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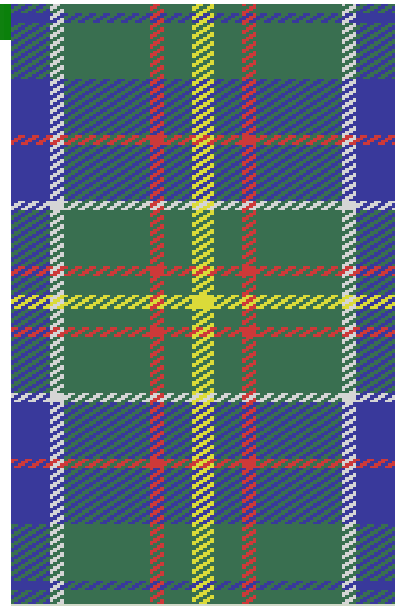
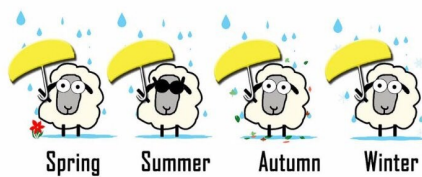
Well, It's spring ...or is it? The calendar seems to says yes, but this weather we are getting in Ontario is a little crazy right now. Hopefully it calms down soon and settles into our normal

lovely spring weather that we are all waiting so patiently for!

In our newsletter this quarter, we have included a list of Highland Games in Canada. We want to encourage you to attend one (or many!) in your area. I used to frequent all the Ontario games, and a few others too, with my dancing daughter and they were always exciting and thoroughly enjoyed. I am, of course, partial to the highland dancing competitions, but the heavy games were so fun to watch and let me tell you, there is nothing like the sound of a full pipe band marching across the field! So much to see and do, foods to try, wares to buy, it's an experience like no other. I would also like to mention the Clan Hunter International Gathering 2024. You can read all the information about it [HERE](#), or follow the link in Dale's report and please give it some serious consideration if you have the means to go over to Scotland this summer. The dates are Friday 26th July 2024 – Sunday 28th July 2024.

Have a great spring everyone and enjoy your newsletter—visit some games, try the recipe, attend a kirkin' o' the tartan, and embrace your heritage!

Lynn & Lizz



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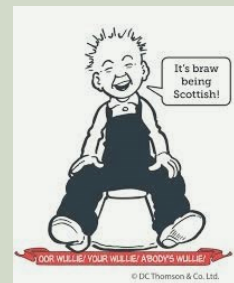
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From the Clan Officer, Dale Hill



Clan Officer's Report Spring 2024

Hello everyone. I'm pleased to be writing to you all again as we wrap up what felt like the winter that never was here in Southern Ontario. We had more fog than snow over the Christmas holidays and thunder and lightning storms in February. Although I'm not a huge fan of too much snow, I do expect to cycle through the four seasons each year, not each week as we seem to be doing recently.

Madam Pauline has sent thanks to all members of Clan Hunter Canada for the very generous contribution that was forwarded to Scotland in January as part of our yearly membership fees. She indicated that the funds will be put, in part, towards a new flagpole for Hunterston Castle. We will be sure to share photos once it is installed and proudly flying the Clan Hunter flag!

As we move closer to summer, I'm definitely looking forward to journeying to Scotland to attend the International Gathering at Hunterston Castle from July 26 to 28. If you'd like to join in the festivities, please visit <https://www.clanhunterscotland.com/clan-international-gathering/> for more information and registration links. It will be great to meet fellow Clan members from around the world and connect with members from Canada there.

Due to my travel schedule this summer, I cannot commit to attending as many festivals in Canada. We will definitely be hosting a tent at Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, August 9 to 11, and look forward to connecting with many of you there. Would YOU consider hosting a Clan Hunter tent and sharing our history and heritage with others at a festival near you? We can help you get started by providing electronic resources to be viewed/handed out and sharing a banner or flag to hang and parade with (when available). If you are interested or would like to hear more, please connect with me. We will share further information regarding our attendance at festivals across Canada on Facebook as details become available so please keep an eye out. If you are not already following our Clan Hunter Canada - Official page, we encourage you to like it and engage with the various posts we share.

In our last newsletter, I shared about revisions to the Dr. Nadine Hunter Youth Heritage Fund, established to assist youth and young adults in pursuing activities that support their Scottish heritage. If you are a member of Clan Hunter Canada (paid and in good standing for at least 2 years) and have a child/ward/grandchild that is 20 years of age or younger involved in activities anchored in Scottish heritage (e.g. highland dancing, piping, among many others) please contact me directly for the fund description, conditions and application form. The next deadline is August 1st to be considered for the Fall disbursement. .

I hope you all have an enjoyable Spring. Reach out if you have any questions or ideas to help make our association even better.

Take care,
Dale
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Membership Report—Spring 2024



Christine Hunter,
Membership Secretary

Membership Report – Spring 2024

Three new members have been added to our numbers since our last Newsletter. I would like to officially welcome:

Dorothy MacDonald who joins us from the town of Delta in British Columbia. Dorothy joined the Clan in early February. Welcome to the gang Dorothy.

Jamieson N. Hunter joined us by writing a hand-written letter – so unusual these days – and he tells us that he found us when he was at the Fergus Highland Games last August. Jamieson also joined us in February of this year – and he hails from Guelph, Ontario. Welcome Jamieson.

Our third new member this year is **Robert John Hunter** who lives in Parksville, British Columbia. Robert joined the clan in March. We welcome Robert to the Hunter Clan.

We are pleased to welcome these new members and hope that they find what they are looking for in our Canadian Association.

It is so nice to welcome new members and see that the Clan Hunter Association of Canada is indeed welcoming folks from all over our great land.

Membership Dues

We finally did quite nicely with receiving Membership payments of the dues for the past year. The problem last year was partly our fault since we did not send the reminder notices with the Newsletter in the Spring. We run our year from July to June – payments for the current year being due on the 1st of July.

There will be a payment reminder at the end of this Newsletter. Please consider paying your dues as soon after July 1st as is possible.

Some of you have already paid for this coming year so I will add a reminder note with this newsletter. Membership cards are usually printed in early July so you will receive your membership card at that time. Blessings to all,

Christine Hunter,
membership Secretary



From the Clansfolk — stories of our family

Last July, we had the pleasure of meeting Kenneth and Maria Hunter at the Fredericton Games. They helped out at the festival and shared this story, and gave permission for us to share it in the newsletter.

Submitted by Daphne Clarke

Honouring Hunter Ancestors—New Brunswick

Told by Maria and Kenneth Hunter

In a local graveyard not too far from Maria and Kenneth Hunter's house near Fredericton, New Brunswick. There is a grave stone of James Hunter Senior and his wife Marion Law who came from Glasgow, Scotland to New Brunswick around the 18th Century. James Hunter was born on February 28th, 1763 in Glasgow, Scotland. His wife Marion Law was also from Glasgow, Scotland and born on December 15, 1770. She died at the age of 52. James lived to be 80 years old and died on October 9th, 1843 in New Brunswick. The grave stone had deteriorated very badly and it was very difficult to read or identify (see picture below).

Ken's Aunt wanted to replace this special stone recognizing their first ancestors in New Brunswick. So, the family fundraised to replace the deteriorated stone. The original stone was one big slab of stone that had been placed deep in the ground vertically. In order to keep the original, Kenneth and Maria wanted to do something special with the deteriorated stone. So, they created a special memorial on the edge of their property to honour James and Marion. They have the original stone along with flags, information and a tractor seat turned into a bench. Anyone driving by can stop and take a look and learn a little bit more about the Hunters in New Brunswick.

Thanks so much to Maria and Kenneth for sharing this story and pictures with us.



Photo of original gravestone

circa 1770.



Photo of Kenneth Hunter with the new erected stone in 2010.

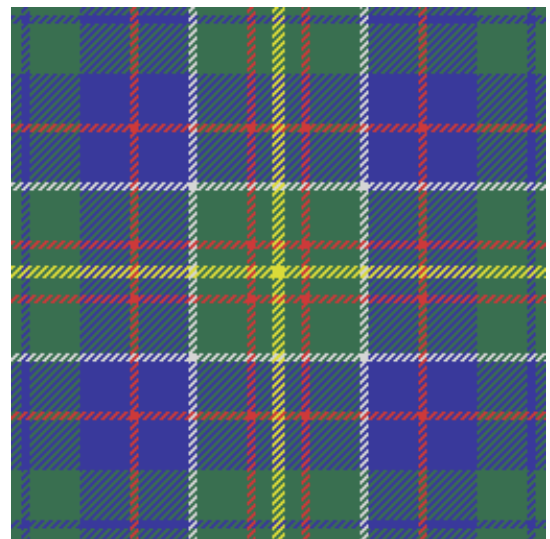
Kirkin' o' the tartans

According to legend, the “kirkin’ o’ the tartans” began in Scotland after August 1746 when Highland chiefs and clan members hid bits of forbidden tartan cloth tucked in their boots, tied around their forearms beneath their shirts, and stuffed into their hats on their way to the “kirk,” or church (more specifically, the Presbyterian Church of Scotland). At a secret cue from the priest during the service, each Highlander touched his bit o’ tartan, and the priest spoke an innocuous blessing, surreptitiously blessing the symbol of each Scotsman’s national pride and family identity.

This furtive act of rebellion spited the Act of Proscription of 1746, in which the British Parliament attempted to control, suppress, and diffuse the power of the Scottish clans by forbidding them, among other things, from wearing “the Highland dress,” such as the kilt and any kind of tartan. Although these laws were repealed in 1782, the tradition, as legend says, of presenting the tartan during the church service for a special blessing has continued over the centuries.

The reality, of course, is less romantic, but has a pleasing ironic twist. For starters, the custom is not Scottish but Scottish-American. During the Second World War, Dr. Peter Marshall held prayer services at his church, the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., to raise funds for war relief. At one of those services--usually identified as April 27, 1943, but sometimes May of 1943--Dr. Marshall gave a sermon entitled, “The Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans,” and the custom began. The funds raised went toward a mobile kitchen in--as you may have guessed--Britain. The very tradition that supposedly began as an act of rebellion against the British now supported their efforts two centuries later. After Dr. Marshall’s death, the kirkin’ moved from place to place and in 1954 was held at the Washington National Cathedral where it is still held today.

Submitted by Tom Hunter



Don't forget to wear YOUR tartan on April 6 for National tartan day!

Canadian Highland Games 2024

Alberta

Edmonton Scottish Society Highland Gathering

Sunday June 23, 2024

Sherwood Park Highland Gathering

July 20 & 21, 2024

British Columbia

Victoria Highland Games & Celtic Festival

May 18th & 19th, 2024

British Columbia Highland Games, Coquitlam, BC

June 14 & 15, 2024

Penticton Scottish Festival

July 5th and 6th, 2024

Manitoba

Manitoba Highland Gathering, East Selkirk

June 22 & 23, 2024

Winnipeg Scottish Festival 2024

Saturday April 6, 2024

New Brunswick

The Gathering of the Scots 2024, Perth-Andover, NB

June 6th-9th, 2024

New Brunswick Highland Games Festival, Fredericton

July 26-28, 2024

Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival

June 11-15, 2024

Nova Scotia

Antigonish Highland Games

July 7-14, 2024

Celtic Colours International Festival, Cape Breton Island

October 11-19

Halifax Celtic Festival 2024

April 17 to 21, 2024

Quebec

Montreal Highland Games

August 4, 2024

Festival celtique de Québec

September 6-8, 2024

Festival Celtes et Cie de Saint Malachie

August 18-19, 2024

Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival, Regina

May 18, 2024

Canadian Highland Games 2024

Ontario

Cambridge Scottish Festival	July 19-20th.
Northumberland Scottish Festival & Highland Games	June 14 & 15, 2024
Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games	August 9 - 11, 2024
Georgetown Highland Games	June 8, 2024
Goderich Celtic Roots Festival	August 9-11
Kingsville—Essex Highland Games	June 22, 2024
Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games	July 5-7, 2024
Glengarry Highland Games	August 2-3, 2024
Orillia Scottish Festival	TBA
National Capital Highland Games (on hold this year due to construction)	August 2025
Uxbridge Scottish Festival	July 27, 2024
Embro Highland Games	TBA

Dale has decided to attend the newly rebranded and relocated, Northumberland Highland Games on Saturday June 15, so there will be a Clan Hunter tent there this year, plus Fergus. Come by and say hello!

Anyone interested in hosting a Clan Hunter tent at a highland games in your area, please contact Dale.

If there are any Highland Games that have been missed from this list, please feel free to contact us and we will post them on the Facebook page.



Colour me!

Recipe Corner

Traditional Scottish Recipes

Edinburgh Fog

Edinburgh used to be known as "Auld Reekie" (Old Smokie) in the days of coal fires - Robert Louis Stevenson, who was a sickly child, used to complain about it in the 19th century. Here is a recipe for a rich, sweet dessert which recalls those days. The original recipe used almond flavoured "ratafia" biscuits/cookies but as these are not easily available, almond flavoured cookies or macaroon biscuits or similar can be used.

Ingredients:

Half pint double cream
One ounce castor (fine granulated) sugar
Two ounces small macaroon biscuits
Almond essence
Drambuie liqueur to taste
One ounce flaked almonds



Method:

The cream should be whipped until it is stiff and the sugar added to your own preference. Crush the macaroon biscuits and mix well with the cream. Add a few drops of almond essence and Drambuie liqueur (or rum, whisky or brandy) to taste. Serve well chilled as a luxury dessert.

Clan Hunter Association -

Canada Notice of Dues for July 1st 2024 to June 30th 2025

This is a gentle reminder that a new season is upon us and now is the time to renew your membership in the association. If you have already renewed your membership, we thank you sincerely and please kindly ignore this reminder.

If not perhaps you would like to fill in this note, add a cheque for \$30 and pop it in an envelope. You can also pay by paypal [HERE](#) on the official clanhuntercanada.com page.

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for funnies,
announcements,
keeping up with members
lives, and all sorts.
You can comment on, like,
or share any posts
that interest you.

Clan Hunter Association, Canada

This newsletter is for members and friends of Clan Hunter Association, Canada. If you have an important event in your family's life that you'd like to share, please send us a photo or two and a brief explanation of what you are celebrating.

Graduations, new babies, birthdays, retirements, if you're celebrating, we'd like to know!