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1. Patron pet policy:

We at the Faire welcome pets owned by responsible owners. To make the festival enjoyable for all the following rules are established. Pets shall be admitted through the pet entrance. Only ONE pet per owner will be admitted. Only pets in good health will be admitted. Pets are limited to the following: dogs, cats, fish, guinea pigs, gerbils, rabbits, hamsters, rats, mice, birds and ferrets.

All pets will be registered with an owner signed liability waiver prior to entry to the festival grounds. Prior mail in registration is encouraged. Contact festival office for registration forms. Owners will provide the following: Name/address phone number of owner, proof of current vaccinations

(rabies/distemper/Parvo/ feline leukemia and other state required vaccinations). Name, address and phone number of veterinarian.

All pet owners will pay a five dollar non-refundable fee and will be issued a numbered pet tag (luggage tag) which will be worn on the pets' collar at all times. All pets will wear a owner provided I.D. on their collar. Pets without owner I.D. on their collar will not be admitted. All pets will be photographed at the entrance gate. Pet waste clean up items (plastic bag) will be issued at the registration gate.

Leashes shall be no longer than 4 feet. All pets will wear two collars, one with I.D. and a second for leash control

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ducted into slavery. Artgal was murdered in the following year through the treachery of Constantine, king of the Scots.

King Eochaid ruled the last years of Strathclyde's independence. He allied himself with Giric of Scotland, both of whom reigned from 878-889. Donald, the son of Constantine, killed Giric at Dundurn and deposed king Eochaid. He became Donald II of Scotland and imposed rule over Strathclyde until his death in the year 900. Within the first year of the Scottish king's rule, many of the surviving British nobles fled to northern Wales, to the court of Anarawd of Gwynedd.

Scottish rule continued until 908, when the kingship of Strathclyde was reestablished. The British again had some form of control, but Strathclyde existed as a sub-kingdom that was usually ruled by the heir to the Scottish throne. Strathclyde effectively merged with Scotland after Owen the

Bald, fighting alongside the Scots, was killed at the Battle of Carham in 1018. This important victory over Northumbria regained Lothian for Scotland.

Cumbria was lost to and regained from England several times, until finally lost in 1092, when the Norman king William Rufus fortified Carlisle. Expanding from the Lennox district south through Dumfriesshire, west to the Firth of Clyde, Strathclyde was once a powerful realm in its own right.

Until Scotland increased in the 11th century and Gaelic became the dominant language, Strathclyde likely remained Cumbric-speaking. At that time Cumbric agreed closely with Welsh, which now survives as the Brittonic language (that is both written and spoken) in Britain. At the close of the 11th century, the southern border of Scotland was constituted nearly to that of present day. Consequently, this region's history remains inherent in the history of Scotland.

The Other 70%

Judith Lloyd, president Scottish District Families Association

Scotland's Lowlanders' heritage is made up of several different races including an Irish Celtic tribe (the Scots) who invaded the Lowland areas in the 3rd and 4th centuries and established colonies there.

Much later the Lowlands was the area separating England from the Highlands. In the skirmishes and wars between the latter two the Lowlands were continual battlefields, and suffered total destruction of their farms and other lands many times by both sides (the Highlanders to prevent the English from having supplies to aid in their advance, and the English in revenge). They also added to their own land destruction through the planting of the same crop continually, thus stripping the lands of the nutrients required and causing crop yields to diminish or become non-existent. Thus the life of a Lowlander was unstable and eventually untenable.

The people of the Lowlands were mostly strong Presbyterian, and, in the reign of the Catholic James 1st (James the 6th of Scotland) were persecuted by the Crown of England.

When James decided to set up his plantation of Ulster (he had already successfully set

up the Jamestown Plantation in 1607 in the colonies) he meant for Englishmen to settle there in addition to some of his Scottish supporters. James also saw it as a place to send 'pesky' Scottish border families to quiet the border between Scotland and England. The English did not do as well as the Scots on the Ulster Plantation. Their lands at 'home' were more profitable, and many of them returned to England. Since it was only a 30 mile trip from Scotland to Northern Ireland thousands of Lowland Scots migrated to the Ulster



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Plantation, bringing with them their Presbyterian religion and their very strong feelings of independence from England. Hugh Montgomery and James Hamilton, who had been given

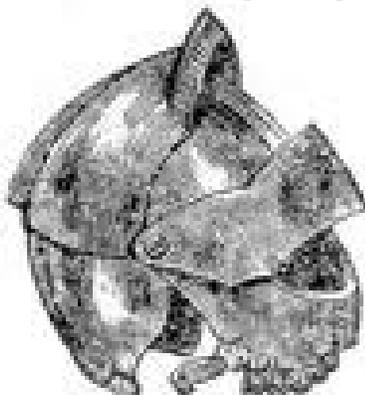


land in the Ulster Plantation by James, were instrumental in assisting many Scots in the Ayrshire and Galloway regions to leave their homes and obtain land in the Plantation. This was surely not what James had had in mind. The areas of Antrim (which had already been settled by Scots since the 1400's)

and County Down became inhabited almost totally by Scots. At this time Highlanders were

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Ulster Ireland

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totally banned from the Plantation.

The Scots prospered here with agriculture, the raising of animals, and growing flax for linen production.

The language spoken was Ulster-Scots. At one time this was the main language spoken in Belfast. Now the language is spoken only in some rural areas. Some of the words and phrases here in the U.S. are said to have originated from Scots Ulster. The most intriguing one I've seen was a reference to y'all owing its existence to the Scots Ulster word 'yis aa' (meaning you all). There are also words that we associate with Scotland as Scottish words, (such as nicht – night) which are really Scots-Ulster in origin.

In 1641 the Irish rebelled against these 'invaders' of their lands and in surprise attacks killed many Ulster Scots in an effort to rout them from their lands. The war lasted 8 years and at its end the Scots were still in Ulster. (However the skirmishes continue to this day between

Northern Ireland – Ulster, and the Irish Republic).

In the 1800s the Highland Clearances created another migration to Ulster. Though these were in the main, Highlanders, the population still remained Lowland ancestry. Though the American term given to these people is Scotch-Irish, these people did not and still do not consider themselves Irish.

It is said that if you live in Northern Ireland and you are protestant, that your ancestry began in the Lowlands of Scotland – or (if you will reread the first paragraph of this article) did it? Perhaps the people in Ulster have simply come full circle?

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(2nd collar is case leash slips off pet). All leashes shall have a secure loop hand strap. NO retractable leashes will be allowed. NO FEMALES IN HEAT will be allowed. ALL PETS WILL BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES. No muzzled pets will be admitted.

Our festival has animal attractions and acts which are disrupted by the presence of unfamiliar animals. Pet owners will adhere to the requests of said animal acts/attractions to not bring their pets around and cause disruptions to our contracted animal acts and attractions.

Pet waste will be cleaned up by pet owner and disposed of in waste containers provided. Water for pets will be available at the bathroom areas (water tanks).

Pet owners, CURB YOUR PETS, Do not allow them to relieve themselves where others walk, be mindful of our vendors merchandise and tents. Do not let your pet relieve themselves or spray on their tents or goods. Pet owners are responsible for any damage they pet may cause. Owners will be required to control where their pets urinate and defecate, avoid pathways, tents and props.

Pet injuries (scratches/bites) or damage shall be reported to First Aid or security, immediately. Owner and victim shall provide festival with incident report and owner information.

Unruly, nervous, noisy, aggressive, or ill pets will not be admitted. Determination of suitability of shall be the sole discretion of the faire staff.

Failure to adhere to the above will have the pet and owner escorted to the gate without refund.

2. For participants.

The following has been compiled to allow the enjoyment for all at our festival:

All animals/birds/reptiles will be registered at the faire office. Participants will provide proof of vaccinations (rabies/distemper/Parvo/ feline distemper and other state required vaccinations). Also, owners name, address, phone number, veterinarians name, address and phone number. Animals that birth young during festival run shall have all worming and vaccinations required for their species. ALL animals will wear owner provided I.D. with the owners name and phone number at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

Noisy, unruly and aggressive animals will not be tolerated. If your pet is one of the aforementioned. Do not bring it to our festival. Such determination shall be the sole discretion of the festival staff. All pets (including cats) will be leashed fenced or confined at ALL TIMES. If you are a cat or dog owner who allows their pet to free range, do not bring the pet to our festival. We have other animal acts and a petting zoo where there are horses, small animals and birds which would be stressed and or injured by a free ranging cat or dog. Free roaming pets are a danger and stressful to contracted performing animals and native wildlife. How would you like a free ranging cat or dog to harass and kill your caged bunnies or doves you use in your magic act? This policy cannot be emphasized strongly enough. Animals found to be free-rang-

ing, or off lead shall have the owner subject to a \$100.00 fine. A second incident shall have the offending animal ejected from the festival. Animals found free-ranging shall be taken to the local shelter. Owner shall be responsible for any fees in recovering their pet. The same animal shall not be re-admitted to festival property. Owner will have to find other accommodations for the offending animal off festival property (example: boarding).

Owners shall be responsible for any damage their pets may cause. Any damage, bites or injuries shall be reported immediately to first aid or the festival office. Owner and victim shall each complete an incidence report.

Any patron contact with your pet during festival hours is prohibited by our insurance provider. Unless you are a contract animal act or attraction (such as the petting zoo, animal rides or a stage act that features animals or birds). Pets are allowed at booths during festival hours. They are to be kept out of sight and QUIET. Noisy animals are a terrible distraction and shall be removed from the festival. Crating of your pet during festival hours is strongly recommended. If leashed, leashes shall not exceed 6 feet. Pets will wear two collars, one with owners I.D. The second collar is for leash control. Make sure your pet has access to fresh water all times during festival hours. A hanging steel bucket will not spill and is easily cleaned.

CURB YOU PET!!! Do not allow your pet to relieve itself on others props. Have you pet relieve itself away from where people walk, be mindful of our vendors tents and merchandise. Pet owners are required to clean up pet waste promptly and dispose of waste in containers provided. FEMALES IN HEAT will not be allowed in the festival during festival hours.

Be neat with your pet food. Do not leave pet food outside unattended. Clean up any pet food that has been spilled. Bring in dishes after pet has been fed. Do not leave pet food dishes out at night after your pet has been fed. Spilled, unattended pet food attracts vermin (rats, crows, skunks, gulls, raccoons, coyotes, etc). Lets prevent a vermin problem before it happens.

Failure to adhere to the above rules shall have the pet ejected from the festival after one warning.

3. Pet Gate Procedure

It is recommended that the Screeners be volunteers from the local Humane Society, Obedience Clubs, or Breed Rescue Groups. The proceeds from the pet admission fee can be used as a fund raiser for these groups. On warm days, make sure owners are not leaving their pets locked in cars. Most states have laws which allow police to break into locked cars to rescue pets in distress and take them to the nearest shelter.

Only one pet per owner is admitted.

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Only pets in good health and displaying good behavior will be admitted. The festival will not admit the following: sick, nervous, noisy, unruly (leash lunges, barking at passers by), growling, animals. Such determination shall be the sole discretion of festival staff.

Allowed pets are limited to the following: dogs, cats, guinea pigs, gerbils, rabbits, hamsters, rats, mice, pot bellied pigs, ferrets, sugar gliders, hedgehogs.

Animals not listed above will need prior clearance. No primates, raccoons, skunks, foxes, squirrels or other native mammalian wildlife will be admitted.

All past registered pet owners will receive a PET Pre-Qualification and waiver form by mail.

All pet owners will be directed through the pet gate and read and understand, and sign the Pet Rules.

Every pet owner must provide proof of current rabies vaccination and other state required vaccinations, through a current rabies tag or vaccination certificate.

Each pet will receive a numbered identification tag (numbered key tag). The owner's name and phone number will be recorded on the pet's tag.

Each pet will be photographed. This photograph will have the number of the corresponding Pet I.D. tag.

Pet owner will receive tools (plastic bag, and glove) for pet waste clean up. Additional supplies will be available at the Pet Waste Area (near the privies).

The pet admission fee is \$5.00.

4. Celtic Festival Dog Rules

Dog Tickets Required: \$4.00
(Portion of ticket price assists AARF, a local animal charity)

A reasonably priced ticket is helpful to encourage responsible dog owners. Sharing this ticket profit with a dog rescue group makes it very "friendly" and the dog group should help take the tickets and give you more staff to work with as they are the beneficiaries. Once ticket is purchased, give each dog a collar tag (luggage tag) that it must wear. The collar tags are a great sponsorship opportunity with the sponsors name on one side and the dogs name and address on the other. **ALSO, GIVE THEM A BAGGIE FOR CLEAN-UP**

One Dog Per Person

An absolute must. One person cannot handle more than one dog. No exceptions.

Proof of Current Rabies Vaccination

Current tag on collar or paper certificate. Without proof, **NO ENTRY**. Be sure to advertise this information with your event from the very beginning. A pet policy recording on your festival voice mail would also be helpful. Minnesota Renaissance festival has a voicemail stating the pet rules for customers who wish to bring their pets. (Allowing dog owner to call veterinarians office for confirmation of rabies inoculation at the gate is messy, time consuming and



most vets close at noon on Saturdays. Have sign at ticket table stating all rules in writing and well displayed

Standard Leads Only - No Retractable Leashes

Contact a local pet store for sponsorship or cut rate in purchasing some standard leashes. Loan a standard leash to those with the retractable type. (Selling leashes doesn't work well) Keep the retractable leash and exchange when they leave.

Dogs Must Be Under Control at All Times

Your staff must know what the dog collar tags look like and be instructed to ask those without to get a ticket/tag or leave and follow up to be sure it happens!

Please Clean Up After Your Pet

This seems to work really well.

Most folks are so pleased to be able to bring their pets. Have a Parade of Dogs or some activity for them. When the animals are well behaved their people are too! Be aware that there are areas where greater control is necessary such as around other animal exhibits: Petting Zoo, Birds, Cows, Sheep and children — especially small ones with food. Have good caution signs in primary areas of concern.

This has worked very well for our Festival and I'll be glad to answer any questions:

Have a great event!