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Our Commander will be the Chief of the Games at Grandfather Mountain Festival, July 7-10, 2022



Clan Baird Society Worldwide is excited to announce that Richard, our Commander for Clan Baird, will be the Chief of the Games at Grandfather Mountain this year, and Clan Baird will be the Honored Clan.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at MacRae Meadow in July to celebrate Richard, our Clan, and our 50th Jubilee Anniversary of the Society.

Richard will be calling the Bairds to gather at the Calling of the Clans on *Thursday* evening, July 7th and we will be having

a social gathering at the Clan Baird Tents before the Calling begins. Please plan to come up the mountain on Thursday night and enjoy the ceremony with your kin.

Finger Foods and fun will begin at the tent about 6:30pm and the calling begins just at dark.

We will have three tents, as the Honored Clan, so please come out and enjoy the torchlight ceremony with us.

On *Friday*, the Clan Baird tents will be open and active. There are many activities on the mountain on Friday, and we hope you will come up and participate. If any of you are Clan Baird athletes, we hope you will be competing.

Saturday brings more competitions, and we will have a sandwich lunch at the tent. Please come by and enjoy lunch with Richard and his family. His mother, Lady Diana Holman, his wife, Polly, and son Angus are planning to be with us. Also, his cousin, Lady Iona Keith Hopkins, and her family, are planning to attend the Games. We have asked that the Keith tents be adjacent to the Baird tents, so that we can all celebrate having so many of our Scottish leaders with us.

Sunday is our day. The tartan parade is at 11:00 am and as you know, Branton Baird, our own kins-



man, is in charge of lining up and leading the march of all the clans. We hope to have many, many people participate in the parade this year. Bring your finest tartan clothing and kilts, and be part of honoring the Bairds and Keiths!

At 1:30 pm on Sunday, we will meet at the Memorial Cairn, where Richard's Grandfather, the Earl of Kintore, James Ian (Baird) Keith, supplied the stone from the old Auchmedden Estate, when the Cairn was built at Grandfather. There, we will have the installation of Richard as our Commander. COVID has kept us from having the ceremony for two years now, and this is indeed our year!

For further information about the Grandfather Mountain Games, their website is: gmhg.org

See you all in July!





2022-23 CLAN BAIRD SOCIETY WORLDWIDE

FAMILY GATHERINGS

Grandfather Mountain, NC & Scotland



Update

**The Clan Baird Society
Worldwide Anniversary
Gathering is in Scotland,
August 4 - 6, 2023**

These are exciting times for Clan Baird. The society is celebrating its 50th anniversary and we are doing it both in the USA and Scotland! We are still in the planning stages for this event, but we would love to see all of you at Grandfather Mountain (where the Society was formed in 1972), to kick off our celebrations, July 7-10, 2022, and then end the celebrations in Aboyne, Scotland, summer 2023. We are hoping for a very large Clan Baird turn out. If you have ever wanted to go to either Grandfather Festival and/or Scotland, we greatly encourage you to start planning your trips now.

Summer 2022

July 7-10, 2022

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is where we start our Jubilee Celebration kick-off. It is very important to make your reservations as soon as possible there. Hotels and rentals fill up very fast. We will begin on the mountain on Thursday evening for the calling of the clans and will have light refreshments in the Clan Baird tent for all. We will also be hosting Richard's installation ceremony as Commander and President of the Society on Saturday, July 9th, at 2:00 PM. Clan Baird will be a distinguished clan for the 2022 Grandfather Mountain Games, and we are so excited about that honour.

August 5, 2022

We are planning to meet at the Aboyne Highland Games, and the Baird tent near the beautiful village of Aboyne, Scotland. The trip will



be an individual Baird adventure. Each family will set up their travel plans. There are two set events for this trip. July 29th, we will be meeting with the community of New Aberdour, on the Old Auchmedden Estate, to discuss our plans for a Clan Baird Society Centre. Then we will converge on Aboyne, Scotland for our meetings and the Aboyne Highland Games from August 4-7. We will be planning the 2023 trip during these meetings.

Summer 2023 *The 50th Anniversary Scotland Trip*

We are still in the planning stages for this event. Please check back here to see updated information.

If you have questions please
contact Debra at
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SAVE THE DATES

July 7-10, 2021

Grandfather Mountain
Highland Games

July 29th, 2022

The Baird meeting at
New Aberdour Parish Hall and tour
of the old Auchmedden
Baird Estate, St. Drostan's Kirk

August 4-7, 2022

Aboyne Highland Festival

August 4-6, 2023

Clan Baird Jubilee Celebration
in Scotland



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We are delighted to announce that we have been in discussion with “House of Tartan”, one of the most respected suppliers of highland wear and tartan accessories in Scotland. Like our society, they were founded many years ago, in their case 25 years and in our case 50, and have built up a successful business both at home and internationally. We have agreed to form a partnership, which allows them to give our members exclusive space on their website.

Our dedicated Clan Baird online shop is already under construction - and new products are being added. It will become a One-Stop shop packed with all the many items which proudly show our Baird heritage in both ancient and modern tartans. Working with House of Tartan in the future, we will use their expertise to manufacture items specifically for us which are not available from any other

supplier. For example Baird Ribbon in several widths is already available and in the works are Baird Travel Blankets in Lambswool and an authentic Baird Modern washable Tartan.

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Please look for the developing online shop on our website. For every purchase you make, House of Tartan will make a donation to the Society, thus helping us to achieve our goals for the future.

~Ross Baird





Clan Baird Society is the oldest and largest Baird organization in the world. *2022 is our Jubilee year, celebrating 50th year in existence.* In the late 1950's, Commmander Richard Baird's grandfather, James Ian Baird, Viscount Stonehaven (Later Lord James Ian Keith, Earl of Kintore and Chief of the Keiths), invited Georgia Capshaw, Rosalie Rountree, Bryon and Frances Baird to his home of Rickarton. Here they spent many days discussing and planning the Society that would bring all Bairs back together.

As part of these discussions, Ben Capshaw remembers sitting on the patio at the back of Rickarton House and watching Viscount Stonehaven walk back up the hill with his fishing gear. Ben asked if the fish were were biting, and the Viscount told him that not for him, only the midges. Ben was about eight-years-of-age at the time and appreciated how kindly and respectfully he was treated by Lord Stonehaven, as if he were a man grown. That Baird personality carried the Society into existence and success.

After the meetings at Rickarton, Viscount Stonehaven talked with the then Lord Lyon about founding a Baird Clan Society; permission was given, and serious planning began. In 1965, Viscount and Lady Stonehaven visited the Rountrees and Capshaws in Mississippi and Louisiana, and later during that visit, all the families visited Dr. V.C. and Mrs. Baird in Houston, Texas, to discuss even more about how to officially begin the Society. The meetings were chronicled in the Houston Post.

By 1972, their work produced the Baird Family Society, which was formally established at the Grandfather Mountain Festival that July.

The Clan Baird Society Worldwide was born and nurtured by each of these founders until their deaths. Then, their families continued the tradition. The Capshaw children remain active members, as well as Lady Diana Holman, nee Baird, the daughter of the Earl, and her husband John, along with her younger brother, The Honourable-

Alexander David Baird. Our Commander Richard, the son of Lady Diana, continues this tradition of leadership, and is helping us grow as we never have before. We have the most members in our history now, with Richard's very timely energy and enthusiasm.

When the Memorial Cairn was discussed and planned at Grandfather Mountain, the Viscount/Earl of Kintore obtained a large stone from the old Auchmedden Estate, which his family owned last, until 1925 (it had been reclaimed and purchased by his great-uncle Robert in 1853), and Byron Baird brought it home to be added to the Memorial Cairn at Grandfather Mountain. We will always be in their debt for managing to get this stone to North Carolina.

The Society is extremely happy to make history again, with our own Commander, Richard Baird, being the Chief of the Games at Grandfather Mountain for 2022, following the footsteps of his grandfather and his Uncle Michael, both of whom served in this role during

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James Ian Baird of Rickarton, Ury and Lochwood, Viscount Stonehaven, our current Commander Richard's grandfather.



LORD AND LADY STONEHAVEN AND DR V. C. BAIRD, RIGHT
Dr and Mrs Baird Honored Guests at Reception Wednesday



MR AND MRS WILLIAM LYLE ROUNTREE
Mrs Rountree Is Cousin of Lord Stonehaven
—Post Photos by Larry Way

their lifetimes. We will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary, right where we began, and will have Richard's installation as Commander at the Memorial Cairn, near the stone that his grandfather sent over.

The family circle continues to turn and thrive, especially when we are gathered at Grandfather Mountain. We hope you will all make plans to attend all the festivities July 7-10. We look forward to seeing you there!

-Debra Baird, Convenor



Back Row: Georgina Stirrup (nee Holman), "Topper" Murray, Commander's wife Polly, and Emma Cole (nee Holman)

Middle Row: Alexander Holman, Ecuador, Lady Diana Holman (nee Baird) and Richard Baird

Front Row: Isobel Stirrup, Louise Murray (nee Holman) and granddaughter Rose



He was also playing a pivotal part in our planning group for the Grandfather Mountain Games celebrations and was a real enthusiast in making them a really memorable event this year for both Clans.

I offer my profound sympathy to Linda and their wider family for their loss.

You will read throughout this Gryphon all about the Jubilee Celebrations for the Society over the next two years and I hope you will come to as many events as you can and join in with other Bairds worldwide and make new friends.

Dear Members,

Firstly may I say how shell shocked we all are by the news of Woody Williams' untimely death, detail of which are reported in the Flowers of the Forest column.

I met Woody and Linda in 2019 during my trip to America. Woody was a great character and there was never a dull moment when he was about! He breathed Clan Keith and was also a great friend of the Bairds, so much so that we were in the throes of inviting him to join the Board of the Worldwide Society.

The Society is in a really good place. We now have the largest membership we have ever had and there is a real air of enthusiasm about our future and where we are going.

I look forward to meeting as many Bairds as possible over the next couple of years and beyond.

*Best regards
Richard*



L-R: Angus Holman-Baird, Louise Murray (nee Holman-Baird) Rose Murray, Polly, Richard's wife and Amelia Holman-Baird

Baird and Naesmyth DNA Study

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How Y-DNA Testing Helps Us All

As a basic understanding, Y-DNA is passed down along our paternal lineages, in an unbroken chain from father to son. Only males can carry Y-DNA, as possessing the Y chromosome is what makes men male. We test our Y-DNA at FTDNA (FamilyTreeDNA) and, at present, have the option to choose between three products, the Y-37, the Y-111, and the Big Y-700. The difference of these tests is the number of markers being tested: 37, 111, 700. Personally, I recommend the Y-111 marker test, which affords us a simplistic measuring chart on the FTDNA website. Below is a partial crop of a larger chart by FTDNA for Y-111 markers.

When your test results arrive, you are assigned a haplogroup and presented with a list of DNA matches. Yes, you can obtain your basic haplogroup from 23&Me, however, it is only a basic haplogroup and there is no marker information presented for you to work with.

What is a haplogroup? Think of it like your surname which you can trace back in time, and every so often the spelling of that surname will change slightly, giving us a different version of our surname. Like our surnames, we can often see where the spelling variations occurred, examples being: spelling changes upon immigration, language barriers, etc.. Upon that event, all the following descendants

of that particular branch present that spelling variation. And it is the same with the haplogroup on the scientific World Tree. We have the haplogroup and its descendants, called subclades. Think of these subclades like the spelling variations of your surname. Imagine a father and his many sons, then his grandsons and great-grandsons spread out into the world, carrying his surname and occasionally that surname having a variation.

You will notice that your haplogroup is subject to change as you upgrade from the basic haplogroup on 23&Me or the 37 marker test, to the 111, and then finally to the Big Y-700. Why is this? Think of it like a phone number. The basic marker tests are like an area code. The 111 marker test gives you the area code and the first three digits, so you can get a really good idea of where you connect. The Big Y-700 marker test gives you the whole phone number and dials you in directly to the information you seek. But remember, as with any DNA test, it's highly subjective to having DNA matches. So understand that if your direct paternal ancestry is deeply established in the Western World, you will likely have more cousins, close and distant, versus if your direct paternal ancestry quickly goes back to an area less established with records. For example, surname Baird. We have many branches established well into the 1600s and earlier, which includes paper trails and lots of descendants across the globe: America, Canada, Scotland, England, New Zealand, Australia, Africa, etc., etc.. You're going to have matches. Verses my own direct paternal ancestry, my father's line being in America for two generations before going back to a village in Hungary where they lived fairly isolated as far back as the 1200s. We have one

Y-700 match that is a 10 Genetic Distance and we would have shared a common ancestor about 30+ generations apart, being roughly my 15th-20th Great-Grandfather. Our paper trail in that region ends with my 5th Great-Grandfather, so that's a lot of gaps to fill, unlike our Baird example.

Here's where it gets fun! Among the Y-DNA matches you receive, you will be shown the Genetic Distance you share with each match. On the chart above you can see how each Genetic Distance is interpreted. Each measured Genetic Distance grants a confidence percentage of how many generations are estimated between you and that match. Example: 0 Genetic Distance has at 95% confidence to be 5 generations apart. We can go up 1, 2, to a grandfather perhaps, then come back down, 3, 4, 5 to a 2nd cousin once removed. This confidence percentage is "number of generations or less." Understand that this is an approximate, so 0 Genetic Distance could be father/son, grandfather/grandson, great uncle, 2nd great-uncle. We should see the common paternal line ancestor at or within three generations back, approximately. We couple this with traditional paper trail genealogy and have absolute confirmation of our ancestry. You follow this same process at each Genetic Distance.

So how does this help us all? Again, take the surname Baird as an example, with many branches and lots of brick walls. But, there are also many that do not have brick walls. We establish through paper trail the lines we can, then employ Y-DNA at the Y-111, and if needed, the Big Y-700. Soon we can begin to see the larger picture. We might not be able to find every generation between you and a DNA match, but we can dial you into your deep history and where you should connect.

[Please consider joining our Baird & NaeSmyth DNA Study!](#) Any questions, comments, or genealogical queries, please email Crystal T. Davis at AncestralSpotLight@gmail.com.



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Genetic Distance	Relationship	Interpretation	Related in This Number of Generations or LESS			
			Confidence			
			50%	90%	95%	99%
0	Very Tightly Related	A 111/111 match indicates a very close or immediate relationship. Most exact matches are 3rd cousins or closer, and over half are related within two generations (1st cousins).	2	4	5	6
1	Tightly Related	A 110/111 match indicates a close relationship. Most one-off matches are 5th or more recent cousins, and over half are 2nd cousins or closer.	3	6	7	9
2	Tightly Related	A 109/111 match indicates a close relationship. Most matches are 7th cousins or closer, and over half are 4th or more recent cousins.	5	8	9	11
3	Related	A 108/111 match indicates a genealogical relationship. Most matches at this level are related as 9th cousins or closer, and over half will be 5th or more recent cousins. This is well within the range of traditional genealogy.	6	10	11	14
4	Related	A 107/111 match indicates a genealogical relationship. Most matches at this level are related as 10th or more recent cousins, and over half will be 6th or more recent cousins. This is well within the range of traditional genealogy.	7	11	13	16
5	Related	A 106/111 match indicates a genealogical relationship. Most matches at this level are related as 12th cousins or more recently, and over half will be 7th cousins or closer. This is well within the range of traditional genealogy.	8	13	15	18
6	Probably Related	A 105/111 match indicates a more distant genealogical relationship. Over half of matches will be 9th cousins or closer, and most matches at this level are related as or more recently than 14th cousins. If there is a tradition of a recent genealogical relationship, the best way to confirm it is to test additional family lines. By testing additional family lines, you can find the person in between who is a closer match to each of the others tested. This 'in between' is essential for you to find as their match proves the connection between the more distant matches.	10	15	17	20
7	Probably Related	A 104/111 match indicates a more distant genealogical relationship. Over half of matches at this level are related as 10th cousins or closer. Most matches at this level are related as 16th cousins or more recently. If there is a tradition of a recent genealogical relationship, the best way to confirm it is to test additional family lines. By testing additional family lines, you can find the person in between who is a closer match to each of the others tested. This 'in between' is essential for you to find as their match proves the connection between the more distant matches.	11	17	19	22

Primary school children picking the 2021 Christmas tree from Rickarton Estate for the town square in Stonehaven, Scotland. Each year Command Richard Baird and his family donate a Christmas tree for the Stonehaven Town Square. This Christmas, the primary school children and Santa spent the afternoon looking for the perfect tree. Thank you Richard, for all that you do for the Stonehaven community and beyond!





Woodrow Allen “Woody” Williams

December 12, 1943 -
February 15, 2022

Woodrow Allen Williams was a native of Jackson, Mississippi, but spent most of his adult life in Huntsville, Alabama, working for the US Space and Rocket Program and the US Army. He attended Auburn University and studied Electrical/Electronic Engineering. He also attended Elmore County High School prior to university study, where he

and with Clan Baird Society Worldwide, as well as a Board Member for Tennessee Valley Scottish Society. Woody was very proudly a Fellow of the Society of Scottish Antiquaries and could use “FSA Scot” as a post-nominal.

When not doing work with the Scottish world, Woody was busy in his engineering profession, although he was long retired. He was a member of the Huntsville Education Committee of the IEEE, as well as a life senior member. He was active with the International Society of Automation (ISA), the ISA North Alabama Education Chair and Historian, was Vice Chair and Photographer of the STEDTRAIN K-12 Grants and was looking forward to their activities this spring. His work with the K-12 children in math and sciences was legendary; he so enjoyed working with young and rising scientists. Woody was also active with the Alabama Solar Association.



Woody, Polly Baird, Amelia Baird, Richard's wife and daughter, Commander Richard Baird, and Linda, Woody's wife, at the Glasgow, Kentucky Games in 2019

graduated in 1962. He continued working for the Class as the historian, photographer, and communications chair, until his death. Woody was busy all the time. He served Clan Keith Society USA, currently as Vice President and over time in differing positions on the Board of Directors, including Assistant Convener and Editor/Photographer for the Keith & Kin Newsletter. He also served various positions with Clan Gunn

Clan Baird Society will miss Woody's loyal friendship, great energy, and enthusiasm. It was hard to be negative in his presence; he would always see a way for us to do all we wanted to accomplish, and do it with style. He was helping us plan our 50th anniversary celebrations for Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and working with Clan Keith Society to plan their activities there this year. We hope to celebrate him in a special way in our tents at Grandfather in July, giving tribute to this great man and his legacy.



Virginia “Ginny” Baird



Virginia Pritchard Baird, 88 of Oradell, NJ passed away on December 11, 2021 of leukemia

Ginny was born in Teaneck, NJ on April 14, 1933 to Caroline Ritter and Grant Pritchard. She was a 1951 graduate of Teaneck HS and 1955 graduate of what is now William Paterson University. She is predeceased by her husband Kenneth Findlay Baird and her brother Ralph Pritchard of Lebanon, NJ.

She was the loving and nurturing mother/grandmother of Jim Baird (Denise) and their children David and Michelle; Nancy Mahdavi (Oscar) and their sons Bijan and Arjang; and Chris Baird.

Ginny was very active with Clan Baird Society for many years from the 1970's until Kenneth's death. She enjoyed gardening, crosswords, reading, cross-stitch, knitting scarves and caps for the Seamen's Church Institute, attending Scottish events, attending performances at PAC and on Broadway, and swimming at the Oradell Swim Club. Ginny made an extraordinary impact on everyone she met.

A memorial and interment of ashes will take place in late April 2022. For info, email nancymahdavi@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her name can be made to Church of the Annunciation, 343 Kinderkamack Rd, Oradell NJ 07649, or at annunciation-oradell.org/support-us.html.

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The NaeSmyth legacy of Dawyck Botanic Garden

Brandon Nesmith, Member for Family NaeSmyth, CBSW Committee

In Scotland, there lies a beautiful garden full of many varieties of plants, flowers and trees. The gardens of Dawyck were the brainchild of the

Veicht family. In the 17th century, they planned out how large the garden would be and enclosed it in order to protect plant life from the grazing animals nearby. In 1650, they introduced the first exotic tree, the Horse Chestnut, into Scotland. The garden continued to grow with various plant life. In 1691, John Veitch was so deeply in debt that he had no choice but to sell the land. His cousin, James NaeSmyth, bought the land and continued planting more trees. On September 17th, 1703, parliament granted ratification

in favor of Mr. James (NaeSmyth) NaeSmith of Dawyck. The lands were officially his as well as the barony. His son, another James, would go on to study under famed botanist and zoologist Carl Linnaeus of Sweden. Through James' studies, he worked to greatly improve the gardens and become the second baron upon the death of his father. He worked closely with Linnaeus to lay out the plantations at Dawyck. The garden would later go on to be taken care of by his son, Sir James, 3rd baronet.

This James' son, Sir John Murray, 4th baronet, exceeded his grandfather's legacy. He supported the plant-hunting

expeditions being done by many plant hunters, but none more so than by explorer and plant hunter David Douglas. Thanks to their partnership, the variety of plants and flowers from all over the world greatly increased, adding more beauty to the garden.

The NaeSmith family as a whole owned and preserved the gardens at Dawyck for just over 200 years. The Balfour family ended up acquiring the estate in 1897, before eventually donating



the estate in 1958 to the Royal Botanic Gardens of Edinburgh.

With a nearly 300 year history of being own by only 3 families, The Dawyck Botanic Garden became a national treasure. I am proud of the hard work my ancestors put into creating such a beautiful place. I can't wait until I can go and visit one day and stand in the gardens that my ancestors helped to create. I am so proud of their efforts to preserve such beauty and to allow those who live in Scotland to be able to see plants and trees from all over the world. Thank you Veitch, NaeSmyth, and Balfour family. Your legacies continue to live on!

For more information:

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An Auchmedden Autumn

By Katharine Baird Kelly

In September 2021, as lockdown eased, I was finally able to make my way home to Scotland. My mission was to visit the old Auchmedden Estate in Aberdeenshire, since, according to family tradition, this is where my Bairds originate.

We stayed in Aberdeen and headed out to explore the north coast. It was a beautiful autumn day, round straw bales dotting golden sunbathed fields and buzzards circling overhead in a clear blue sky.

We started at Rosehearty and explored our way along the coast, ending up at Portknockie and the spectacular Bow and Fiddle Rock, visiting many fascinating places as we went, from the crum-



bling ruins of Pitsligo castle to the pretty harbour of Portsoy, stopping for lunch in Banff along the way. But here I will share with you only the section of coast that was once the Auchmedden Estate.

We started at the beach at New Aberdeen, parking down on the shore. Here is St Drostan's Well, said to mark the spot where the St Columba and the first

missionaries landed to convert the heathen Picts of this region. From here we walked back up the road to the Auld Kirk to see where the Bairds are buried.

I was kindly shown around the Auld Kirk by Corrine Cox who told me about the history of the region. The monastery that had once been here and the Bairds themselves who had once worshiped in this place and were buried here, their memorial stones now sadly weathered by wind and rain. But the sense of the place was very powerful and Corrine brought it to life. I could imagine myself back there in those distant days.

It was strange to think that I was the first Baird in my line to walk in this place for hundreds of years, and with the unseasonably warm temperatures and fine weather the moment was magical.

From there we headed along to the village of Pennan. An incredibly pretty collection of white cottages nestled at the foot of the cliff.

I was familiar with it from the film *Local Hero* (Which I had watched again shortly before setting out on this trip) but until recently hadn't realised that it was once part of the Auchmedden Estate. We walked along the harbour wall and watched the waves splashing against the sea defences and I

couldn't help wondering what sort of a battering it must get when the winter storms come in.

Our final stop was the Mill of Nethermill. A great place to stop for a coffee and took a look at the bridge that once



joined the Baird and Gordon lands and marked the edge of the old Auchmedden Estate. We sat in the sunshine and stared out at the sea and I thought about the Bairds who had been forced to leave this beautiful place and how sad it must have been for them.

And then I also left, heading along the coast. But unlike my ancestors I will be retuning. Hopefully later this year, to show my own children the lands of the Bairds. And whatever the weather, (this is Scotland after all) I know it will be magical.



50TH ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH WALK AND PARADE

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA | By Bruce Beard

2021 was the 50th Anniversary Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend in Alexandria, VA in recognition of Alexandria's founding by Scottish merchants. The colorful tartans parade was a great success and Clan Baird Society Worldwide was included in the festivities as part of the 50th anniversary celebration. Alexandra Davis and

her family joined in the parade along with my family and some friends who were all Clan Baird Members for the day. It was a spectacular December morning in Alexandria and a great turnout for the parade.

Good time was had by all!



Calendar of Highland Games in Scotland for 2022

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Check out the [Facebook](#) page for photos and information

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MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL FOR 2022

Membership Renewal Reminder

For those who are life members or are 80 and over, you can ignore this.

For the rest of us, it is time to send in membership dues for 2022.

Membership dues go almost entirely to the Gryphon publication and hosting tents at the various festivals throughout the year.

Please go to the website at <https://www.clanbairdsocietyworldwide.co.uk/> for renewals.

Thank you for your support and dues for the coming year!



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A very important change has been made in Clan Baird Society Worldwide. We are now using internet platforms to bring our Clan Baird family together. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube are becoming a more popular way to share and learn about other Bairds in the world. *If you use any of these social media platforms, please connect with us to bring the Clan Baird family closer together!*

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Richard Baird

Richard Baird, Commander and President CBSW





Ceud Mìle Fàilte!

(100,000 Welcomes)

*We welcome to our
Clan the following:*

New Members Winter 2022

Brian Baird, Arizona
Daniel Whitely Baird, Washington
Deborah Baird, Scotland
Deborah Baird, Australia
Gary Joseph Baird, Colorado
Phillip Baird, Texas
William McDavid Baird, Washington
Ronald Beard, Maine
Kelley Dennis, Ohio
Donna Goble, Arizona
Kelly Londo, North Carolina
Chelsea Pierce, North Carolina
Meghan Baird Casto, Texas
Patrick Albert Baird, Texas
Veronica Baird, Texas



**11th - 14th August, 2022
Centre Wellington Community
Sportsplex in Fergus, Ontario**

With the latest relaxation of the restrictions in Ontario things look better and better for a LIVE Festival this year and we are working hard towards making that happen. We are aware of the new order of things and are working closely with our local health department to ensure the safety of participants, guests and organizers.

We would love to have you join us. Just go to www.fergusscottishfestival.com. If you have any questions or concerns please email us at clans@fergusscottishfestival.com

*We once again extend an
invitation to join us at
Canada's largest Clan
gathering!*

Legendary Golf Historian Archie Baird and The Heritage of Golf Museum in Gullane, Scotland



Archie Baird, beloved ambassador for golf lived in Gullane, Scotland. Although he peacefully passed away in 2019, his legacy lives on in the *Heritage Golf Museum* he opened in 1980.

Our very own Dr. James Baird Pape, Member for South Africa affiliate, CBSW Committee, is related to Archie Baird, the extraordinary golf historian. Archie was the cousin of James' grandfather. He met him in 1997 when he showed him his golf museum - and he remained in his memory ever since!

Below are links to two videos showing tours of The Heritage Golf Museum. Even if you are not a golfer, this is fascinating Baird history you will enjoy watching.

[The Heritage Golf Museum Part 1](#)

[The Heritage Golf Museum Part 2](#)

Clan Baird Society Worldwide Foundation Financial Statement October 1st - December 31, 2021

Starting Balance	\$5,666.06
Total	\$5,302.99
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Total Income for Period	
Donation	\$340.27
10/14 Donation	\$80
10/22 Donation	\$40
11/01 Donation	\$200
12/23 Donation	\$18.93
Annual Dividend	\$5.31
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Total Expenses for Period	-\$704
10/12 New Scholar	-\$200
10/18 Baird Fire	-\$200
12/07 Baird Fire	-\$304
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Net Income or (Loss) for Quarter:	-\$363.73
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Total	
Savings	\$2,125.66
Checking	\$3,460.40
Membership Fee	\$5.00
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Balance	\$5,302.33

Signed:

Branton Baird - Secretary - Treasurer

Clan Baird Society Worldwide Financial Statement

Fourth Quarter - 2021
Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2021

Income:	
Dues Received	1,315.00
Donation - Bruce Beard	75.00
Coat of Arms	
Total Income for Period	1390.00
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Expense:	
Advertising	315.00
Website Services - 12 Months	
Annual Report Fee	
Scholarship	
Genealogy	
Gryphon	300.00
Games	245.00
Ties & Scarves - UK	
Miscellaneous - PayPal Fees	29.70
Total Expenses for Period	889.70
Net Income or (Loss) for Period	500.30
Cash in Bank - Last Report	7,266.00
Cash in Bank/Available Funds	7,766.30
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Note: Coat of Arms Donations to date is \$46.00	
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Submitted by: Robert G. Beard, Treasurer for Clan Baird Society Worldwide	

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