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Greetings fellow clansfolk, I am writing this in a more cheery frame of mind than I have been for some time. The sun is shining, the daffodils are blooming in the garden, the snow and ice have gone and I am hopeful that I will again feel some heat in my bones. It has been a wild winter, hasn't it? At least it has been in this part of Ontario. But now we can look forward to the summer's series of Highland

Games. The Main Event of

course, this year, is the visit of our Clan Chief, Pauline to the Fergus Highland Games. We are really hopeful that we have an excellent turn out. Pauline has intimated to me that she is most anxious to meet as many of the clanfolk as she can. You will find a wealth of information within this newsletter so please read it all and consider joining us for a really great time. The information on the Fergus Games was taken directly from their web site which you can access directly for lots more information at....



If you can't attend our AGM in Fergus but you have something you would like us to discuss please feel free to get in touch with me and we will try and put it on the agenda.

In other parts of the summer you will find us at, The Chatham Highland Games - 12th July, Maxville Highland Games - 1st August, Montreal Highland Games - 3rd August and if you have a favourite Games within driving range of London we will try and visit you there. Having said that, I must confess that we had hoped to get out to the East Coast and visit a couple of the Games there

this summer. Unfortunately that is not going to be possible and has had to be put on the back burner for now. My appologies to those folks on the East Coast we had been so looking forward to meeting up with. I hope you all enjoy the newsletter and please don't forget to drop me a line about "what ails you"

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Tom

# The Duties of the Hunters as Royal Forresters

By COLIN FORRESTER, Hon. Sec., The Clan Forrester Society (first printed in 1985)



The Arms of the Lords Forrester of Corstorphine, The Chief of Forresters

John Hunter of Hunterston was appointed as Forrester of the Royal Forest and Deer Park on the islands of Arran and the Little Cumbrae, an office that was hereditary in the family. The annual quitrent to the King for the Office was a pair of hounds and a hawk. In feudal times forests were not for growing wood, but were the game preserves and hunting grounds for the King and his nobles.

Tolls were levied on animals grazing in the forest called 'Pannage', 'Herbage' and 'Foddage'. Care had to be taken of the 'Vert' or growing cover for game. The forests were often open land, and the smaller islands were used for holding breeding stocks of deer. They were easily contained within the area without needing walled dykes to hold the animals.

The forester's duties included protection of this game. If a stranger was found in the forest and swore he was lost, he was led out to the common way. The hunter had the right to deliver a known trespasser to the King, and he

was permitted to remove the man's 'outmost cloth' (cloak or outer garment) and the contents of his purse. The fine for trespass was eight cows, and ten pounds for unlawful hunting or cutting Verdure'. The forests were ruled by ancient forest law, with judiciaries and forest courts. Thus a man whose 'ratch' or scenting hound chased a beast into the forest had to remove his bow and arrows, or tie his arrows with his bowstring, before entering the forest ground. Stray animals were seized, and penalties for the owner were severe: if herds of goats attacked the verdure the first three times a goat was hung from a tree by its horns as warning. The fourth time one was disemboweled on the spot. If the forester was alone when he found the strays, he blew his horn three times in witness, and then took the animals away for himself.

The horn or bugle was an important tool of the forester, as well as his badge of office in Scotland. This is shown in our own arms as well as those of the Hunters.

# Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Notice of Dues for July 1st 2003 to June 30th 2004

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 the envelope provided.

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# Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Here are the proposed plans for the visit of our chief

### Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston

August 7, 8, 9, 10, 2003

- Sponsors Reception	<i>37 1</i> 7 3	7 Aug 2003	Fergus
-Fergus Tattoo & Lighting	6.45 pm	8 Aug 2003	Fergus
-Fergus Highland Games	7.am	9 Aug 2003	Fergus
-Clan Hunter reception	5.30 pm	9 Aug 2003	Ramada Hotel & Conference
11-11		( )	Centre Guelph
- Kirkin' o' the Tartan	10.00am	10 Aug 2003	St Andrew's Presb.Fergus

A limited number of rooms have been held by the Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre, Guelph for members wishing to attend the gathering. Contact the Ramada directly at (519) 836-1240 to book one of the Clan Hunter rooms. However there are lots of alternative accomodation at Fergus (please refer to the accomodations list provided with a previous newsletter)

## Why not plan to attend this special gathering

Stay over in the Fergus area
Enjoy the Games - Hang out at the Clan Tent
Join in with the other Hunters in the Clan Parade -11.30am on 9th
Enjoy the fabulous Celtic Music
Meet some Clan friends
Attend the Kirkin' of the Tartan
in St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Fergus
10 am Sunday morning

Share your genealogy with other clan members Check out the Fergus Hughland Games web site for up to date information

http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com

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# Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Annual Clan Gathering 7-10th August 2002 with Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston and of that Ilk, Clan Chief and 30th Laird

Yes I/we will be attending the Tattoo & Lighting on Friday 8th Aug Yes I/we will be taking part in the parade on Saturday 9th. Aug	Number in Party Number in Party
Yes I/we will be attending the reception on Saturday 9th Aug	\$26.00/prsn Number in Party
Yes I/we will be attending the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday 10th	Aug Number in Party
Name:	
Address:	

cheques for the reception should be made payable to Clan Hunter

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August 8 - 10, 2003 Fergus, Ontario, Canada

E-mail: info@fergusscottishfestival.com

## fergusscottishfestival.com

Bagpipes - Competitions & Massed Bands
Highland Dancing - Competition & Massed Fling
Heavy Events - Tug of War, Caber Toss, Hammer Throw
Celtic Music - Concerts, Workshops, Jam Sessions

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North America's Premier Scottish Festival & Highland Games Join Us - August 8, 9 & 10, 2003

#### Ciad Mile Failté!



Celebrate Scottish Culture, Heritage & Traditions & the "Wee bit o' Scot" in you!

From Celtic Music to Massed Bands and Scotch Nosings, Heritage, Genealogy and Heavy Events – this Festival offers it all! Plus, to celebrate the vibrant and varied nature of the Scottish culture, the Festival and its Board of Directors are proud to welcome many Special Guests who love Scottish culture!

Confirmed special guests for 2003:

Author: Diana Gabaldon – best-selling author, The Outlander Series Celtic Music: The Cottars (Friday night only!) & Seven Nations (Sunday afternoon only!) Superpages Heavy Events: Dr. Rev. Kevin Fast,

Guinness Book of Record Holder & Master of

Ceremonies David Webster "the Original Strongman", Order of the British Empire recipient

Chieftain of the Games – John Allan Cameron, Order of Canada recipient

The Festival focuses its activities in the following areas of traditional Scottish culture.

- Schneider's Highland Dance Competition over 900 Dancers!
- Superpages Heavy Events Competition Professional, Masters & Amateur Competitors!
- Massed Bands & Tattoo!
- Scottish & Celtic Weekend Music Festival!
- Avenue of the Clans Featured Clans: Clan Cameron, Clan Elliot & Clan Hunter

#### Services



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#### Dancing Entry Form

#### Ticket Order Form

#### Accommodations

Festival Camping Festival camping reservations begin on Monday, May 26 at 9am and will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

To reserve a site, please contact the office – but not before Monday, May 26th: o Phone 519-787-0099 o Fax (519) 787-1274, or

o Email Address

Campsite confirmations will be sent to confirmed campers following the completion of registration.

Specific sites can be requested but are not guaranteed on a yearto-year basis. All campsites are on the Fergus Community The Festival warmly thanks and welcomes our valued Sponsors & our fabulous Volunteers! The Festival would not be possible without you!

#### Ciad Mile Failté!

#### Featured Music Performances for 2003: Book your tickets now!

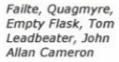
Friday Night



One concert ONLY - The Cottars - Winners, Group of the Year, 2003 East Coast Music Awards! Hear them here first!

Listen to their music

Saturday Ceilidh





Quagmyre

Sunday Afternoon



One Concert ONLY – Seven Nations Listen to their music

Proudly featuring another world-class schedule of Celtic music – from the traditional melodic ballads, fiddling & dancing of "The Cottars" to the raucous bagpipe rock of "Seven Nations" – the music is for everyone!

Live music will be played throughout the entire weekend - the Sleeman Highland Pub, TIM-BR Mart John Allan Cameron & Friends Tent, Heritage Tent, Sleemans Piper's Pub & on the main stage! Don't miss a minute!!

Book your tickets now!

#### Diana Gabaldon Returns!



Best-selling author of the Outlander Series Confirmed for Festival 2003! Join Diana for book signings and readings including "Sneak Previews" from her latest novel expected for release in Winter 2003!

Diana's absorbing and thrilling accounts of 17th century Scotland and the legacy of Jamie & Claire Fraser have won her legions of

fans throughout the world! The Festival & Diana welcome the "Ladies of Lallybroch" to Fergus as Centre grounds are campers are asked and required to respect and comply with the rules and regulations governing the Fergus Community Centre and the Festival. Thank you!

Please note, pets including dogs - are
not allowed on the
Festival site. Pets are
allowed on the
campsites only. Thank
you for your
understanding and
consideration.

Festival Program
"Highland Herald" free
program with
comprehensive
information regarding
times and locations of
all activities will be
available at the gate
on the festival
weekend.

Event results will be posted on the web as they are available. Check event pages for results.

Bagpipes Heavy Events Highland Dancing well as hundreds of her fans! If you're not an "Outlander" fan, you will be after August 8, 9 & 10th!

For more information about Diana, the Outlander series & excerpts, visit: <a href="http://www.dianagabaldon.com/">http://www.dianagabaldon.com/</a>

Chieftain of the Games John Allan Cameron, Order of Canada recipient

Once again, TIM-BR Mart and the Festival are proud to welcome our Chieftain back to Fergus and our 58Th Festival!

John Allan will be performing at various times throughout the weekend – click here for his schedule or join him in the TIM-BR Mart "John Allan & Friends' Tent!"



Featured Clan - Clan Cameron, Clan Elliot and Clan Hunter

#### Volunteers are Welcomed & Needed!

From its early beginnings in 1946 to this very day, the Festival relies on its fabulous volunteers to pull off an event of this magnitude! We can't thank them enough but we do treat them well!

If you're interested in volunteering for a few hours on the weekend or on a planning committee prior to the Festival, contact the office! Or check out the Volunteer Information Form posted here and let us know how you can help!

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# In Memorium

I received the following note from Sharon Tymich:

My parents, David and Ruth Hunter were mentioned in your January/03 issue of the newsletter. My Father passed away in November, 2002. He was born in Glasgow in 1914 and came to Canada in 1918. He always loved his birthplace and made two trips back to Scotland. He instilled in all his children a love for Scotland and I and my two sisters have also visited Scotland. He and my Mother enjoyed your newsletter so much and felt it kept them in touch with Scotland.

#### Sharon Tymich

Unfortunately news travels slowly in the newsletter world but we wish Ruth and the family our deepest condolences

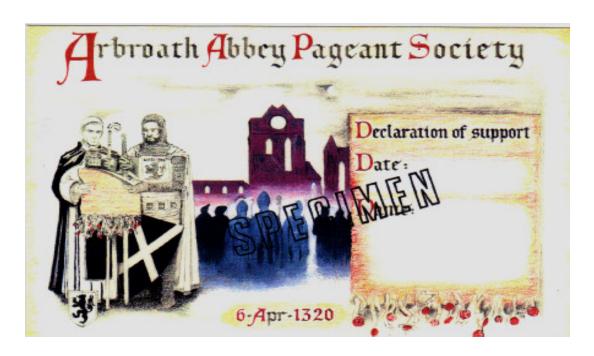
#### Nice To Know

Thank you to all of you who have taken the trouble to let me know how much you are enjoying the newsletter. It is still as hard as ever to get suitable and interesting articles but somehow or other it always seems to work out.

If you are one of the folks who enjoy the newsletter in paper form, think of how much it would be in full colour, and one way you can achieve that is to have your newsletter sent by e-mail. We now have around 30% of our membership receiving their newsletter in this format. If you want to be the latest convert just e-mail me at **thunter01@rogers.com** giving me your full name and address and we will set you up. If you find you don't like it we can change you back to regular mail at any time. We aim to please. Try it out, I know you'll like it.

### Arbroath Pagent

I found the press release on the Arbroath Pagent very interesting and so I have included it in this newsletter. However it is here for your interest and should not be viewed as an endorsment from the association. Please regard it as any other news bulletin and act accordingly.



#### BUY A SHARE INSCOTLAND'S HISTORY

An Arbroath society is offering patriot and expatriate Scots at home and abroad the chance to buy a small share in a major event in their country's history-and get a "share certificate" as a declaration of their support!

The idea is part of an ambitious new scheme by the Arbroath Abbey Pageant Society to raise some £40,000 to re-enact the signing of the Declaration of Scottish Independence-an event which took place on April 6th 1320 and which the society reenact in the spectacularly floodlit red sandstone ruins of the 12th century abbey where King Robert the Bruce's court originally gathered. The society has been re-enacting the signing, a pivotal event in the history of the Scottish nation, since it was first founded in 1947, and plans to stage its next full reenactment in 2005.

"It's not just coincidence that Americans have chosen April 6th as the date for their National Tartan Day to recognise Scotland and Scots' contribution to the development of their nation, and we are keen to ensure that the world knows Arbroath's vital part in our history", said Harry Ritchie of the Pageant Society.

"Unfortunately, a production on the scale and quality that the Pageant adheres to does not come cheap so we're giving Scots anywhere-and anyone else who cares to support us-the chance to buy a tastefully produced "declaration of support" in our 2005 event, their own "share certificate", if you like.

These will be personalised and issued to anyone making a donation of £25 sterling (\$45 US,\$65 Canadian, \$70 Australian, 40 Euros) or more."

The Scottish Declaration—or Arbroath Letter as it's sometimes known-was sent by the court of King Robert the Bruce to the Pope in Avignon asking him to recognise the Scots as a nation in their own right. The document, written by Abbot Bernard de Linton, is recognised as one of the finest political documents of all time and was the inspiration for some of the wording of the American Declaration of Independence.

The full Pageant involves a large cast of Arbroath townsfolk from all walks of life in carefully researched and beautifully recreated costume and this year, a "proclamation "event to commemorate April 6th was filmed at Arbroath Abbey to be shown on American network television to kick off the build up to the "real thing" in the summer of 2005.

For more information, visit the Pageant Society's website at www.arbroathabbeypageant.com

Donations payable to Arbroath Abbey Pageant Society, to Mr.D.Langlands, Honorary Secretary & Treasurer, W.A. Findlay & Co.,33 Commerce

Street, Arbroath, Angus, D D 11 1 N A.

For further information contact Harry Ritchie, Press

Officer, Beechwood, Barry, Camoustie, Angus, DD7 7RP.

# This Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Festivals listing is brought to you by the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Inc. (COSCA)

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Please share this list with your fellow Celts! This list was last updated on April 1, 2003

Prov Dates	Common and Full Names	Site and Proximity	Contact Phone Number
	8/30 Calgary - Calgary Highland Games	Calgary , AB (Near Calgary )	(403) 280-9670 / (403) 241-
	6/28 Red Deer - Red Deer Highland Games	Red Deer , AB (Near Red Deer )	(403) 343-6418 / (403) 343-
2672 <u>AB</u> 6/29/03-1926	6/29 Ellerslie Highland - Edmonton Scottish Society Highland	nd Gathering Edmonton , AB (Near Edmonton	on )(780) 987-5261 / (780) 455-
<u>AB</u> 6/15/03-	6/15 Grande Pairie - Grande Prairie Highland Games	Grande Prairie , AB (Near Grand Praire )	(403) 532-4250 / (403) 532-
	7/12 Fort Edmonton - Fort Edmonton Highland Games	Edmonton , AB (Near Edmonton, AB )	(403) 962-8476 / (403) 496-
8789 <u>AB</u> 8/31/03-3 9454	8/31 Canmore - Canmore Highland Games	Canmore , AB (Near Banff, Calgary )	(403) 678-9454 / (403) 678-
	7/18 Highland Happening - Annual Highland Happening	Red Deer , AB (Near Red Deer )	(403) 346-2424 / (403) 346-
	6/21 Sherwood Park - Highland Gathering in the Park	Edmonton , AB (Near Edmonton )	Unknown / Unknown
<u>AB</u> 5/10/03- : 5321	5/10 Festival Rockies - Festival in the Rockies	Cochrane , AB (Near Calgary )	(403) 932-5321 / (403) 932-
	8/23 High River - High River Highand Games	High River , AB (Near Calgary )	(403) 652-5348 / (403) 652-
	5/18 Victoria - Victoria Highland Games	Victoria , BC (Near Victoria )	(250) 598-1531 Eve / (250)
•	6/07 Prince George - The Gathering Of The Clans	Prince George , BC (Near Vancouver )	(250) 564-0910 / (250) 564-
	6/28 Vancouver Games - BC (United) Scottish Highland Gam	es and Festival Vancouver , BC (Near Vancou	uver )(604) 263-9111 / (604) 929-
	5/24 Sons of Scotland - Sons of Scotland Games	Cloverdale , BC (Near Langley/Vancouver )	(604) 435-0764 / (604) 435-
	7/05 Penticton - Penticton Highland Games	Penticton , BC (Near Kelowna )	(250) 493-1257 / (250) 493-
	6/21 Cariboo - Cariboo Highland Games	Quesnel , BC (Near Prince George, Williams	s Lake )Unknown / Unknown
BC 5/17/03- :	5/17 Comox Valley - Comox Valley Highland Games	Courtenay , BC (Near Nanaimo )	(250) 338-0363 / (250) 339-
	6/21 BC Legion - BC Legion Highland Gathering	Ganges , BC (Near )	(250) 538-0052 / (250) 538-
	7/27 NB Highland Games - New Brunswick Highland Games	Fredericton , NB (Near Fredericton )	(888) 368-4444 / (506) 455-
	8/24 Miramichi - Miramichi Highland Gathering	Bartibogue , NB (Near Newcastle and Chath	nam )Unknown / Unknown
<u>NB</u> 5/24/03-	5/24 Perth-Andover - Gathering of the Scots Festival	Perth-Andover , NB (Near Presque Isle, MB	E )/ (506) 273-6710
NS 7/11/03-	7/13 Antigonish - Antigonish Highland Games	Antigonish , NS (Near Antigonish )	(902) 863-4275 / (902) 863-
	7/05 Halifax - Halifax Scottish Festival & Highland Games	Halifax , NS (Near Halifax )	(902) 469-2023 / (902) 425-
	7/05 Scots Heritage - Scottish Heritage Festival	East Lake Ainslie , NS (Near Scotsville )	Unknown / Unknown
NS 7/16/03-	7/19 Pictou County - Festival of the Tartans	New Glasgow , NS (Near New Glasgow )	(902) 752-4800 / (902) 752-
	7/01 Pugwash - Gathering of the Clans	Pugwash , NS (Near Amherst )	(902) 468-5601 / (902) 243-
	8/17 Hector - The Hector Festival	Pictou , NS (Near Pictou )	(902) 485-8848 / (800) 353-
	8/10 St. Ann's - St. Ann's Highland Gathering	St. Ann's , NS (Near Baddeck / Sydney )	(902) 295-3411 / (902) 295-
	7/13 Glendale Ceilidh - Glendale Ceilidh Days	Glendale , NS (Near )	Unknown / Unknown
NS 10/10/03-1	10/18Celtic Colours - Celtic Colours International Festival	Cape Breton , NS (Near Sydney )	(902) 295-1414 / (902) 295-
	7/25 Ceilidh Trail - Ceilidh Trail School of Music Festival	Inverness , NS (Near Port Hawkesbury )	(781) 544-3179 / (781) 544-

ON 7/19/03- 7/19 Cambridge - Cambridge Highland Games Toronto , ON (Near Toronto )	Cambridge, ON (Near Cambridge) (416) 586-5797 / (416) 586-5797	(800) 749-7560 / (519) 570-
ON 9/19/03- 9/21 Owen Sound - Owen Sound Celtic Festival	Owen Sound , ON (Near Owen Sound )	(519) 371-3433 / (519) 371-
3433 ON 7/23/03- 7/27 Durham Games - Highlands of Durham Games: A Cel	ltic CelebrationUxbridge, ON (Near Toronto /	Barrie )(905) 852-0112 / (888)
253-5552 ON 6/06/03- 6/08 Brockville - Brockville Celtic Festival 341-8884	Brockville , ON (Near Kingston, Ogsdenbu	rg (NY) )(613) 342-8975 / (613)
ON 7/04/03- 7/06 Kincardine - Kincardine Scottish Festival and Highland G 9300	amesKincardine , ON (Near Owen Sound )	(888) 232-7952 / (519) 396-
ON 9/05/03- 9/07 Trenton Festival - Trenton Scottish/Irish FestivalTrenton 2841	, ON (Near Belleville, Peterborough )	(800) 930-3255 / (613) 392-
ON 5/16/03- 5/17 North Bay - North Bay Celtic Arts Celebration	North Bay , ON (Near North Bay )	Unknown / Unknown
PE 8/11/03- 8/11 Orwell - Scottish Festival & Games 6600 winter	Orwell , PE (Near Charlottetown )	(902) 651-8510 / (902)368-
PE 8/07/03- 8/10 Eldon - Caledonian Club Highland Games 2337	Eldon , PE (Near Charlottetown )	(902) 659-2337 / (902) 659-
PE 6/27/03- 6/29 Summerside - Summerside Highland Gathering and Celtic 5377	Festival Summerside , PE (Near Summerside )	(902) 436-5377 / (902) 436-
PQ 8/03/03- 8/03 Montreal - Montreal Highland Games 5242	Pierrefond , PQ (Near Montreal )	(514) 332-5242 / (514) 332-
PQ 8/08/03- 8/10 Montreal Celtic - Montreal Internation Celtic Festival 7408	Montreal/LaSalle , PQ (Near Montreal )	(514) 481-3471 / (514) 481-
SK 5/24/03- 5/24 Moose Jaw - Moose Jaw Highland Games 2938	Moosejaw , SK (Near Regina, SK )	(306) 565-2938 / (306) 565-
SK 5/29/03- 5/31 Mosaic Tartan - Mosaic Tartan Curling Club 1836	Regina , SK (Near Regina )	(306) 249-1836 / (306) 249-
SK 8/07/03- 8/09 Saskatoon Folkfest - Saskatoon Folkfest 8989	Saskatoon , SK (Near Saskatoon )	(306) 931-0100 / (306) 373-
SK 5/17/03- 5/17 Regina - Regina Highland Games 7142	Regina , SK (Near Regina )	(306) 789-7142 / (306) 789-
SK 2/06/04- 2/07 Regina Mid-Winter - Mid-Winter Celtic Festival 2938	Regina , SK (Near Regina )	(306) 565-2938 / (306) 565-