

Clanjamfry celebrates 10 years!

The biggest weekend of the year for the many people involved in Clanjamfry has come and gone.

For me Clanjamfry started on Saturday when we all held our breath as inclement weather threatened for the most of the morning and then reared its ugly head again in the afternoon, but it was much ado about nothing, because no rains came. There was no mad dash by vendors and clans and the many volunteers to pack up and flee. So, since I cannot find anything to complain about, let's find out what I did like.

I love the atmosphere of Clanjamfry: it is a well run, action packed weekend with lots of classy music, people, and much to celebrate our Scottish heritage with and for. The clan tents are a lot of fun – the people that host them are more than willing to swap stories and information about their clans and show off their collections of Scottish memorabilia. Clan Fraser, manned by Alan and Sandy Simpson along with their son Wesley, won the “Bonniest Clan Tent” award, showing a claymore, a dirk, a targe with a most formidable point on the shield, a nice clan map that attracted

much attention, several books with clan information, and much more.

I love just walking around from tent to tent with the music in the background wafting across the lawn at Evergreen Presbyterian. Occasionally, a song would draw me specifically to the stage. One in particular was a fiddler playing “St. Anne’s Reel” that caught my ear. It is such a great toe-tapping tune, and some of the young dancers made it even more enjoyable.

I love watching the dancers and the pipers competing for medals. I even love to hear the bagpipes outside on the lawn for the opening and closing ceremonies. The pipers play a huge part in Clanjamfry’s success and provide enjoyment for all of us non-pipers. So, a special thank-you should go to them.

The Heritage Tent is an interesting corner of the Faire that allows those that are weary of standing around to come in and sit down in the shade and enjoy short, but always informative, talks on anything and everything Scottish. Bruce Erskine on the bagpipes, Brenda Maguire on the harp and ballads, Mary Ann Lucas telling

stories, Caledonia Chorale singing the songs of Scottish immigrants, Bill Maguire on Nordic influence in Scottish genetic material and a separate talk on Celtic astronomy, John Simmons on Scots in the Holy Land, and yours truly on the ever-loved “Froggie Went a Courtin’”. It was a pretty busy day in the Heritage Tent, and while it may seem a small corner of the Faire as a whole, it is a vital part of the day’s proceedings. Another job well done by our Mary Ann Lucas and her husband Jim for manning this tent.

It wouldn’t be the faire without a mention of the food: haggis, meatpies, and Scotch eggs that were served all day long by members of Evergreen Presbyterian. One of the ladies in the kitchen, when asked if they would like me to play some Scottish songs for them while they worked, was quick to tell me “No”, since quite frankly she had had enough Scottishness to last her a lifetime. I am sure that by the time the festival is over, there is much stress relief on the part of many of the members of Evergreen. I didn’t even take it personally and feel the same way myself at times. *cont pg 2*

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Another part that I always love at the Faire is the fact that I just pay for my kids to come in and don't worry about what they are doing and where they are going until the end of the day. They have just about complete freedom to roam around and play to their hearts' content.

I would be remiss to not mention the honored society this year, our own Memphis Scottish Society. Our two tents were manned primarily by volunteers John and Kathy Schultz, Sue Malone, Mary Clausi, and Pat Bevier. (They even let me help for a while.) Special thanks to them for this labor of love, which always results in a few new members to our society. New members are the lifeline of our society; without them we die on the vine. I believe three new families joined this year!

Ok, what's left to tell you about? The "Kirkin' of the Tartans" on Sunday was attended by more clans than ever in the history of Clanjamfry's Kirkin'. As it was my first, I mainly just sat back and enjoyed the music, the sermon, the color, and the nostalgia it seemed to pull out of me. Once again, Wolf River Pipes & Drums were a big part of the show, along with some 28 different clans represented. A part of the service is a prayer during which it is traditional to touch the tartan of your family, and, as I was sitting next to Bill Crump, who was attired in his MacIntosh tartan, I reached over and touched the edge of his kilt. I had learned just this weekend that my father's name was associated with Clan MacIntosh, thanks to the books supplied by the Memphis Scottish Society.

All in all, I think it is a great festival of a great size. As is any day, it is always a pleasure to celebrate our Scottish heritage. Sammy Rich.

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or not, exemplifies our hopes for the future of piping and drumming.

They exhibit confidence, respect, and a genuine interest in improving their own playing and the level of playing of piping and drumming in general.

For pics and more information: http://davidcorbett.net/clanjamfrycomp/78th/78th_prize.htm <http://davidcorbett.net/clanjamfrycomp/78th/78th_prize.htm>



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10 More Things You Never Knew About Scotland

41 *Scots Wha Hae*, the unofficial Scottish anthem written by Robert Burns was inspired by Robert the Bruce's marching song *Hey Tuttie Taitie* which was sung by his troops during the Battle of Bannockburn

42 The haunting melody of *Scotland the Brave* is a hymn to rebel Jacobites. The tune dates back several centuries, and is considered a traditional Scottish folk-tune, the same tune is also used for the song *My Bonnie Lassie*. However the lyrics were written comparatively recently by the Scottish journalist Cliff Hanley in 1956.

43 Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832) was concerned about a proposal by Robert Peel's government banning the circulation of all notes below £5 in Scotland, (a law had recently been passed banning them in England), which would have meant the disappearance of the much loved Scottish £1 note. So he wrote a series of letters, called *The Letters of Malachi Malagrowther*, which were published in the *Edinburgh Weekly News* in 1826, that stressed the importance of Scottish banknotes as part of the Scottish financial system and as an example of Scottish identity. Sir Walter generated such a furor that the government was forced to back down and to this day portraits of him appear on the front of all notes issued by the Bank of Scotland.

44 John Duns Scotus (1265-1308) was a Scottish Franciscan theologian whose hair-splitting theology became dated against modern trends but his followers refused to change and take in new

ideas. So the name "Dunce" came to signify those who refuse to learn and move on

45 The Irish introduced Shinty, a game similar to hurling, to Scotland in the sixth century. It became a favorite sport of the Scottish Highlanders where it was played in the winter months. Though a combative game of much violence, (the name shinty is derived from a word meaning a commotion and a brawl), the game concluded with a feats. A keg of whisky, presented to the winning team, would normally be shared by all

46 Though skating was first developed in north Europe, the first skates with iron blades were made in Scotland in 1572. Scotland can also lay claim for establishing the first skating club in Edinburgh in 1742. To qualify as a member applicants had to prove their ability to skate a complete circle on either foot and to jump over three hats.

47 The Scottish economist Adam Smith (1723-1790) was notoriously absent-minded. On one occasion falling into discourse with a certain Mr Damer during breakfast, Smith took a piece of bread and butter and after rolling it round and round put it into the teapot and poured the water to brew it. Shortly after he poured out a cup, and on tasting it declared it was the worst tea he had ever met with

48 The distinctive checked patterns worn by various Highland clans evolved in the 16th century. Different clans adopted varying colored designs mainly due to the varying availability of dyes in different locations. However the

religious reformer John Knox frowned upon God-fearing folk wearing such bright colored attire and the clergy were banned from wearing them. Meanwhile in Aberdeen a woman wearing a long tartan cloth was considered to be 'wanton'

49 The rough hard-wearing cloth known as tweed originated in southern Scotland in the early 19th century as a variation on twill, a woven fabric. It is often assumed it took its name from the River Tweed but this is not the case. Its origins lie in the old Gaelic word for twill, which was 'tweel.' In 1826 a London clerk drafted an order for tweels and accidentally wrote 'tweeds' and the name took off

50 Walter Scott was inspired to write his tale of the 1745 Jacobite rebellion, *Waverley* after visiting the ruins of Waverley Abbey. He worked on it in 1804 but mislaid the manuscript and put it off, before resurrecting it 10 years later. The first ever historical novel, it was an instant success in Britain, America and Europe. The tale of tartened, kilted, Scots did a brilliant PR job for his nation as up to then, may English had thought of them as a nation of bloodthirsty savages but they were transformed into brave warriors. Though the novel did not name its author, it came to light that Walter Scott was the writer behind it and as the result of the massive success of the book, he became the first British novelist to become a noted public figure.

Grand Prize for the Piping Competition at Clanjamfry

A logo'd and signed by the whole "The Scottish Lion 78th Frasers <<http://www.scottishlion78thfrasers.com/index.html>> " bass drum head!

The Scottish Lion 78th Frasers, for those who may not know, is one of the top pipe and drum bands, in the entire world. This year they placed 3rd overall at the World Pipe Band Championships

in Glasgow Scotland. They most generously signed and donated, not only the head, but the shipping from Canada, to help promote piping and drumming, especially for our youth. I cannot express enough the gratitude to these ladies and gentlemen who have so much on their plates nowadays. Especially Bill Baines for being my contact and making

it happen. (Hats off to Bill).

This is going to be **the grand prize**, and all competitors are eligible for it, no matter the instrument. Practice chanter to snare.

I'm looking for that youth, aged 8-18 who shows up, and whether they win a prize on their instrument

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PAY ATTENTION, NOW

1. Our dues are due on October 1st.
 2. See, it goes like this: We have to vote on the slate of officers at the December member meeting, SO, we have to have any nominations from the floor (from whom you have, of course, secured prior permission) in the November member meeting (in addition to the nomination committee's slate of officer nominees, of which the membership are notified at least 10 days before, which in 2008 is 11/1), SO a nomination committee needs to be formed in the October meeting, consisting of the immediate past president, the current president's appointee, and one member elected from the membership in that meeting (who has, of course, also given prior permission), SO we need to remind the membership of this process in September in order that we can be thinking of who we want to nominate to that committee, SO we can contact him/her in advance (of course) & secure his/her agreement. NOW, if you've absorbed all that legalese, try this on for plain straight talk: that gives the nomination committee about 2 weeks to arrive at their slate of nominees. This is one of the most important functions of the year and must be done in a very short time, SO if you've ever given any thought to being an officer of MSSSI (and all members of an organization ought to at some point), call one of the nominating committee members to let them know of your willingness & availability. OR, if you think someone should be an officer, let the nomination committee know that also. (It would be polite to mention it to the putative nominee first.)

Get ready to party!

On Saturday, October 25 make your way to St. Columba's (see map) from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm (note change from previously announced times) for our annual Halloween bash.

Come in costume or not, as the mood or weather strikes you. Or bring a carved jack-o-lantern. There will be prizes for the best of each.

Dinner will be barbecue from Pig-N-Whistle, including pork shoulder, the Pig's signature BBQ sauce, buns, slaw, and beans. *We need a nose count to be sure to get enough, so be sure to call 901-757-4200 or go to memphisscots.com to make your reservation.* Since we all like to bring stuff to our parties, use this as a guide (by initial of your last name): A thru G, desserts; H thru K, non-BBQ entrees; L thru R, appetizers & sides; S thru Z, non-alcoholic drinks (other drinks are BYO).

There will be plenty of conversation, and also plenty of entertainment in the form of music, games, dancing, and stories. There are even plans for an "Amazing Maize-less Maze".

Warm Berry Porridge (serves 3-4)

1 3/4 oz oatmeal
 1 oz muscovado sugar
 2 1/2 oz whisky-based cream
 liqueur

8 oz raspberries, blueberries, and blackberries, roughly crushed and whole berries to garnish

5 oz double cream, lightly whipped (I'm sure you can use heavy cream)

Place the oatmeal, 10 oz cold water, and the sugar in a pan and bring it slowly to a boil, stirring well. Once boiling, reduce heat and simmer, stirring, for 5 min. or until thick. Remove from heat and stir in the whisky liqueur. Set aside for 10 min., stirring occasionally. Stir in berries.

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Civic Announcement from years past

The Commercial Appeal reported the following in its "Midsouth Memories" column on September 4, 2008:

"75 years ago: 1933 – The first anniversary of the founding of the Caledonian society will be celebrated by the Scotch colony today at the home of the president, Edward Perry, on Dillworth, which will be made to resemble a Highland glen. Mrs. Longstreet Heiskell, Stanley Armstrong, William Hughes, James Day, Robert Leslie, and Donald McDonald, chieftain of the clan, will appear on the program."

WKNO Channel 10 Offerings of Interest:

Tartan TV – Saturday, October 4, 11, 18, & 25; 11:30 pm

Celtic Woman – Thursday, October 23; 8:00 pm (repeated at 1 am)

...and tune in especially on Thursday, October 30th for a special Tartan TV "Ghostly Glamis Castle" at 7:30 pm (repeated at 12:30 am), followed by two specials "Southern Haunts: Ghosts of Savannah" at 8:00 pm (repeated at 1 am) and "Southern Haunts: Ghosts of the Low Country" at 9:00 pm (repeated at 2 am)

The Central Library will be offering genealogy workshops on Wednesdays in October from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Topics covered include "Beginning Genealogy" & "Vital Records" on the 1st; "U.S. Census Records" & "Military Records" on the 8th; "Cherokee Indian Genealogy" & "Ancestry Library Database Records" on the 15th; and "Immigration Records" & "African American Records" on the 22nd. Call 901-415-2742 to register.

Warm Berry Porridge

Fold in cream and serve at once, decorated with whole berries.

That should warm someone's cockles, this winter! Sue Malone

Calendar of Events

Mondays

Caledonia Chorale 7 pm
Church of the Holy Communion,
Walnut Grove at Perkins,
272-7159

Thursdays

Sgt. W.K. Singleton Pipes & Drums

6:30-8:30 at Bethel Pentecostal
Church, Stage Road in Bartlett;
call 386-2052 for info.

Wolf River Pipes & Drums,

6:30-9:30 at St. Luke's Lutheran;
Germantown Parkway. 753-9494

Fridays

Dancing: 7:30-10 pm, Idlewild
Presbyterian; 1750 Union Ave,
West Entrance - 274-1889
2nd, & 4th Friday
Scottish Country Dancing.

Monday, October 13

Monthly Meeting Jason's Deli
Poplar and Highland. For
directions call 757-4200 or go to
memphisscots.com.

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Program:

Seldon Murray "Scots in the
American Revolution"

October 25

Samhein - Halloween Party
5-9 pm at St. Columba's
contact: Mary Ann Lucas

Thursday, October 30

Board Meeting at 5:45 at Perkins
on Germantown Parkway

November 29

St. Andrew's Day Tea
2 - 4:30 PM

Crumpet's on Highland between
Central and Poplar

Contacts: Sue Malorne or
Mary Clausi

December 8

Annual Christmas Party
contacts: Jackie Garner

January 24

Burns' Night
contact: Melissa Gibson

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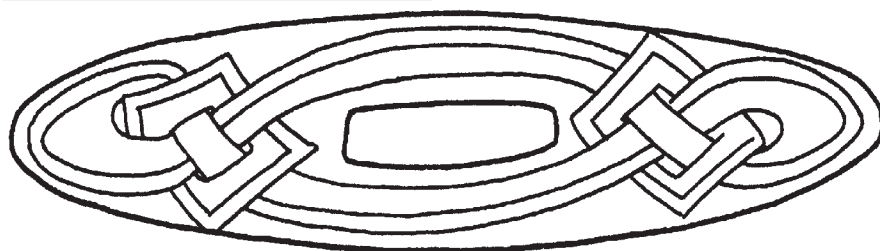
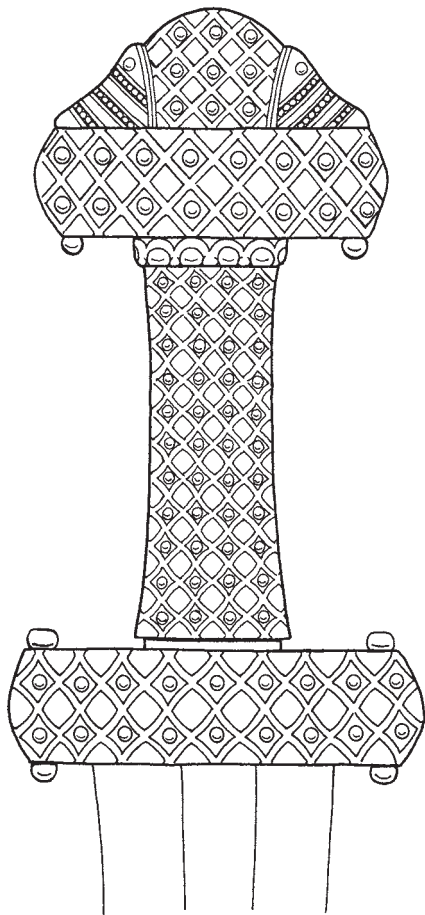
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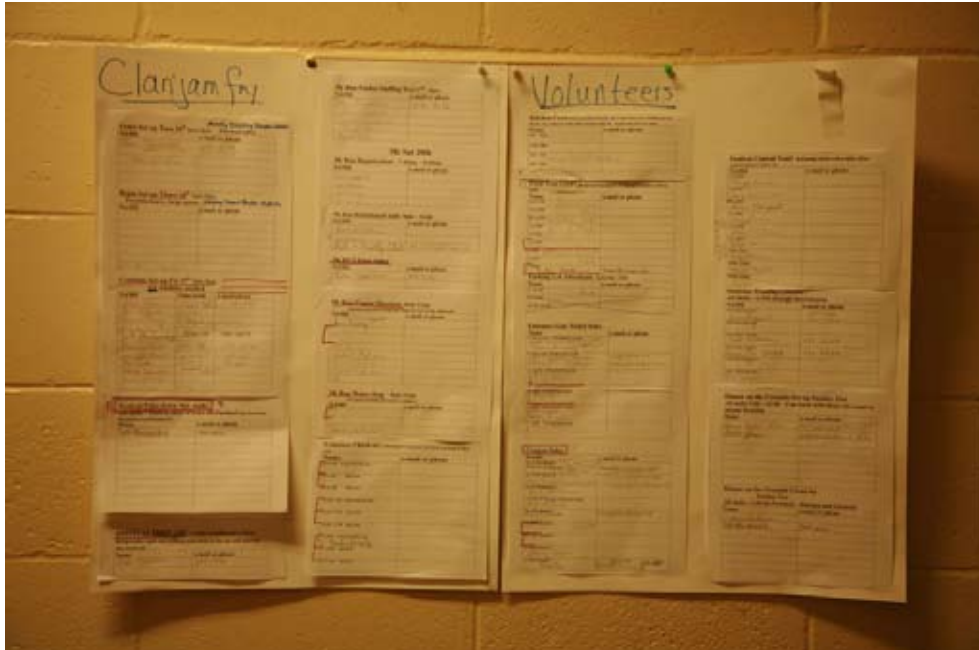
October 9: Road of Tears

From broadsheet ballads to music
hall choruses, songs have served to
document true-life immigrant expe-
riences through time. Today Battle-
field Band, Mick Moloney and Mary
Black continue in that tradition.

October 16: Continental Celtic

Follow hypnotic dance rhythms to
Brittany and Galicia, explore a pan-
orama of songs in Breton, French
and Spanish, and savor the essence
of continental Celtic music.





I don't know how many volunteers it takes to do this each year, but by golly, I bet they could use a few more good people. A special place is the back page of our Grace Notes and is reserved for those that need special attention. Evergreen Presbyterian is to be congratulated for this outstanding effort each and every year.

Next Monthly Meeting - October 13th
 Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland
 Dinner at 6:00, Program @ 7:00 Seldon Murray on Scots in American Revolution
 Board Meeting, Monday, October 30th at 5:45, Perkins @ 1340 S. Germantown Rd.

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