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# Hunters' Halloo

*Newsletter of the Clan Hunter Association, Canada Winter 2017*

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Happy New Year to everyone,

My very best wishes to you and a huge thank you to those who have hosted a tent or just helped out at Scottish events or even just attended. It is wonderful that so many of you value your heritage by promoting Clan Hunter and your Scottish connections. We have had a very busy year with visitors to the Castle, I do hope that all of you who have visited your ancestral home had a great experience. I have really enjoyed your photos.



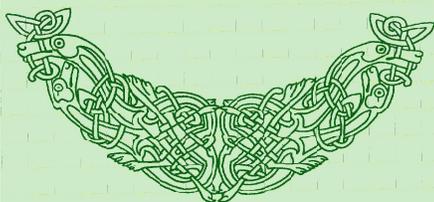
There has been quite a lot of interest from those of you who have had your DNA tested. Please do send your results to myself for our Clan records. It would be such a shame if these ever got lost and they are invaluable for making those all important connections. The same applies to family records, I always welcome copies for our records.

Several of you have been in touch asking to purchase our Clan tartan. We have ordered all three weights, Kilt, trouser/skirt and the sash weights. The tartan is woven in double width that is 54 inches approx. As soon as the tartan arrives in stock, early 2017, I shall post on the Clan Hunter UK Facebook page.

We have a very exciting 2017 ahead for the Clan with our International Gathering being held over the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July. Lord Lyon, has very generously agreed to come and give us a talk. There is archery for those of you who wish to try it out or if you have shot a bow before just come and shoot at a clout or target. Bows and arrows will be provided and I will be participating. On Sunday there is a trip to the Burns Birthplace Museum near to Hunterston. The Hunters were one of the sponsors for Burns- first book of poems.

The Edinburgh Tattoo has invited the Clans and Chiefs to take part in the opening ceremony of the Edinburgh Tattoo. The theme for

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this years Edinburgh Tattoo is to be - A Splash of Tartan- and Clan Hunter has been invited to take part in the Opening Ceremony at the 10.30pm evening performance on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August. The organizers have reserved only 150 tickets over all the price ranges so that we can be seated together, these special tickets are only available to purchase in advance till the 1<sup>st</sup> March. We have been asked to wear our tartan to show our pride in our Scottish and Hunter heritage.

I would be so honoured to have as many of you as possible for this event. We are to parade in front of an 8,000 audience. The theme of this year-s Edinburgh Tattoo is -A Splash of Tartan- and as part of the opening ceremony the Clan Hunter Tartan is to be displayed on Edinburgh Castle. All the reserved tickets in all price ranges are in blocks so that the Hunters will be seated together.

Chiefs and their followers will be able to access their tickets by inserting their Clan Name and a password. This is the link to purchase your tickets:

<http://brand1.enta.com/EntaConnectIII/WEBPAGES/EntaWebGateway/gateway.aspx?E=N&QL=S76|VEMT|G~/WEBPAGES/EntaWebShow/Clans.aspx>

The Password for Clan Hunter is: Hunter

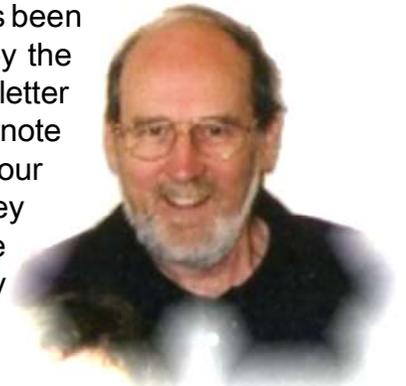
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Carol Hunter Sullivan is arranging three tours, one for the Gathering which includes a tour of Scotland finishing with the event at the Edinburgh Tattoo, one for the golfers who wish to play in the country of the games origin and one for the Gathering only. Carol is a certified Travel Agent and Tour Guide. To find our more please email Carol at [homeiswheretherootslead@gmail.com](mailto:homeiswheretherootslead@gmail.com).

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Greetings fellow Clansfolk,

By now you should have had a wealth of information informing you of the very special opportunity being afforded you this summer should you be so inclined. This year in addition to hosting our international Clan Gathering at Hunterston Castle, the Clan has been offered the opportunity to be included in a special program presented by the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. All of the information was included in our Fall newsletter and is again included in Madam Pauline's letter preceding mine. Please take note of the links above and if you are interested then you need to proceed with your plans immediately. Unfortunately I, myself, will not be able to make the journey this year due to some bladder surgery scheduled later this month. The treatment plan after the surgery is at the moment unknown. However my heart, as always, will be there with you all.



We were deeply saddened this winter to learn of the passing of one of Clan Hunter Canada's favourite ladies in the form of Dr. Nadene Hunter from Dansville, USA. Although Dr. Nadene was also a member of the US branch she enjoyed a long time association and membership in the Canadian branch. Within this newsletter you will see her name again as our newly formed Youth Heritage Fund was named in her honour. She had a wonderful spirit and was an encouragement to all. She will be sorely missed.

My thanks once again to those loyal folk who send articles for the newsletter. Your help is greatly appreciated.

*Tom*

## Connections Corner



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W e  are Family, I've got  
all my cousins with me!

This year in April, we will be commemorating 100 years since the Battle of Vimy Ridge. In 1914, World War I began with Britain, France & Russia fighting against Germany and Austria-Hungary. Since Canada was still part of the British Empire, when Britain declared war, Canada was also at war by default. Initially, Canadian patriotism drove tens of thousands of Canadians to enlist so as not to miss out on the action. Little did they know that the war would drag on for four long years, killing more than ten million people in the process.

The battle on the Western Front stretched for nearly 1000 km from the coast of Belgium to the border of Switzerland. Soldiers fought in trenches separated by No-Man's Land filled with mud, shell craters and barbed wire. To attack the enemy, soldiers had to cross this, while being riddled with machine gun fire and attacked by artillery and snipers. Those who fell in No Man's Land, whether dead or injured, could rarely be recovered. After two and a half years of this unimaginably horrible fighting, neither side had made significant

progress, so the Allies planned a major attack to take place 175 km north of Paris, France in April, 1917. Canadians were tasked with the capture of Vimy Ridge. At the time, Vimy Ridge was held by the Germans and had been transformed into a strong defense. Both the British and French had tried to reclaim it in 1914 and 1915 with hundreds of thousands of casualties and no success.

The Canadians began to prepare in the fall of 1916. They spent the winter planning and training. There were intense drills using models of the German's trench system. They undertook massive digging operations to create elaborate tunnel systems under the Germans to set up huge explosives to detonate during the attack. These tunnels included train tracks, water pipes, lighting, and supply bunkers.

Finally the battle began at 5:30am on Easter Monday, April 9, 1917. The first wave of 20,000 Canadians attacked behind an advancing line of artillery fire. The advance was timed to the minute, and German positions were captured immediately after the explosions before German soldiers could emerge from their bunkers.

Most of the ridge was captured by noon. The main ridge, Hill 145, was taken by the following morning. Two days later, the other significant ridge, The Pimple, was also taken by Canadians. The

Germans were forced to withdraw and the Battle of Vimy Ridge was over.

Although the Battle of Vimy Ridge is remembered as a time of great success, both for the Allies in the war but also for the national identity of Canadians, it came at great cost. There were 100,000 Canadians who fought at Vimy Ridge, suffering 11,000 casualties, nearly 3600 of them fatal. By 1918, Canada was a country of less than eight million citizens, more than 650,000 of them servicemen and women. In World War I, Canada would lose 66,000 of those.

There is a memorial being held at the Vimy Ridge Monument this April. There are 11,285 names of Canadian soldiers who were missing, presumed dead in France on that Monument which stands as a tribute to all who served. Of those names, 13 are Hunters.

Alexander Hunter,  
Andrew Hogarth Hunter,  
Andrew Sanderson Hunter,  
Emory Hunter,  
Everett Garland Hunter,  
Ernest Scott Hunter,  
Isaac Dickson Hunter,  
James Morrison Mckenzie Hunter,  
Lorne Joseph Hunter,  
Robert Hunter,  
Roy Cameron Hunter,  
Thomas Kirkwood Hunter,  
William Johnstone Hunter.

Information for this article was taken from [www.veterans.gc.ca](http://www.veterans.gc.ca). If you would like more information about the names on the Monument at Vimy Ridge, you can find them in the Books of Remembrance on the Veterans website.

# Dr. Nadine Hunter Scottish Youth Heritage Fund

## Purpose

The purpose of the Dr. Nadine Hunter Youth Heritage Fund is to assist young people in pursuing activities that support their Scottish heritage. Activities may include, but are not limited to, dance or music lessons or competitions, travel expenses to activity, entrance fees for activity,

## Administration

The fund is administered by the Youth Heritage Fund Committee of Clan Hunter Canada.

Decisions for the distribution of the fund will be made prior to the Annual General Meeting of Clan Hunter Canada. The names of successful applicants will be presented at the AGM for approval and will be published in the Fall newsletter.

## Conditions of Disbursement

- Each year, up to three (3) bursaries of \$100 each may be awarded to successful applicants.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or younger.
- Preference will be given to first-time applicants.
- Applications must be received by the committee by July 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year.

## Expectations After Receiving a Grant

Photographs and a summary of the activity will be submitted to Clan Hunter Canada in a timely manner. This enables your story to be shared with the Clan.

Our new Youth Heritage Fund is an effort on our part to encourage our young people to expand their involvement in our Scottish Heritage and where possible to assist them financially in some small way. We don't want to create a list of possibilities but rather have the young applicant (18 yrs and under) tell us what they want to do and why. Hopefully our contribution will help them towards their goal. Application forms can be acquired by contacting the Clan Officer

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Clan Members may donate to the fund by submitting a check marked "Youth Heritage Fund" to the Clan Hunter Canada treasurer.

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## Dr. Nadene Hunter Scottish Youth Heritage Fund

Our first recipient of this award, Justin Hunter of Three Hills, Alberta, has been dancing since he was 3-4 and has been competitive for 12 years with the Red Deer School of Highland Dance under the leadership of Jacquie Munawych. He competes at the Championship level where he hopes to some day represent his home province at Canadians. He is an Associate Teacher and travels to Red Deer and area to teach (lots of miles as he lives an hour away). Justin is in grade 12 and is hoping to get into U of S Engineering program next year. It would be a busy year as he also would like to keep up his dancing and his teaching with the idea of writing his Membership (full teaching level) sometime in the the next year or so. Highland dance is an integral part of who Justin is and he is very proud of his Scottish heritage. He is looking at broadening his scope by learning the bagpipes in the very near future.

Justin Hunter accepting the Dr. Nadene Hunter Youth Heritage award presented on behalf of Clan Hunter Canada by Jamie Munawych-President of the Red Deer Region Highland Dancing Association

## Scottish Vernacular

(noun)

*the language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region)*

Is a dove a doo Dad  
Is a doo a dove  
Is a cow a coo Dad  
A sparrow jist a spyug  
And is a wall a waw Dad  
Is a dog a dug  
She's gonnae warm ma ear Dad  
Instead O' skelp ma lug.

Ma teacher's awfy posh Dad  
She changes aw oor names  
Wee Shuggie now is Hugh Dad  
And Jimmy's ayeways James  
Ah'm scunnered wi' it aw Dad  
The way she shoogles words  
Ah must be glaikit no tae ken  
That feathered friends are burds.  
Ye learnt me aw wrong Dad  
Ye cawd a ball a baw  
Your wife is now my Mother  
You said it wis ma Maw

Ah'm no share hoo tae spell Dad  
Ah'll niver pass ma test  
Whit is this ah' um wearin' Dad  
A simmet or a vest?  
Ah gave ma nose a dicht Dad  
When it began tae dreep  
She gave me sich a fricht Dad  
Ah near fall aff ma seat  
Haven't you a handkerchief



She roared as if in pain  
No, ah jist yase ma sleeve, Miss  
And wiped ma nose again.  
Ah cawd a mouse a moose Dad  
Ah shid hiv held ma tongue  
That's manure oan yir bits Dad  
Nae longer is it dung  
It's turnips and potatoes  
No tatties noo and neeps  
She said I've ripped my trousers  
When ah'd only torn ma breeks.

There's twa words fir awthin' Dad  
They're jumbled in ma heed  
Hoo kin I be well bred Dad  
When ah keep sayin' breed  
Now is a crow a craw Dad  
Is a bull a bull  
Ah'll try tae get it richt Dad  
I will, I will, ah wul

## *In Memorium*

### **Dr. Nadene Denison Hunter**

Dr. Nadene Denison Hunter age 98 of 9930 County Road 46, Dansville, New York, died peacefully Monday, Sept. 12, 2016, at her home surrounded by her family. She is survived by her 8 children, Josiah Wallace Hunter of Colorado, Nadene Hunter of Dansville, Melville ( Cynthia) Wallace Hunter of Dansville, Sara ( Arby) Swift of Port Crane, N.Y., the Rev. James Wallace ( Jeaninne) Hunter of New Mexico, Helen Voysey of Arizona, Martha ( Gerald) Stranford of New Mexico, and Rev. Walcott Wallace ( Ter) Hunter of Florida; 16 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Dr. H. Wallace Hunter Sr. in 1965 and son Wallace Hunter Jr. in 2016.



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## *Membership Report Winter 2017*

We are still adding members to our Association at an unprecedented level! Since my last report in October 2016, we have added another 6 new members. Wow this is wonderful - let's do all we can to keep this going!

Let me introduce our latest members to you:

**Valerie Wall** joined us in late October of 2016, and Valerie hails from Edmonton Alberta. Valerie tells us that her mother-in-law is a Hunter.

**William Hunter** and I had some long e-mail conversations because William lives in Lansing, Michigan. and I assumed that he really wanted to join the US branch of the Hunter Clan Association, but William assured me that he is already a member of that group and really did want to join the Canadian branch.

**Terry Hunter** joins us from Fredericton, New Brunswick and after he became a member, he decided to give a gift of membership to his father and his father's wife - **Vincent & Barbara Hunter**, who also reside in New Brunswick. What a lovely Christmas surprise.

**Richard Wright** joined us from Surrey BC in early January.

Last, by certainly not least, we welcome **Kimberly Hunter-Gafur** to our growing numbers. Kimberly comes to us from Innisfil, Ontario.

We would like to welcome these new members into our Hunter family, and hope we have a long and happy relationship with each other, sharing stories, dreams and even genealogy in this shared interest!

Let me encourage each of you to encourage any member of your family who is interested in their heritage to join our ranks and share a love of all things Scottish.

*Christine Hunter, Membership Secretary.*



## *It's Amazing*

suggested by Jan Lindstrom of Kinora

( Portions of this article were taken from the Set/Oct 2016 issue of the Saltscapes Magazine. For much more information visit the Hunter Brothers's website at - <http://hunterbrothers.ca/fall-festival/corn-maze/>)

After attending a presentation about growing a corn maze. The Hunter Brothers, Chip and Tom of Florenceville-Bristol, New Brunswick, decided that that was what they were all about, and that they could do that.

In 1996 they planted an acre of cow corn ( high-starch corn used as cattle feed, tall-growing and ideal for a maze, and designed a maze of New Brunswick The major highways became the paths for people to wander through. It attracted more fall shoppers, and was good for kids. Chip Hunter offered to do a tour with his son's kindergarten teacher. We gave them hayrides and talked about how to grow corn, Hunter says. Talk at the time was about reconnecting and reintroducing kids to where their food comes from. Before you knew it, word spread and calls started coming in from other teachers, We began to realize there might be a business in it. Themes for the maze have become a tool to commemorate different events. Over the 20 years since that first map of New Brunswick, designs have included hockey players, the 400th anniversary of the Acadians, The Cat in the Hat and Thomas the Tank Engine. In 2015, a remarkable likeness of Terry Fox celebrated the 35th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run. This year's theme celebrates 40 years of the Blue Jays baseball team. It became apparent people wanted more to do on their visits to the maze. Now in its sixth year, the Field of Fun Fall Festival takes centre stage for six weekends in September and October. Pumpkins, straw castles, slides, a pig race, a giant pillow for jumping, and peddle go-carts are just a few of the attractions that keep families coming back year after year. The corn cannon helps visitors hone their sharp shoot- ing skills, and a cabin filled with dried corn is a cool retreat for the feet and a place for kids to play. It's like being on a sandy beach but without the trouble of cleaning sand off your clothes, says Trish Crowley, a mom of two rambunctious boys who simultaneously dump buckets of corn on their mom's head. We came four years ago and loved it. It's a family affair each year. The kids kept asking how many more sleeps until it was time to come. Seven family members made it out this year, and only two of those are kids. Adults can have just as much fun as the children, as is evident in a middle-aged couple caught shooting cobs from the corn launcher. Tom, the less talkative, but equally amiable, brother especially loves to see city folk enjoying the beauty and nature offered, It's so beautiful here and not everyone gets to experience that.

The Corn Cabin was added in 2015, and plans are in the works to add more refreshment stands, more picnic tables and a shelter to get out of cool weather. We never thought we'd be as big as some of the operations in the USA, but we're getting there. In another five years we hope to have as many as 10,000 or more people a year, says Chip Hunter. As it stands, the Field of Fun attracts upwards of 5,000 happy adults and children- a big boost to fall tourism-in the brief window of week- ends. Hunter Brothers Corn is also a boon for young people in the area looking for employment, We only hire high school students for the Field of Fun, Chip Hunter explains, When they grow up they bring their children back and recall working here as the most fun they've had in their lives.

Though the brothers look much younger than their chronological ages, they're realistic when considering the years ahead, Our age means we'll be focusing more and more on the entertainment side, says 66-year-old Chip. We'll always have corn and other vegetables, but the entertainment side of the business is more profitable and less labour intensive.

Tom, 63, anticipates working it as long as is physically possible, I'll be here until there is no more future left

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for me. The Field of Fun is our retirement plan.

### ***How It's Made***

Once we decide on the theme, we consult with our surveyor who designs the maze on his computer. The 6-acre field is prepared and planted in a crisscross pattern to fill out the canopy. The engineers then come in and lay out the design in the field using GPS and flags. The Hunter crew, equipped with a small sprayer, goes in and removes the corn which needs to be "erased" to make the paths. After several days of work making the trails we use a small drone to inspect the maze and fix any small mistakes.

In order to make visiting the maze safe and fun for everyone, the maze is made up of many large paths. The objective is not to find your way out, but rather to find and answer all the trivia questions related to our theme that are hidden throughout the maze.

