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Hello to all. It certainly seems many of our members had some really good times at a variety of Tartan Day activities. While traveling to large events is common, it is not always possible. I encourage you to look into your local events for Scottish special remembrance days such as Tartan Day or Burns remembrance. If nothing is found, consider organizing a small event. Even a small dinner out with family and/or friends can be a great way to celebrate our Scottish heritage.

The Convener Affairs coordinators are still attempting to compile an accurate listing of Scottish Highland Games with Clan Wallace Society (CWS) members representing the society by convening a tent. It is important to update our website listing so our members will be aware of opportunities to participate in games around the USA and Canada. If you are a convener, please contact the coordinators to give them your current information and the games you convene. We appreciate your assistance.

There are several upcoming events which I would like to bring to your attention. First one of the larger games in the USA will take place in the Blue Ridge Mountains at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. This is a beautiful setting and a long running event. The tent conveners for these games are Russ (former CWS President) and Marcia Harper. The games start on Thursday, July 11th and run through Sunday July 14th. If you are near or you want to travel I encourage attending this great game. Also upcoming is the Stone Mountain Games in Stone Mountain, Georgia (near Atlanta, GA) on October 19-20. The CWS Annual Board meeting will be held on Friday prior to these games. This will be a great opportunity to meet the leadership of the society as most of the Board Members will be attending the games. See the information provided on page 9 in the newsletter regarding hotel reservations.

Finally, on a personal note, I will be retiring from my current work position in June. Since I have worked since I was 15, I am looking forward to this major change in my life. Hopefully this will allow me more time to travel and more time to devote to the oversight of the Clan Wallace Society.

Pro Libertate!

Karen

Reminder

Nominations for Board of Directors are open from **July 15 through July 31**. If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors or are interested in nominating someone else. Please do so before **July 31**. **Nominees must be Counsel members.** Please include the following information in your nomination.

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| (1). Full name | (9). Short resume of Clan Wallace activities |
| (2). Any nicknames | (10). Company or organization for which you work (optional) |
| (3). Spouse first name | (11). Primary business of this organization (optional) |
| (4). Mailing address | (12). Hobbies, special interest, and other Scottish Activity |
| (5). Home telephone number | (13). Particular areas of interest in Clan Wallace |
| (6). Office telephone number (optional) | (14). Statement that the nominee is at least 21 years of age. |
| (7). Email address (if any) | |
| (8). Status, i.e., new or incumbent Board Member | |

"TARTAN DAY!"

Tartan Day--April 6

By Connie Wallace

The Scottish Diaspora around the world celebrates Tartan Day traditionally on April 6, except in Australia which celebrates on July 1. The dates are significant to the Scottish history. April 6 is the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath, The Scottish Declaration of Independence, signed April 6, 1320. July 1 serves as the anniversary of the passage of Act of Proscription of 1747. Among other things, the Act of Proscription made wearing tartan punishable by 6 months in prison and 7 years of transportation to a far away place, essentially indentured servitude, with no lesser punishments entertained. The Act was an attempt to crush the Highland clan system and eliminate all recognizable Scottish traditions in response to the Jacobite uprising of 1745. Tartan Day is celebrated in Canada, Nova Scotia, Argentina, Australia, the United States and areas in Scotland.

Tartan Day is an ongoing institution, originated in Nova Scotia in 1986 when the Federation of Scottish Clans offered the idea at a gathering. Jean Watson of Clan Lamant is credited with petitioning local Canadian governments to declare April 6 as Tartan Day to honor the contribution of Scottish descendants. The first proclamation occurred on April 6, 1987. Ontario legislature followed suit by declaring April 6 as Tartan Day one year later.

Photo credits Kaitlin Wallace



Todd Wallace, Graeme Dey, Joni Smith and Adam Gale

It would be 10 years before the Scottish Coalition, USA would join the march and propose the day at a meeting in Florida. Aided by Trent Lott, of the United States Legislature, the Scottish Coalition, USA would see the adoption of April 6 as Tartan Day a year later in 1998. The resolution was adopted to recognize the great number of Scots in the Founding Fathers and the idea that the Declaration of Arbroath was the model for the Declaration of Independence. (A fact disputed by some historians.) Scotland actually the latest attendee to the party adopted April 6 as Tartan Day in 2004, though they have celebrated the day of independence for much longer.

Tartan Day is celebrated by paying homage to all things Scottish. Scottish descendants show their pride in tartan colors and full traditional garb. Typical celebrations include Kirkin' O' the Tartans, drum and pipe bands, Highland Dancers, parades, Scotties and Shetland Sheepdogs, Scotch tastings and a plethora of traditional Scottish fare including haggis for the brave of heart. The events bring all the joy and camaraderie of a Highland Clan Gathering. The United States boasts 30 or more Tartan Day events around the country. The 2020 events will celebrate the 700th anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath. According to the Scotsman, (16 Nov., 2016) Arbroath promises they will hold a "world class celebration" four years in the making. Mark your calendars for your visit to Scotland!



Mark Griffith, Adam Gale, Todd Wallace, Steven Metz



USCC Pipes and Drums, Westpoint



Jarl Squad



Shamrock and Thistle Pipes and Drums



Juan Rivera, Mark Griffith, Adam Gale, Todd Wallace, Audra Foster, Connie Wallace, Mitch Kaplan, Steven Metz

Tartan Day New York City

By Connie Wallace

Scottish New Yorkers definitely do not disappoint when they hold a Tartan Day Event. Not satisfied to keep their celebrating of Scottish Pride to one day, they hold a Tartan Week. The event is held in several venues on the island of Manhattan. This year marked the 20th Anniversary of Tartan Week.

According to the Tartan Week website, the original parade in 1999 was marshaled by Cliff Robertson, and had only two pipe bands and a "handful of enthusiastic Scottish Americans." This year Sir Billy Connolly marshaled and it has grown to 9 sections with a 112 groups marching including nearly 20 pipe and drum bands. Members of Scottish Parliament and Scottish Rock Stars were in attendance. Clan Wallace made their presence known this year marching with 15 members. Todd Wallace, Steven Metz and Adam Gale bore the banners proudly as 1000's of parade onlookers shouted, "Freedom" with us as we marched.

New York Tartan Week kicked off with a Ceilidh Dance Workshop sponsored by the New York Caledonian Club on April 3. On April 4, Saint Andrew's Society of New York sponsored a formal/ Highland Dress Cocktail Reception. On April 5 the American Scottish Foundation sponsored a Tartan Day Observance with bands at the Fountain Terrace of Bryant Park in the morning. (This event was dampened by the traditional Scottish drizzle and bands played again early morning on April 6 at Bryant Park with much improved weather.) Friday evening the New York Caledonian Club sponsored a rousing Ceilidh with unlimited Glenlivet Scotch, Belhaven Beer and Scottish traditional foods. The event boasted Highland Dancers, a bagpipe set by Craig Weir, and also Whiskey Kiss--a Scottish Rock Band. Wallace Clan members made sure to get a picture with the Scottish Affairs Counselor to North America, Joni Smith and her cohort Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veteran Affairs. Friday's party then

moved to Tailor Public House for another round of drink and merriment including a rousing singing of the Scottish National Anthem accompanied by bag pipers.

Saturday, April 6 the St. Andrews Society held a traditional Scottish breakfast and Kirkin' O' the Tartans at the Brick Presbyterian Church. Directly following parade attendees and marchers alike filled Bryant Park to listen to Scottish bands that played while marchers lined up on 4 streets! The parade route went down 6th Avenue from 42 Street to 55 Street blocking the streets for several hours. An after parade party sponsored by the Tartan Week Committee was held from 4 to 8pm at Sony Hall again having Glenlivet Scotch and Belhaven beer.

Scots never wanting to leave a party early headed back to the Tailor House pub for an after the after party later that lasted well into the night. The Tailor House held an acoustic set by Craig Weir and then the Scottish rock band Miracle Glass Company performed and occasional piper belted out tunes.

For those that could stay, Sunday held additional events of an After the Parade Brunch at the Tailor House, bands at Bryant Park followed by Winterface: Àdhamh Ó Broin and Noel Graham for Gaelic music and song. Àdhamh is the Gaelic tutor for the Outlander cast. If people held over until Monday, April 8



Craig Weir Performing At The Ceilidh.

North Lanarkshire School Pipes and Drums

By Connie Wallace

The North Lanarkshire School Pipe Bands played brilliantly at New York Tartan week. In June 2018, the band won the European Band Championships in their division of Novice B and proudly claims the title of one of the best pipe bands in the world. The band raised over 80,000 GBP (\$101, 663 US dollars) to make the trip. They were chaperoned proudly by Jean Jones, the Provost of Lanarkshire.

North Lanarkshire School Pipe bands did not want to waste any time in New York City but got right to their craft. They thrilled New Yorkers by playing and having a flash mob at Grand Central Station to announce their arrival at the city. They played Scotland the Brave and Rowan Tree. The station manager made them shut down the playing but did kindly let them finish their second song before he did. The band uploaded a video of the performance and it quickly earned more than a half million views! What a great way to announce Tartan Day!

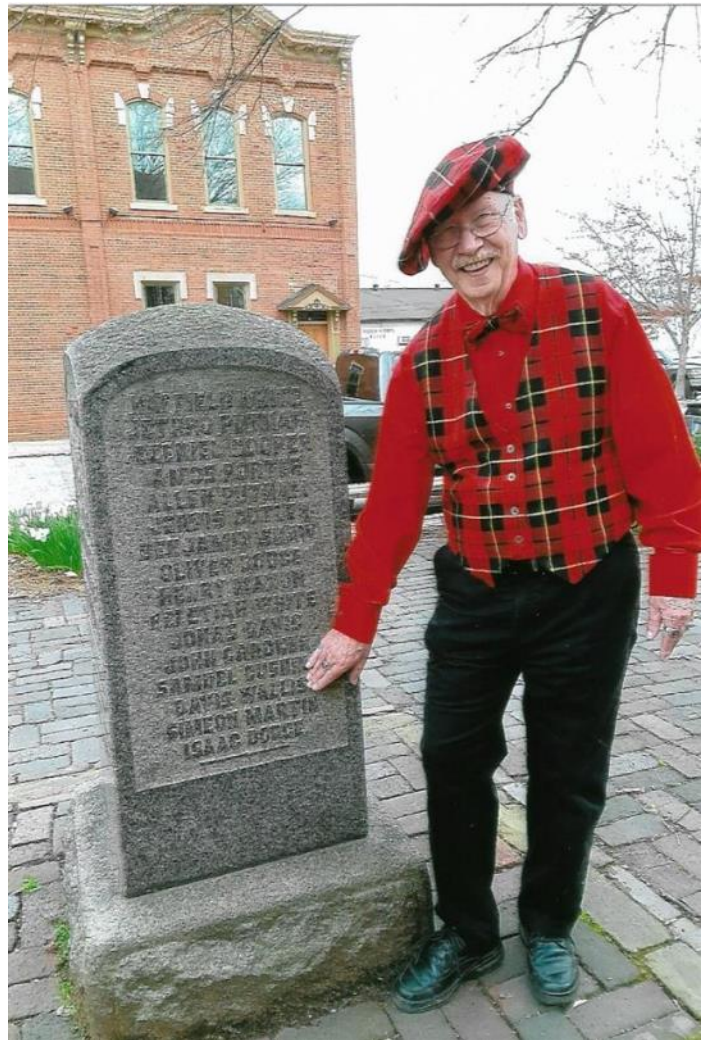


Photo credit Kaitlin Wallace

North Lanarkshire Pipe Bands



Jean Jones, Provost of Lanarkshire



Glen Wolfe

Glen Wolfe

Happy Tartan Day 2019! This weekend we celebrate April 7th 1788, Marietta Ohio's Birthday, and the landing of 48 pioneers on the banks of the Muskingum River. One of those 48 pioneers was David Wallace, Little is known about David Wallace of Ipswich, Massachusetts; these 'stories' have been told of his Marietta adventures. Soon after reaching Marietta, Wallace was attacked by small-pox, he was removed into the woods where food was brought to him until he was cured. Wallace concluded to return to Massachusetts, as he had been smitten by a sister of one of his late comrades. The journey was on foot, through an untamed wilderness, working to earn money to buy food, the journey must have taken many months. Arriving at his old home he found that his love and her family had emigrated to Marietta. Again he made the trip on foot from Ipswich to Marietta only to be rejected by his love. Wallace returned to Ipswich the way he came a sadder but perhaps wiser man. In his old age, Wallace would tell the story of his trips to and from Ohio.

The 9th Annual Tartan Day South

Submitted By Marcia Harper

The 9th annual Tartan Day South (SC) was held on April 6, 2019. Overcast skies, and cool temperatures on Saturday greeted the 12 clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

Tartan Day South is held at the Historic Columbia Speedway, where Richard Petty had his first NASCAR race. The Governor of South Carolina proclaimed April 6th, 2019 as Tartan Day.

The festival included athletics for both men and women, Scottish dancing, Irish dancing, children's activities, modified heavy athletics, face painting and storytelling. The entertainment included Syr, Brynmor, and Tuatha Dea. Four pipe bands rounded out the Scottish fanfare. Also on display, Carolina British Classic cars and we also had a Quidditch match as one of the activities you could enjoy.

Special Guest was Dr. Bruce Durie, accomplished author, broadcaster, lecturer, and an expert genealogist and heraldists. Dr. Durie has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Scottish Studies Fellowship, and has researched Lowland Scots migration to the Carolinas, for 7 months in 2016. Dr. Durie has a new book out, "Your Scottish-American Ancestry", in this book is a chapter on "We're descended from William Wallace". This is an easy read guide book on searching your Scottish roots.

The Parade of Tartans was at noon. We were honored to have Ted Wallace march with us.

What a great weekend we had. Thanks to all that came out to enjoy the day with us.



Tartan Day South



Dave Pratt and Troy Benton Family

Tartan Day, Washington State Capitol

Tartan Day in the Pacific Northwest was held at the Washington State Capitol Legislative Building. It was a rainy day (normal Washington sunshine). The Olympia Highland Pipes and Drums performed for the festivities.

Wallace's that attended were; Dave Pratt, Troy Benton and family, Holly, Gilean, Corbin, and Aurora.



Dave Pratt

Tartan Day 2019

By Bob Wallace

Since our retirement in early 2006, Lois and I have enjoyed visiting the Nevada Legislature on Tartan Day as members of the Nevada Scots organization. Nevada's legislature meets every other year, but that didn't stop the Nevada Scots, an umbrella organization representing all clans and families in northern Nevada and northeastern California, from showing members of that year's legislature what being Scottish was all about. Between kilts representing a number of the clans and families to cookies and snacks, we spent the day in Carson City talking with visitors to the room set aside for our use that day.

Living now in Phoenix, Arizona, we participated with the Caledonian Society of Arizona in a day long gathering of Scots in Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza just across the street from Arizona's capitol, once again meeting with visitors from state government and local citizens who took the time to stop by. In addition to talking about Scotland, all of us were entertained by the Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band that day.

Interest has been expanding here in Phoenix for information about Scotland and Scottish history to the point that the main library in Chandler, Arizona, one of a number of smaller cities near Phoenix, decided this year to hold its own celebration of Tartan Day, an event they named as ScotFest. The Caledonian Society of Arizona was approached about presentations being made during the day about Scotland to those in the library that day who might be interested. In addition to some of the Arizona Scots, a number of visitors sat in on the several sessions in the main room, others visited the genealogy researchers who might offer some help in finding ancestors here in the U.S. or back in Scotland. For some of us, this writer included, that might also include ancestors who came via Canada on their way to the States.

Lois began our Tartan Day discussions by explaining all the locations one can visit in Scotland, whether related to historical events around the country or finding one's ancestors, provided they had some idea of where their families lived in years gone by. Needless to say, with all the interest in the Outlander books and television programs, Lois had to spend some time discussing that angle of Scotland as well. Author Diana Gabaldon lives in the Phoenix area.



Lois Wallace

Past CSA president Don Finch talked about Scotland's other number one export, whisky, covering its history and current production lines, provided those outlets are north of the Highland Whisky Line. Well, except for those not above the Highland Whisky Line. Among other things, Don had to explain the difference between "whisky" and "whiskey," something that took much longer than most of us would have expected it to take! He covered all the regions where single malt whisky is made, why the various classifications, how they might differ in taste depending on which distillery a particular brand might come from.

This writer was privileged to discuss the Highlands and its people, detailing for those listening how far removed from the more populous centers of the country they were, how difficult it was to get around before General Wade built his military roads around 1725, and how those living in the Highlands for many years lived by their own rules from one clan to the next, but how they would come together to fight off anyone coming from the outside to attack them, whether the "outside" meant those arriving along the coast by boat or those coming overland. Looking at a map of whatever size makes it seem like the western Highlands are only a few miles from civilization, when in fact they might have been days of travel removed from the larger towns in the olden days.

Clan Wallace Society was well represented in Chandler Library's ScotFest during Tartan Day. Sue Pero Wallace took to the podium to discuss how to host a proper tea. Sue is also a member of Daughters of Scotia, a separate group here in Arizona and around the nation, one that holds several tea events throughout the year. Sue knows whereof she speaks. Detailing the history of tea, where it comes from, how it's processed and what tea drinkers go through to enjoy their afternoon cup, she explained how the tea business came about, what steps have been taken by tea suppliers to make their product better than the competition.

Arizona Highland Dance Association finished off the day for everyone with a handful of dancers showing their steps for various dances associated with Scottish celebrations. From sailor's hornpipe to sword dance, explanations were provided before the dance as to what each represented, what to watch for in the steps taken by dancers. Finishing off their various steps for the afternoon, a Highland fling, explained as a dance in which the dancers typically make enough steps to cover a full mile if they were walking!



Bob Wallace

DECLARATION OF ARBROATH

Declaration of Arbroath

By Connie Wallace

The Declaration of Arbroath is one of the most historically significant documents in Scotland. It was one of 3 letters written in Latin to Pope John XXII and believed to be drafted in Arbroath Abbey for the nobles and barons of Scotland. The document serves to assert Scotland as an independent, sovereign state with the right to defend itself when under military attack. It is also a diplomatic attempt to convince the Pope to repeal his excommunication of Scotland. The Declaration historically presented a new paradigm in Western Thought. It served as a prototype for idea of a contractual monarch rather than the previously held European concept that monarchy was Divinely appointed. Scots carried several of the concepts of the Declaration with them to the New World as represented by the Declaration of Mecklenburg and Declaration of Independence. (https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/scottishhistory/independence/features_independence_arbroath.shtml)

'Yet if he (Bruce) should give up what he has begun, and agree to make us or our kingdom subject to the King of England or the English, we should exert ourselves at once to drive him out as our enemy and a subverter of his own rights and ours, and make some other man who was well able to defend us our King.' This clause indicates that Bruce was appointed leader by the nobles and barons rather than anointed by God and in as such he could be replaced by election just the same if he turned his back on them.

The most quoted line of the Declaration of Arbroath occurs about midway through: **"As long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule. It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honours, that we are fighting, but for freedom - for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself".** Many Scots will swear that the Declaration of Independence draws heavily on the Declaration of Arbroath for inspiration and design. While historians may dispute the claims, the Diaspora definitely draws on the most quoted line to express their Scottish Pride.

Certainly Patrick Henry had been influenced by the document, or at least his sentiment, when he closed the Second Congressional Congress of Virginia with his famous line, **"Give me liberty or give me death!"** His father was John Henry, an immigrant from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, who had attended King's College, University of Aberdeen, there before emigrating to Virginia in the 1720s. Certainly he had known about the document and expressed its sentiments to his son.

As for the design of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson as designated writer might also have been influenced by the Scottish sentiment as he learned his early lessons from a Scottish Presbyterian minister. Although he did at the time cite John Locke as a primary influence, the documents do have similarities in design. Each asserts the right to freedom and that freedom to be defended even on to death. Each outlines the tyranny of the British government on their subjects. More over the idea **"That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness,"** Declaration of Independence.

On April 6, 2020 Scotland will be celebrating the 700th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath. Arbroath has been planning the event celebration for the past 3 years. According to their Facebook Planning page and local newspaper posts, the celebration is slated to start on the evening of April 5 and planning to extend into September. They also report they will be formalizing the itinerary in the summer of 2019. This will be an excellent time for historical and genealogy enthusiasts to work on their bucket list trips to Scotland.



2019 AGM Meeting, Stone Mountain Ga.

Next years AGM is scheduled for **Oct 18-20**
 Stone Mountain Games near Atlanta Georgia
 Clan Wallace Society has a block of rooms reserved at
DoubleTree by Hilton, Atlanta-Northlake.
 Rooms are \$115.00 per night and include breakfast
 Call **770-938-1026** before **September 1, 2019** to
 reserve your room
 We would love to see you!

Welcome New Members!

2018 Members

Michael Hepner	Karen Firehock
Davis G. Wallace	Justin Crowe
Lisa Jane Forsyth	Russ Wallace
Zachary Farrell Wallace	Sam Wallace
Renee A. Wallace Castilla	Brittany Meador
Michael Head	William J. Baker
Sage Anthony	Ben Wallace
Tammy McCauley	James Winston Wallace
William Wallace Anthony	Deborah Gaye Graham
Tegan Anthony	Adam Gale
Tanna Wallace Anthony	Isaac Chapman
Logan Anthony	Kelly Wallace
Gilman Anthony	Rebecca Huizenga
J. Lee Earl	Steve Beck
James Bagwell	Charles L. Wallace
Darlene Minea	Steven James Metz
Mark Griffith	Julia Roberts
Vicky Wallace Reed	Donald Stewart
Michael Earl Dillon	Donald A. Pritchard Jr.
Charles Corbet Perkins	Rodney J. Summers II
Patrick Wennberg	Marja Mogk
Jonathon Wallace Page	Margarett Rivas
Mark Wallace	Margarett Lurvey
Bruce Wallace Bowen	Toni Harris
Chris Simeral	William Wallace
	David Pratt

CWS Rewards (Recognition) Program

Karen Wallace

It has been a while since there has been a report for the Clan Wallace Society Rewards Program. We want to thank John Wallace of Waterboro, SC for his hard work in establishing this program and having over seen it for so many years. It has now transitioned into my realm of responsibility. During the years the Rewards Program has had many participants and has given much financial support to the Clan Wallace Society. I won't go into the specifics of the Rewards Program in this short update, but I do refer you to the Clan Wallace Society website (www.clanwallace.org) for a thorough explanation of the program. However, I and the Society do want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have donated over the past years of 2017 and 2018. Several have earned rewards during this time frame. We want to recognize our current Secretary, Randy Dedrickson, of Trenton, SC for his donations which have earned him the Circle of the Cross level reward. We also want to recognize Conrad Wallas of Novato, CA for his donations which have earned him the Circle of the Cross and Circle of the Saltire level rewards. Russ Harper, has made consistent donations and is drawing near to earning our highest recognition reward. The Society also has those members who have earned the highest reward of the Circle of Sir William Wallace, and continue to support the society with financial donations. A special thanks goes out to Wayne Jones of Ronson, WV for his continued dedication and loyalty to the Clan Wallace Society. Thank you all for your support! If you are new to the society or just have not heard of this valuable program, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the CWS Rewards Program and see how you might also be able to make a financial donation. We are a charitable organization and have no paid staff. Your donations go directly to supporting the Clan Wallace Society mission of education and preservation of Scottish Heritage. Remember us when you are looking to make a charitable donation. See page 9 for more information.

First Quarter 2019 New Members

Christine Smith
 Susan MacEwan
 Janice Wallace Sauers
 Anne Hunter Lawler O'Connell
 Rita Wallace Gosnear
 Terry F. Bright
 Kirk Robert Wallace
 Brian Alexander Wallace
 Luke Bushman

It's GREAT to have you with us!

NEWS FROM CONVENERS

Phoenix Scottish Games 2019

By Bob Wallace

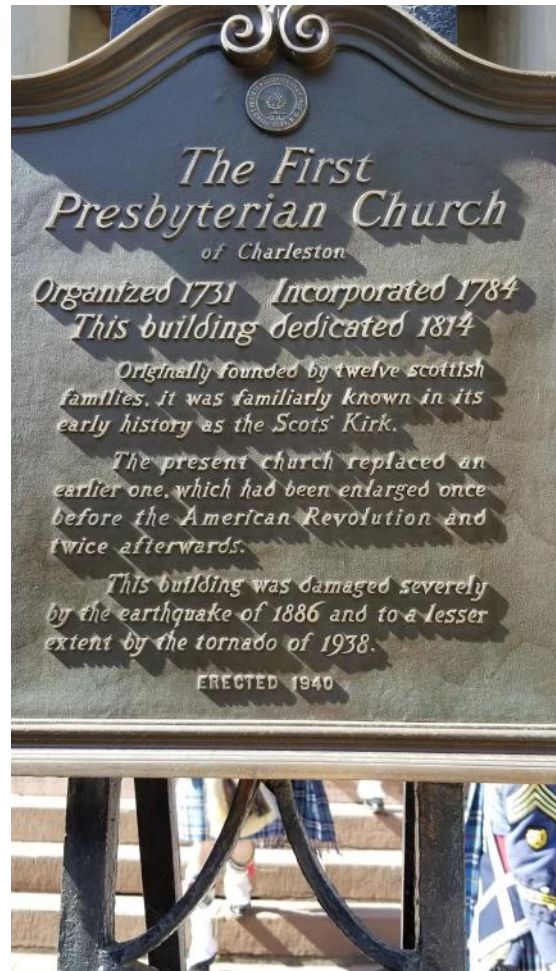
Whilst everyone else is dealing with snow and cold, heavy coats and gloves, we in the Valley of the Sun are putting up with lots of sunshine – snowbirds and baseball, too – even a wee bit of light rain on occasion, as in this past Saturday at Noon, just in time for Opening Ceremonies of the 55th annual Phoenix Scottish Games. Daytime high for both days was right around the mid-70s, perfect weather to celebrate Scotland in the desert.

The usual suspects showed up at the appropriate times both Saturday and Sunday: athletes tossing anything not nailed down, dancers doing their steps with a lone piper or recorded music to give them a tempo to dance with, a total of 48 clans and societies in the Clan Village to spend the weekend telling visitors about the history of Scotland, its clans and families. Clans from Anderson and Bell all the way to Urquhart, Wallace and Young were present this year, lots of folks to be introduced to the spectators on Saturday at high noon. Mixed in with the clan tents, Daughters of Scotia (DoS) and Scottish American Military Society (SAMS).

Traveler and Wicked Tinkers provided the music at the Ghillie Dhu Pub Stage entertainment tent, while Mesa, Glendale (AZ) and High Desert (Albuquerque, NM) pipe bands competed on Saturday; Mesa and Glendale bands were back on Sunday, marching and playing around the grounds, including through the clan village. Other venues on the grounds included introduction and/or education for those with an interest in genealogy, the Learners Arms tent with a variety of music, talk and even sword fighting, nearly all of that from historical perspective.

Occupying the Wallace tent over the weekend were Tim and Sue Wallace, Bob and Lois Wallace, Pat and Nikki Schuller, all of us from Phoenix, and Greg Wallace who came over from San Diego county to check the happenings, Greg's first visit to the Phoenix Scottish Games. Plenty of interesting people stopped by the tent, whether related to Sir William "Braveheart" Wallace or not, nearly everyone learning a little Scots history while visiting with us.

Putting together an event of this magnitude takes time and patience, none more so than having two inches of rain fall on the Phoenix area only ten days before the weekend Games. Desert living means not that much drainage is available at Steele Indian School Park, thus lots of tent spaces and parking areas were unavailable to us this year. Fortunately, the Caledonian Society of Arizona had a Plan B in their pockets, made it all work with the aid of Phoenix parks people who pumped out lots of standing water, put down material to help soak up what was left, finally put out straw to give many of us dry land to walk on over both days.



Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering 2018

By Mark Wallace

On Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018, with perfect weather, the Scottish Society of Charleston presented the 47th annual Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering at Boone Hall Plantation in Mount Pleasant, SC. As the second oldest event of its kind in the southeastern United States, the Charleston Scottish Games has entertained thousands of spectators since its inception in 1971. We, (Mark and Gail Wallace), are new members to Clan Wallace Society and this was our first experience. The First Presbyterian Church hosted a blessing of the tartans. We were proud members of the Clan Wallace Society. We had a great time and met two other Wallaces due to my hat and T-shirt which had our tartan and name. I went home with a kilt, shirt, socks, and some other hardware so I could March with Clan Wallace in NYC Tartan Day parade. We also will attend Ligonier games in PA this September. I highly recommend the Charleston Games for our members.

The 19th Annual Bethabara Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Bethabara Highland Games (NC) was held on May 4, 2019. Overcast skies and 80 degree was the weather of the day. There were 18 clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent. Also on tent row was, "SAMS" the Scottish American Military Society, Council of Scottish Clans and Society, and the Forsyth County Genealogical Society.

These games are held at Historic Bethabara Park in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Highland Games are held to pay respect to the heritage of the early Scots and Scots-Irish pioneers who helped and guided the Moravians in their settlement of the Wachovia tract. This game is free and open for enjoyment to the public.

The entertainment included the Jamestown Pipes and Drum and North Carolina State Pipe band. The games included heavy athletics, children's Highland games competition, children's colonial games and storytelling and Border Collie demonstration. The vendors at the games included Near and Far Scottish, Scottish Leather, Kelpie Pottery, Carolina Celt, and Lumpy's Ice Cream.

Thanks to all that came out and enjoyed the day with us.



Russ Harper

Attention Conveners!

We need your help, we need to update our convener database.

Please register with:

Jean Wallace or Elmer Inman

We need your current contact information including email address.

We need to know what State you are in and what games you convene.

Failure to do so may result with a new convener showing up at an event that you attend, because we were unaware that you were still active.

East: Jean Wallace

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or

West: Elmer Inman

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The Clan Wallace Society was founded and chartered in Texas in 1966 as a 501(c)(3) organization, promoting the history of and education about Scotland. In particular, Scotland's Great Patriot, Sir William Wallace, who suffered martyrdom for his country in 1305; its Clans and Families, and the heritage and achievements of those claiming Scottish descent. Our current Chief is Andrew Wallace of that Ilk, 36th Chief of the Clan and Name of Wallace, and Honorary President of the Society. We have the pleasure of more than 1,400 members in the United States, Canada, Scotland, England, France, and as far off as Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand.

Clan Wallace Society is represented at many Scottish Games and Celtic Festivals each year by Conveners who put up tents throughout the United States and Canada. Conveners representing Clan Wallace Society are volunteers who work individually with assistance from our , each of whom acts to further the goals of Clan Wallace Society's Charter. In many areas across the United States and Canada, members get together as groups to support other local Scottish, Irish and Celtic historical events. To contact a conducer in your region, take a moment to view our Conducer List.

We welcome anyone wishing to participate in Clan Wallace Society activities. If you wish to join the Society,

**** PLEASE NOTE ****

The Clan Wallace Society is the only organization acknowledged by the Chief of Clan Wallace, who is recognized by the Court of the Lord Lyon, as representing the interests of the Chief, the Clan as a whole and the Society. Any other groups or claims may be misleading and possibly illegal in Scotland. We are not affiliated in any way with any political organization or philosophy in the United States or elsewhere in the world. We are not interested in espousing any political causes or positions and will not respond to requests for support, financial or otherwise. Please do not include us in any literature or Worldwide Web links that do not concern Scottish Heritage, Festivals or Games.

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