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# President's Page

Michael R. MacFarlane, FSA Scot, President  
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The 2008 World Gathering and AGM will now be held in Pleasanton CA, USA on Saturday, August 30, 2008 at the Caledonian Club of San Francisco's 143rd Annual Highland Games to be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. We have posted dinner reservation and hotel details at <http://macfarlane.org> and on page ## of this issue.

The 2009 World Gathering and AGM -Scotland. After 3 travel Agents, and several proposed itineraries, we have now published the itinerary and reservation info at <http://macfarlane.org> and page ## of this issue. We have great trip planned and all packages will include a SILVER PASSPORT for the big all Clan Gathering in Edinburgh! This is going to be a trip of a lifetime so do not miss out! Deposits are due by July 23, 2008.

A bit of news is that a developer has now purchased the Ben Lomond Restaurant where we were hoping to open our heritage centre. They have applied for planning permission to demolish it to build apartments. We feel this threatens access to the historically important cemetery, destroys a beautiful listed building and also goes against several other National Park guidelines for building and development in the local area. Please see our Vice President, Brian Macfarlane's Letter to the National Park Authority in Loch Lomond in this issue protesting the pending planning permission.

Keep the donations coming! Our heritage is disappearing quickly in Scotland. We are the only ones that can preserve it.

# Vice President's Page

Brian MacFarlane, FSA Scot, Vice-President  
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3rd June 2008  
Ms Kirsty Sweeney  
Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park HQ,  
Planning Dept  
Balloch

Dear Ms Sweeney

Thank you for showing me the change of use plans regarding the Ben Lomond restaurant and gift shop in Tarbet being converted to housing accommodation. Having met me on Friday 30th May it probably comes as no surprise to you, how threatening these plans would appear to our organisation. Our sole purpose is to maintain our proud heritage in our ancestral homelands and preserve what modern day Scotland has left of this, for future generations.

Therefore on behalf of the International Clan MacFarlane Society and our Scottish Charitable Trust no SC032498. I wish to formally lodge an objection to the National Park Planning authority.

As a Society and Scottish Charity it is no secret we have attempted to buy this property for some 7 years. It is ideal for our well documented requirement for a Heritage centre and Museum of Highland Life to be supported by what is still undoubtedly a very successful local business. We have previously carried out substantial fundraising among our society's 1700 worldwide members to that end. Recently with the help of added funding from the Royal Bank of Scotland, we bid on the property but despite a bid substantially above the asking price we were apparently outbid. We have

no real problem with this as the owners are entitled to sell to whoever they like. We don't agree with their current plans however for the following reasons:-

We believe an important local amenity is in danger of being lost to the area. Just as we have found there is a scarcity of suitable sites for a Heritage centre and Museum, there is also a scarcity of independent restaurants in the local area. It would therefore be a great pity to lose this one for no apparently worthwhile reason. As our plans meant the retention of the many staff employed in the business we were very disappointed to learn that those loyal employee's jobs are now under threat. We believe employment in the NPA area is too scarce already and should be taken into account in your deliberations. One could have understood had this been an old disused warehouse or barn but not a successful business that is externally and internally in keeping with the National Parks aims and is a clear benefit to a community where even their large hotels are being earmarked for housing. This does not help in any way the sustained development of tourism in the Park.

Where does more housing benefit a National Park? There is surely plenty of opportunity for house building/renovating in the surrounding area without unnecessarily altering a landmark listed building. The modern Velux windows they propose are absolutely essential to this application yet on a 150 year old roof are an outrage.

As a society we are also very uncomfortable about the fate of the church cemetery. This is not just some relatively modern neglected cemetery this is hundreds of years old and is much older than the present church and is believed to hold the graves of many of our medieval Chiefs and clan nobles who lived and died in this area over a period of 579 years. This can be seen by the MacFarlane Coat of arms of a Saltire and 4 roses on many of the gravestones. It is therefore very important to the estimated 250,000 claiming MacFarlane decent from all over the globe and is subsequently visited regularly. There is little reference to this MacFarlane burial ground in the application yet the access to it is through this proposed development and only through the development. The current access for our Clan members is frequently by bus. For many years now the restaurant and cemetery car park was perfect for this, the Bus drove in one end of the car park and out at the other end with no turning problems. Now however we notice that the proposal is to block that off and cut the car park in half and to only use one half for their 10 parking spaces, yet there is no mention of cemetery visitors. We believe this is a serious oversight and we, no matter what the outcome of this application, will demand right of access for our vehicles. It is a further concern that the Local council, who maintained the burial ground and car park, do not appear to have been consulted. We would like to see their opinion.

This also begs the question as to what would happen to the current open space at the west end of the car park at some vague later date, as we note this part of the current site is not subject to this application. This was we believe, the subject of a previous feasibility inquiry from the applicants with regard to building an 8 bedroom travel lodge there. Had this part of the car park not been removed for this application it could and should have went some way to preventing concerns over access.

We note the concerns of SEPA to the possibility of flooding problems. It is one thing to flood a restaurant which can be easily cleaned up, it is quite another to put at least 3 of the 5 potential new families at risk of a catastrophe in their new homes.

What we wanted to achieve with this objection is to show that this planned ownership as well as this planned development does absolutely nothing for the Scottish community as a whole or the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National park in especial and as we try to point out it is against much of what the NPA stands for in its 4 core aims:-

- (a) To conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area,
- (b) To promote sustainable use of the natural resources of the area,
- (c) To promote understanding and enjoyment (including enjoyment in the form of recreation) of the special qualities of the area by the public, and
- (d) To promote sustainable economic and social development of the area's communities.

This application we believe threatens considerable damage to many aspects of those aims. In light of that we respectfully ask you to reject this application in its entirety.

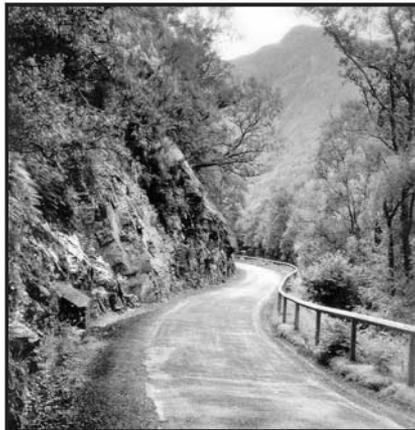
Yours sincerely  
Brian Macfarlane

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# MacFarlane Kilts from Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band



I would like to thank all of you that have purchased items from us that were listed in Lantern 99.

We still have more quality items left for sale.

4 Modern Hunting MacFarland kilts and 2 types of sporrans for sale. These items were used by the Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band and the Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band in Mesa, AZ. These two bands merged in 2006. The kilts were made in 2003-2004 and are almost new. I have photos of each kilt and sporran.

Here is a list of the kilts I have for sale:

- #1 - 45" waist, 43" hips, 25" long - made by a local kilt maker in AZ - 9 yds
- #3 - 51.5" waist, 58" hips, 21.75" long - by Burnett's & Struth in Canada - 9 yds
- #6 - 32" waist, 22.75" long - made by House of Edgar in Scotland - 8 yds
- #7 - 33.5" waist, 25.75" long - made by House of Edgar in Scotland - 8 yds

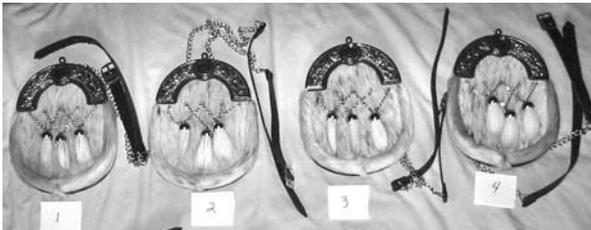
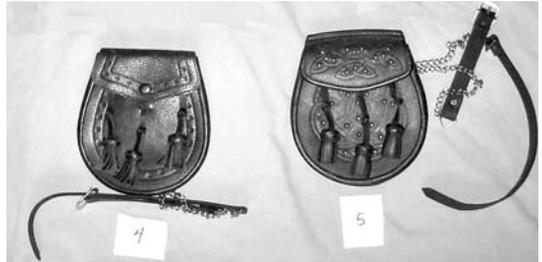
The black sporrans are model AZSF-3 with a Celtic knot pattern embossed in the leather, silver studs, 3 tassels, and were made in Scotland. We have 4 used black sporrans in good condition for sale. The fur sporran is made of gray pony hide with a nickel silver cantle, 3 tassels, and was made in Scotland. We have 5 little used fur sporrans for sale. We also have 1 fur sporran that has had tassels repaired and is slightly different.

Here are the prices for each item:

- MacFarland Kilt - \$275 - #1, #2, #3 -----
- \$250 - #4, #5, #6, #7
- Black Sporran & Chain strap - \$75
- Fur (Pony) Sporran & Chain Strap - \$95
- Repaired Fur Sporran & Chain Strap - \$45

You can e-mail me at [lsimmonsmpb@cox.net](mailto:lsimmonsmpb@cox.net) for more photos. If you would like to talk with me, my phone number in Arizona is 602-318- 7628. Please do not call before 9 a.m. MST any morning.

Regards,  
Lynne Simmons  
Secretary  
Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band





# Lyon Appointment Announced

(<http://www.journalonline.co.uk/news/1005087.aspx>)

**Lawyer and historian David Sellar to take up role**

**News, 7 March 2008**

The Queen, on the recommendation of the First Minister, has appointed Mr William David Hamilton Sellar to be Lord Lyon King of Arms. Mr Sellar succeeds Robin Blair, LVO, WS, who has held the office of Lord Lyon since 2001.

Mr Sellar (67) qualified as a solicitor in 1966. After two years with the Scottish Land Court, he joined the Faculty of Law at the University of Edinburgh where he is now an honorary fellow.

The Lord Lyon has both administrative and judicial functions. The former include the granting of armorial bearings to individual persons and corporations. Judicial functions include ruling on who has the right to bear an existing coat of arms, and the authorisation of matriculations of differenced arms. The post is part time at three days a week.

David Sellar, joint author of the Saltire Society's *Scottish Legal Tradition* (1991), has written on the history of various branches of Scots law, including marriage, divorce, incest, homicide and unjust enrichment. He has published on the Lordship of the Isles and on the origins of many Highland families.

Among other posts he has been O'Donnell Lecturer (in Celtic Studies) at Edinburgh, a member of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland, Literary Director of the Stair Society, and Chairman of Council of the Scottish History Society. He has also served on the Council of the Scottish Genealogy Society and of the Heraldry Society of Scotland. He was appointed Bute Pursuivant of Arms in 2001.

The office of the Lord Lyon is situated in New Register House, Edinburgh.

Her Majesty is also to appoint Mr Sellar to be secretary of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.



# Director of Heritage

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While the MacFarlanes did not "rise" officially, there were some who went out with Charlie in 1745- 1746. How many has never been settled to anyone's satisfaction. If there are any members of the Society who have provable descent from a survivor of Culloden, I'd very much like them to drop me a note. Their ancestor's story would help me fill out another part of our history.



The Scotsman, 17 January 2008

Global search for the children of Culloden  
Cumberland's Redcoats fight Bonnie Prince  
Charlie's Jacobites at the Battle of Culloden

By JOHN ROSS

IT WAS a brutal conflict that changed the course of history, pitching Scot against Scot, clan against clan and brother against brother.

The Battle of Culloden in 1746 ended the attempt by the Jacobite army to reclaim the British throne for a Catholic, Stuart king. Its aftermath led to the "pacification" of the Highlands and the dismantling of a way of life with estates seized and kilts and tartan banned. The campaign accelerated emigration from the area and the setting up of new colonies in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Now the National Trust for Scotland (NTS), the guardians of the battlefield, have launched a global search for young people whose ancestors fought on either side of the conflict. The NTS wants to encourage youngsters to research their family trees to find out if any are related to the soldiers who fought for Prince Charles Edward Stuart, or the government troops, led by the Duke of Cumberland. The aim is to find two direct descendants to help officially open a new £9.4 million visitor centre at Culloden on 16 April, the anniversary of the battle.

Alexander Bennett, the trust's project coordinator, said: "The myth that Culloden was a conflict between England and Scotland is still alive today. "In fact, many Scots fought with the government troops and some families had members who fought on opposing sides, often against their will. \_\_\_" The Battle of Culloden signalled the end of the clan system and contributed to the exodus of many Highlanders to the New World where they played a significant role in the creation and development of the US, Australia and Canada.

"We think it's very important that the descendants of those who fought on either side

should help us officially open the new centre."

Mr Bennett said he hopes to uncover children with a direct line to the battle, but not necessarily the leading players. "It's more to do with the process rather than who the ancestor was. It's not as if we are looking for a direct descendant of the prince.

"It would be nice if we could have someone from both sides, just ordinary, everyday people." The names of soldiers on the prince's side included Cameron, Macleod, Maclean, Farquharson, Chattan, Fraser and Stewart, while among the government troops were Monro, Campbell, Price, Cholmondely, Bligh, Semphill and Flemming.

"There will be some obvious direct descendants from, say, the clan chiefs, but that's not quite what we are looking for," said Mr Bennett. "It's more for children who want to get involved in research.

"It would be great if we get someone from Canada, or Australia as that is the diaspora and they are extremely proud of their ancestry."

The project is open to school-age children who have until 19 March to submit their family trees. These will then be scrutinised and authenticated by a panel of judges, including Dr Nick Barratt from the TV genealogy series *Who Do You Think You Are?* Dr Barratt said: "This is an opportunity for generations to come together and explore their shared past. Family trees are the gateway to history. There is something very exciting about seeing past events through ancestors' lives."

#### FAMILY IN THE FIGHTING

NELLIE Leitch, who lives in Culloden, spent 30 years investigating her family connections to the battle and discovered her great grandfather three times removed, Roderick Mackenzie, fought with the Lifeguards on the Jacobite side. He survived the fighting and was among those who helped Prince Charles Edward Stuart escape.

Government troops caught and shot Mr Mackenzie and beheaded him, mistaking him for the prince. His head was taken to London and put on display for a month before the mistake was realised.

David Henderson, of Farr, near Inverness, is able to trace his family to an Andrew Henderson, who was an eyewitness at the battle, working as an early war reporter on the government side. Born in Roxburghe in February 1717, Mr Henderson wrote a book about the conflict, a copy of which is now at the Culloden visitor centre.



# From the Lands' Down Under



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The Church of Scotland at West Bridgend, Dunbarton and the Graveyard.

Alexander McFarlane born circa 1764 died 8th November 1852 married 13th July 1793

Jean Johnston(e) born 19th November 1795 at Blackmailing, Old Kilpatrick and died 8th June 1814. They are buried together in grave number 2 at West Bridgend.

Two sons of the above, Walter McFarlane born 1800 is the 3 x great grandfather of Glenda and William born 1802 is the 2 x great grandfather of David.

These 4th cousins once removed were to have met in Sydney in October/November 2008 at the 37th Annual General Meeting and World Gathering of the International Clan MacFarlane Society Inc. It would have been a reunion of the two families after approximately 133 years.



David McFarlane (USA)

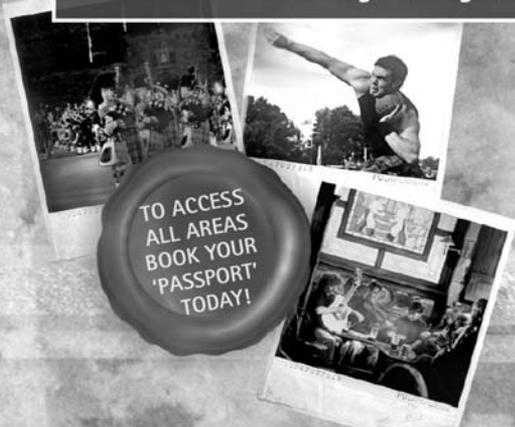


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*July 25th - 26th  
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# Clan MacFarlane Society 2008 World Gathering and AGM

On August 30th, 2008, we will hold our annual dinner ceildh in conjunction with the 143rd Pleasanton Scottish Highland Games and Gathering in Pleasanton, California.

Reservations have been held at the Pleasanton Hilton, which will offer free shuttle service to and from the Games. There is an Accommodations tab on the hotel site where you can set up your reservations (see below). The Pleasanton Hilton is located at 7050 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Their phone number is 925-463-8000, the fax number is 925-463-3801, and the web site is [www1.hilton.com/en\\_US/hi/hotel/PLE-PHHF-Hilton-Pleasanton-at-The-Club-California/index.do](http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/PLE-PHHF-Hilton-Pleasanton-at-The-Club-California/index.do).

We have a room block for 25 rooms for Friday and Saturday with a hospitality suite on Friday night, which will be open from 6pm until 9pm for a meet and greet. Information regarding this will be posted in the Lobby on the date of the reception. The room rate is \$90 per night. We urge you to make your reservations, at the above referenced link, as soon as possible as this is a highly attended Games and Gathering and rooms are at a premium.

The meeting will be held at the Clan MacFarlane tent at 2pm on Saturday, August 30th.

We have a banquet room on Saturday night from 7pm until 11pm with a no host bar, for dinner, entertainment, and dancing.

Dinner choices:

Prim Rib of Beef with cream horseradish sauce and au jus  
Chicken Wellington - chicken breast, mushroom duxelles, puff pastry, truffle sauce  
Vegetable Wellington - wild mushrooms, wrapped in filo, boursin cheese cream cheese

All dinners served with:

Haggis  
Mixed Green Salad - baby greens, radishes, tomatoes, walnuts, carrot, raspberry vinaigrette dressing  
Potato au gratin  
White Champagne Chocolate Mousse - raspberries, whipped cream rosette, chocolate cup  
Coffee and tea

The contact person is Kevin McFarlane at 303-484-3619 or at [treasurer@macfarlane.org](mailto:treasurer@macfarlane.org).

The cost for dinner is \$54 per person. Dinner payments by check should be made out to Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc. and mailed to Treasurer Kevin J. McFarlane, Post Office Box 351205, Westminster, CO 80035. Credit card payments can be made through [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) to [treasurer@macfarlane.org](mailto:treasurer@macfarlane.org).

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been to NH in many years and the mere sight of seeing the Tent to the 80 plus MacFarlane's that stopped by and signed in to the guest book was amazing. With this being my second tent we have developed a reputation among the clans as being resilient. Many of the other clans as well as spectators know or saw what happened in Maine with the wind and did not expect us to be back up and running not more the a month later. This three day event was filled with excitement and it was great to meet so many MacFarlane's. One MacFarlane, Dan Gorey won the Award for "Best Dressed Highlander" with his Ancient hunting tartan completing his outfit. As his name was announced during the closing ceremonies on Saturday evening he yelled out the battle cry "Loch Sloy" so loud that the several hundred in attendance must have heard it. It was great to be represented so much through out the weekend as the Guest Pipe band was none other then The New Hampshire School of Scottish Arts who wear the MacFarlane Tartan. The outstanding display of numbers in the MacFarlane tent was great as we were pitch forked in right next to the Colquhoun tent and we had them outnumbered most of the weekend. Thank you to everyone who stopped by the tent.

**May 17, 2008 - Rhode Island Highland Games – Richmond, RI**

The day started out like a typical Scottish day rainy, dark and overcast but it quickly cleared up as we approached the start of the games and turned out to be perfect weather for May in New England. The MacFarlane's were given the privilege of being this years "Honored Clan" due wholly to the time and past efforts put forth by Joel MacFarland Fuller who was stepping down as the co-chair of the Rhode Island games after this years games. I had the support of Sam and Vicki Overstreet as we greeted many MacFarlane's who stopped by. The Rhode Island Games were good to us. We were given a plaque and we had the chance to lead the clan parade throughout the opening ceremonies. Thank you to all who stopped by to visit and a special thank you to Joel who made this all possible.

**Douglas S. Williams**  
**Commissioner New England, USA**



**Sam Overstreet and Douglas Williams, Rhode Island Highland Games**

# FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

**Robert J. "Spanky" MacFarlane, 83**

of Lower Burrell

died Friday, April 11, 2008, in

UPMC St. Margaret, Aspinwall.

He was born March 12, 1925, in Renton, to the late William and Elizabeth Cairns MacFarlane, and had lived in Lower Burrell the past 30 years. He had previously lived in O'Hara Township. A welder, he was employed by Protec Inc., O'Hara Township, retiring with 30 years of service. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in Central Europe and Northern France with the 423rd Infantry Regiment of the 106th Division. He was a member of Blawnox Methodist Church, VFW and American Legion in Lower Burrell, and was an avid fisherman. He is survived by his daughter, Sandi (Patrick J.) McGrath, of New Kensington; three grandchildren, Charles A., Jason R. and Jodi L. Fischbach; two great-grandchildren, Shelby Elizabeth and Seth Raymond Fischbach; and two sisters, Joan (Russell) Gunn, of Penn Hills, and June Shaw, of Plum Borough. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Erma A. Isherwood MacFarlane; a daughter, Judith MacFarlane; and a son, Harry MacFarlane. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the RUSIEWICZ OF LOWER BURRELL FUNERAL HOME, 3124 Leechburg Road at Alder Street, where funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday by the Rev. Brenda Walker. Burial with military honors by the Vandergrift Honor Guard will follow in Greenwood Cemetery, Lower Burrell. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday by the VFW and at 7:30 p.m. Monday by the American Legion in the funeral home.

*/Sign Robert MacFarlane's online guestbook now*

<http://www.livingtributes.com/cobr/pittsburglive/guestbook.php?ltid=1031&fn=Robert&mn=J.&ln=MacFarlane&ct=Lower+Burrell&st=>./>





# SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

## CLAN MACFARLANE SOCIETY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Clan MacFarlane Society is proud to announce this years Scholarship winner is Lindsay Leigh McFarland. She is a senior at Van High School in Van Texas. Lindsay was first in her class with a GPA of 4.0. She took advanced English, History and Chemistry during her senior year. She has also taken courses at Tyler Junior College while carrying a full load at Van High School. Lindsay's activities are too numerous to mention but she was fully involved in her school, community and church. In addition, Lindsay worked a part time job. Lindsay has been accepted at the Red McCombs School of Business of University of Texas at Austin. Congratulation Lindsay and keep up the good work.

Michael McFarlane (of Colorado, USA)



INTERNATIONAL CLAN MACFARLANE HIGHLAND DANCING TROPHY which Ted Ebb presented to the winner of the 7-11yrs section. The winner is Isabella Demington. (Second from left)





# In The News



Mary Ann Wolf, Chuck Jamison (Caledonian Club Chief of Sacramento, California, USA), Dirk Verdoorn from KCRA, and Laura Larsen.

We had a TV spot on KCRA in April, week for the Sacramento Games promotion. I actually did a whole dance during the segment with our live piper--I thought was awesome that they gave us that much air time. The pipes sounded awesome in the mall where that particular studio is located.

Always,  
Mary Ann Wolf





# Get Well Soon!

## **Prescott, Arizona, USA**

Al Landeck, our very own Director of Gatherings, recently had a stroke.

## **Fife, Scotland, UK**

Margaret Macfarlane, Mother of our Vice President, had to endure a left leg amputation brought on by complications to diabetes. She has been released from hospital only two weeks after it, and fully expects to return as middle linebacker for her local team soon.

## **Sheena Macfarlane,**

wife of our Vice President, Brian Macfarlane is recovering from breaking her left forearm in four places and surgery for an abdominal obstruction. She is now home and recovering well.

**Please direct your thoughts and prayers towards our kin for a speedy recovery.**



## Proposed Itinerary for Clan MacFarlane Society 2009 World Gathering and AGM

### **Day 1 – 18th July 2009**

On arrival to Edinburgh/Glasgow airports you will be met by Thistle Dubh representatives and Blue Badge Guides who will assist you on to coaches for a leisurely drive through the Scottish countryside to the pretty port town of Oban, and your Gateway to the Isle of Mull. Enjoy panoramic views of McCaigs Tower and the fantastic Oban bay as you are ferried to your island home on Mull for the next 2 nights. The rest of the afternoon will be at leisure. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening to celebrate the beginning of your trip, and allow group members to get to know one another. Overnight in Mull – Isle Of Mull Hotel (D)

### **Day 2 - 19th July 2009**

Today we will take the ferry to the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland, the Isle of Iona. The St. Columbus shrine dates from the 9th century and sits on the original site of the St. Columbus monastery dating back to 563. A superb collection of over 180 medieval and religious carved stones await your viewing. Stop by the Abbey graveyard which is the final

resting place for many early Scottish kings and chiefs. Afterwards enjoy a stop in Tobermory famed for its cheerfully colored waterfront buildings and yachts bobbing in the harbor. Enjoy a fish n chips dinner traditional style! Rest of evening at leisure. Overnight in Mull – Isle Of Mull Hotel (B, D)

### Day 3 - 20th July 2009

This morning enjoy your ferry ride back to Scotland's mainland and on to Inverary Castle home to the Chief of the Clan Campbell. The design of the castle is indeed unique with its mixes of Palladian, Gothic and Baroque architecture. The dramatic Armoury Hall soars to 21 meters in height and is the highest ceiling in Scotland! Don't miss the incredible display of arms on the walls dating back to 1740, and the fascinating showcase of treasures such as the dirk and sporran belonging to Rob Roy MacGregor. Continue on to Inveruglas and enjoy a boat trip to the Island of Inveruglus and I Vow where the remains of MacFarlane castles lie. AGM will be held on Island of I Vow. Celebratory dinner this evening at your hotel with traditional song and dance. Overnight in Arrochar – Arrochar Hotel (B, D) Thistle Dubh Enterprises LLC

### Day 4 – 21st July 2009

Today we will travel on to Stirling, Scotland's heritage capital where the Wars of Independence were fought and won. Enjoy a visit to Stirling Castle where Mary Queen of Scots was crowned in 1543, visit the James IV's Great Hall which is the largest banqueting hall ever built in Scotland and of course enjoy the panoramic views from the battlements as you look over the battlefields of Stirling Bridge and Bannockburn. Continue on to the Wallace Monument and re-live William Wallace's life and trial, visit the Hall of Heroes and climb the 246 steps to The Crown on top affording you magnificent views worth every step! This evening you can enjoy a stroll along the scenic "Back Walk" pathway around the Castle and Old Town. Overnight Stirling – Stirling Highland Hotel (B)

### Day 5 – 22nd July 2009

Today you will venture out of Stirling to Falkland to visit the Palace, a country residence of the Stuart monarchs for over 200 years. Enjoy elaborately painted ceilings, 17th century Flemish tapestries and be sure to keep your eye on the goat whose eyes will follow you as you walk the processional route! Continue on to Scone Palace which fifteen hundred years ago was the capital of the Pictish kingdom and the center for the ancient Celtic church, the seat of parliaments, and the crowning place for Kings. Visit the Moot Hill where Robert the Bruce was declared himself King of Scots, hear the story of the Stone of Scone, and enjoy the treasures of the Palace. Time permitting Dunkeld will offer a pleasant riverside walk taking in Ossian's Hall overlooking the Black Linn Fall, and on to Ossian's Cave. Continue on to the Crieff Visitor Center to experience the skills of their craftsmen and women as they throw and decorate the Buchan pottery, or watch the art of making a Caithness glass paperweight, or perhaps indulge in a little retail therapy! We culminate this day with a visit to Scotland's oldest distillery, Glenturret to sample some "water of life"! Overnight Stirling – Stirling Highland Hotel (B)

### Day 6 – 23rd July 2009

As you depart Stirling today you will visit Bannockburn battlefield where on June 1314 Robert the Bruce of Scotland defeated the forces of the English king, Edward II. Continuing on we will visit one of Scotland's newer innovations, the Falkirk Wheel, designed to connect the historic Forth and Clyde canal system which lay 115ft below the Union Canal. Enjoy the Archimedes principle of displacement as your boat is swiftly lifted and you are connected from one canal system to the other. We will now continue to the country's capital city, Edinburgh, where you will enjoy a visit to an operational facility milling your favorite material, Tartan! You will have time ask questions, browse products and shop before heading back to your hotel. The rest of the day will be at leisure. (Appointments for kilt fitting can be setup in advance for interested parties) Assemble this evening for a Literary Pub Tour – Meeting point TBD Overnight Edinburgh Roxburghe Hotel, (B)

### Day 7 – 24th July 2009

We will start today with a visit to Holyrood Palace, best known as being the home of Mary, Queen Of Scots and the setting for many dramatic episodes in her turbulent reign such as the brutal killing of her secretary Rizzio by her 2nd husband, Lord Darnley. View the unrivaled collection of Brussels tapestries, and visit the Abbey where Mary Queen of Scots and Lord Darnley were married. From here we will head further up the Royal Mile to visit St. Giles Cathedral with its famed crown spire, and which is the Mother Church of Presbyterianism in Scotland. Discover the chapel of the Order Of The Thistle, Scotland's highest order of chivalry, with its interesting religious and heraldic décor and with an element of Scottish flare such as angels playing bagpipes! We continue on foot to the Old Parliament Hall which was the seat of the Scottish government from 1639 to 1707. View the striking feature in the Great Window which contains 8000 pieces of painted and stained glass and hear stories of Burk & Hare! Continue on foot to Edinburgh Castle which was the seat of Scottish Kings, visit Mons Meg, see the Honours of Scotland and make your decision on the authenticity of the Stone of Destiny! Evening at leisure. Overnight Edinburgh Roxburghe Hotel, (B)

### Day 8 - 25th July 2009

Today enjoy The 2009 Clan Gathering in Edinburgh's Holyrood Park! Watch athletes toss the caber, and putting the stone in the World Heavy Events Championship, or enjoy the dancing of the Highland Fling and the sounds of pipe bands. Take your place in the Clan Procession as you walk the Royal Mile together to the Castle Esplanade to enjoy a spectacular evening of Clan Pageantry! An evening promised to become a treasured memory! Overnight in Edinburgh Roxburghe Hotel, (B)

### Day 9 - 26th July 2009

The Gathering continues today at Holyrood Park and your passes allow you to return once more to see the events taking place on the second day of the gathering. Make sure to stop by your clan tent and visit with fellow clansmen & women, and if you are a runner you may want to consider entering the hill race! Be

sure to take in all the flavors of Scotland by delighting your taste buds with Scotland's finest fare! Overnight in Edinburgh Roxburghe Hotel, (B)

### Day 10 - 27th July 2009

A fond farewell! This morning your coach will transfer you from your hotel back to Edinburgh/Glasgow airports in time for your homeward bound flights. Take a last opportunity to bid your friends new and old farewell, before saying goodbye to Scotland! (B)

#### KEY:

B – Breakfast L- Lunch AT – Afternoon Tea D – Dinner

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### What Your Package Includes:

- Silver Passport to The Gathering 2009
- 9 nights twin or double room occupancy en-suite accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- 3 dinners
- 1 evening of traditional music and dance
- The Famous Grouse Experience – whisky tour & tasting
- Literary Pub Tour
- Executive touring coaches and drivers for duration of the tour – transportation will be at your own arrangements on day 8 & 9
- Professional Blue Badge Scottish Tour Guides for the duration of the tour (One confirmed as Andy Middleton)
- Return ferry transfers from Oban to Mull, and Mull to Iona
- Boat transportation to the islands of Inveruglas and I Vow
- Admissions to Iona Abbey, Inverary Castle, Stirling Castle, Wallace Monument, Bannochburn, Falkland Palace, Scone Palace, The Falkirk Wheel, Holyrood Palace, St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh Castle.
- All relevant local taxes and VAT at the current rate of 17.5%

Exclusions:

-Health, trip cancellation/interruption or baggage insurance. All are strongly recommended.

-Passport & visa costs.

-Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls etc.). All guests are responsible for settling any such costs incurred before checking out of each hotel or returning to the USA.

-Gratuities to the tour guides and drivers - are at each travelers' discretion.

-International flights

-Items not specifically mentioned above.

Package Prices (land only)

Minimum 80 paying passengers \$1872.42 per person double occupancy

Single room occupancy supplement \$600.00

## Hotels:

This proposal is based upon use of the hotels stated above in this quote. Space is currently being held but will be released at the date indicated unless confirmed by your group.

All hotel contracts are subject to final negotiation prior to confirmation. In the event, that these or similar properties are not available, Thistle Dubh Enterprises LLC reserves the right to re-quote if necessary.

Isle Of Mull Hotel - Mull

Arrochar Hotel - Arrochar

Stirling Highland Hotel – Stirling

Roxburghe Hotel - Edinburgh

## David W. Millar, Commissioner for Wales

### THE CLAN MACFARLANE SUNG TO THE TUNE OF: " THE FLOWER OF SCOTLAND "

OH CLAN MACFARLANE  
WHEN WILL WE SEE  
YOUR LIKE AGAIN  
THAT FOUGHT AND DIED FOR  
YOUR WEE BIT HILL AND GLEN

Chorus  
AND STOOD TOGETHER ( AT WHERE )  
O'ER BANKS OF LOCH SLOIDH  
AND DEFEND OUR HOMELANDS  
TO THE VERY END

THOSE HILLS ARE BARE NOW  
AND AUTUMN LEAVES, LAY THICK AND  
STILL  
O'ER LAND THAT IS LOST NOW  
WHICH THOSE SO DEARLY HELD

Chorus  
AND STOOD TOGETHER ( AT WHERE )  
O'ER BANKS OF LOCH SLOIDH  
AND DEFEND OUR HOMELANDS  
TO THE VERY END

THOSE DAYS ARE PAST NOW  
AND IN THE PAST, THEY MUST REMAIN  
BUT WE CAN STILL RISE NOW  
AND BE THE CLAN AGAIN

Chorus  
AND STOOD TOGETHER ( AT WHERE )  
O'ER BANKS OF LOCH SLOIDH  
AND DEFEND OUR HOMELANDS  
TO THE VERY END  
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TO THE VERY END.

# Membership Report

Rebecca L. Grunau, Director  
Membershipmembership@macfarlane.org



Maintaining a worldwide membership for a volunteer society has some unique challenges. Everyone has a personal system of preferences, opinions, criticisms, and generalizations. We responded to these by developing a membership system that is able to be efficient and flexible for a diverse worldwide membership base.

These efforts are reflected by the changes we made to create a website based membership system. The system is hosted on a professional computer server that is backed up and secured. The program allows us to match up the membership system with the Pay Pal system for our members who are interested in paying electronically. These members automatically renew their dues by 'subscribing' to the Clan MacFarlane Society Membership. It is easy to start and easy to stop. (No phone calls!)

For our members who would rather manage their membership by traditional methods, they still can. They do this by sending a check/money order directly to Treasurer or to the Membership Director. These members make sure their current address is on the check and write their membership login name in the memo section.

All members receive an online account to the website. This allows the members who want to use it, to keep their information up to date (postal address, email, telephone etc.) and find out when their membership expires.

If your membership expires, you will no longer have access to your online account or online benefits (online forums, access to old Lanterns etc) that go along with that. Once the Society receives your annual dues, the membership account is reactivated and you can then access your website account and the other benefits.

Please maintain your current postal address with us as well as your current email addresses. This will insure that you receive your Lantern and other electronic communication. Returned Lanterns cost the Society money and that affects all Members by inhibiting our ability to obtain our goals by procuring land in our homeland of Scotland.

Rebecca Grunau  
Director Membership





# ORDER of the CLAYMORE

Each of us involved in the Clan MacFarlane Society is here because we wish to share in and preserve our proud legacy inherited from those that have gone before.

If we want to see our heritage preserved so FUTURE GENERATIONS will benefit from it, much help is required. Some people are able to donate their time, others donate financially. Some do both! CMSI's Order of the Claymore is the means to donate financially.

All money donated goes directly to the Clan MacFarlane Heritage trust to fund the acquisition of a Bldg. which will be home of the Clan MacFarlane Museum of Highland Life in Scotland. This Museum and Heritage centre will be a focal point for all MacFarlanes and septs worldwide and will aid the preservation of Scottish/Gaelic Culture, Artifacts, Genealogy and Archaeological studies.

This will be YOUR centre and this is your chance to help.

Donations of all sizes are welcome. We are offering some beautiful commemorative gifts with donations which are listed below to thank you for your support.

## **DEFENDER of the ARMS**

\$10,000 Donation

Recognition at the Centre with a personalized name plaque.

Hand Crafted Sterling Silver MacFarlane Crest Badge

Hand Crafted Sterling Silver CMSI Order of the Claymore Kilt Pin

Embroidered Polo Shirt with Order of the Claymore logo

## **HIGHLAND WARRIOR**

\$5,000 Donation

Recognition at the Centre with a smaller personalized name plaque.

Hand Crafted Sterling Silver MacFarlane Crest Badge

Hand Crafted Sterling Silver CMSI Order of the Claymore Kilt Pin

Embroidered Polo Shirt with Order of the Claymore logo

## **ARCHER**

\$1,000 Donation

Recognition at the Centre on the Roll of Honor (Archer)

Hand Crafted Sterling Silver CMSI Order of the Claymore Kilt Pin

Embroidered Polo Shirt with Order of the Claymore logo

## **STANDARD BEARER**

\$500 Donation

Recognition at the Centre on the Roll of Honor (Standard Bearer)

Hand Crafted Sterling Silver CMSI Order of the Claymore Kilt Pin

Embroidered Polo Shirt with Order of the Claymore logo

## **SWORD BEARER**

\$250 Donation

Recognition at the Centre on the Roll of Honor (Sword Bearer)

Embroidered Polo Shirt with Order of the Claymore logo

Those making donations less than \$250 will receive recognition at the Centre on the Roll of Honor.



# Order of the Claymore Roll of Honour

CMSI Would like to thank all those who support the Heritage Centre Project

## Defenders of the Arms

Paul Funkhouser, IL USA in loving memory of Mary Virginia Funkhouser \$20,000  
Zane Albion Thompson, Roque Bluffs, ME USA \$10,525.77  
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## \$1,000

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## Standard Bearers

Dawn Macfarlane and Baldur Van Lew, Netherlands \$500  
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*As you can see, the list is growing.  
 We'd love to see your name listed in the next issue.*

23rd May 2008

**Julie Brown**  
**Head of Corporate Policy & Performance**  
**National Museums Scotland**  
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Dear Ms Brown

Some 9 years ago my father and Clan MacFarlane Society Life member Ian Macfarlane FSA Scot, wrote to your Museum asking after the whereabouts of the Ancient Clan MacFarlane Battle Standard/Flag/Banner which was donated to your museum for safekeeping by the Society of Antiquaries in 1941. At that time your organisation responded with what I will euphemistically call inaccuracies as to the very existence of such an item, far less its location.

Our International organisation of now some 1700 members were to put it mildly, concerned to hear this. They delegated me as the Executive Vice President to take up the case and I wrote to your museum. Remarkably after my strongly worded letter the whereabouts of this vital piece of the Clan MacFarlane's 750 year old history suddenly and miraculously became known. This ancient textile of c250 years of age which had enjoyed a place of prominence for many years at your Edinburgh Queens Street site was now being cared for in less than sartorial elegance in a dingy old warehouse in Leith.

Over the next few years our organisation began an e mail dialogue with your Textiles dept about the preservation and restoration of this relic and you very kindly organised two mass showings to our visiting members over that time where we were treated very well by your staff Irene MacKay and Lynn McClean.

We also obtained from you a costing some 3 years ago for its refurbishment of some £15,000 and we embarked upon a fund raising drive with our members to obtain this figure. Despite having an ongoing and entirely separate fundraising to establish a Heritage Centre/Museum in our clan homelands on Loch Lomondside at the same time, we successfully achieved the target. I wrote to your Mr. George Dalglish some 3 months ago via e mail as I had previously done many times, to inform him of that and to ask his advice on the handing over of the cheque. I never received a reply. I then wrote an email to Mr D. Caldwell in like vein with the same result. Finally I wrote an e mail to your [development@nms.co.uk](mailto:development@nms.co.uk) from your website and received a similarly contemptuous silence. I note from your standards of service page number 7 (c) your goal is to reply to an e mail within 7 days. Well that's 3 times those standards have slipped it would seem to me, not very professional is it?

I have to say that over the years our organisation despite always trying to co-operate in every way have felt a barely concealed hostility to our suggestions and a distinct lack of any warmth in our dealings with the aforementioned personnel with the exception of Irene and Lynn. We have on many occasions been made to feel like pests when in all truth our only concern is the preservation of our already scanty heritage. One would have expected similar goals from your organisation. This year's further institutionalised contempt only compounded that of the past.

If you do not want this relic, as has always seemed to be the case. I would be grateful if you could at least acknowledge that fact to me in what I hope will be a reply at last and perhaps we could agree you're returning it back to those who actually do care. We could then use the £15,000 to carry out the work required ourselves.

Yours sincerely  
Brian Macfarlane

# Clan MacFarlane Battle Standard Appeal



Dear Members

It is now some time since we started to fundraise to pay for the restoration and preservation of our Clan's Battle Standard which is now held by the National Museum for Scotland in Edinburgh. We therefore thought we would take a fresh look at things and let you know the current state of the fundraising. Firstly though just to recap on what this priceless relic of our shared heritage is and what we know about it.

The Battle Standard or MacFarlane Flag as it is known in some more liberal minded areas was presented to the Museum by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland in 1941. It had been in the ownership of Margaret MacFarlane daughter of William the 21st Chief and believed to be the last lineal descendant of MacFarlane of MacFarlane whose tomb is in Greyfriars churchyard Edinburgh. This churchyard made famous by the loyal dog "Greyfriars Bobby" of Hollywood fame. It was then passed down the generations until it was donated to the antiquaries who then passed it to the museum some years later.

The Standard has been provisionally dated as the mid to late Covenanting period (c1650-1680) by the textiles dept of the Museum. However oral tradition has it that it is more than a hundred years older. It is said to be French manufactured in silk and the style of the savage certainly looks very latin. Its my contention that with the mid to late covenanting period in Scotland being fiercely Protestant, it's highly unlikely anything from Catholic France would have been commissioned after the reformation, especially you would think, by the chief of the first Highland clan to embrace the reformed religion as we MacFarlanes were. Also the Crest on the Standard has a full savage depicted as opposed to the demi savage (half savage) used by the MacFarlane chiefs after the Battle of Langside in 1568. The infant Kings James VI's Regent the Earl of Moray bestowed this crest on Andrew MacFarlane as reward for our ancestors ferocious broadsword charge which turned the tide of the battle and captured 3 of Queen Marys Standards. This would indicate the Standards commissioning from France was prior to 1568 as any work done after then, would surely have had the chief's proper crest. The Standard was almost certainly carried by our ancestors at the battle of Bothwell Brig in 1679 fighting with "Bonnie Dundee". Very probably with the Marquis of Montrose at the battle of Inverlochy in 1645. It was probably out with King Charles II in the early 1650's too. As to the battles of Langside, Glasgow Muir, Pinkie and Flodden we'll probably never know. But make no mistake this relic is a Battle Standard! Not just a mere flag. In my opinion the Scottish Saltire in the top left corner is there for one reason only, identification in battle.

It is difficult to believe our far from wealthy Chief would have felt the need to purchase, at great expense, a standard from France at any time. My own personal theory is that it may well have been a gift from France to the descendants of Sir John MacFarlane our chief. In effect for fighting in support of France when they fought against the English at Flodden in 1513. Sir John MacFarlane was knighted by King James IV on the eve of the battle and died along with his King, several hundred MacFarlanes, 12,000 fellow Scots and 8,000 Englishmen. This was the Somme of the 16th century without a doubt. My theory is a long shot agreed, and I'm not trying to rewrite history but it is an intriguing thought which adds even more colour to the story. Any of you scholars out there who have a different slant, feel free to write to us about it.

When it was donated to the Museum it was displayed at their Queen's Street Edinburgh museum 'til the 1970's. However it then mysteriously disappeared and was in grave danger of being lost until my father, CMSI life member and Clan Tosgair Ian MacFarlane, FSA Scot. hunted it down. The museum for some time denied its very existence but being a Macfarlane my fathers tenacity has never been in doubt and it was eventually found in a storage warehouse in Leith, Edinburgh. Our society then swung into action and now some few years later we are on the final stretch towards its preservation. We have at the moment some £10,215 towards the £15,000/\$30,000 cost of that work. Come on you members of the Parlanach! Lets go the final mile in memory of those men, our ancestors, who never cease to fill me and I hope you with pride. If you haven't donated anything to this cause yet, now's the time to do it. Write your name large alongside that of your forefathers. They have never let us down, lets make sure we don't let them down.

Brian Macfarlane



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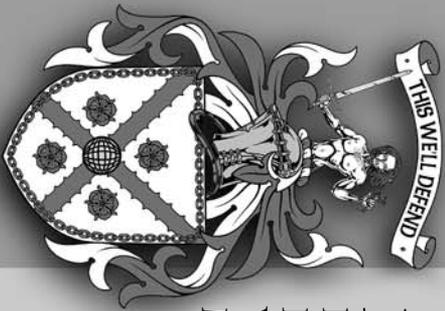
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