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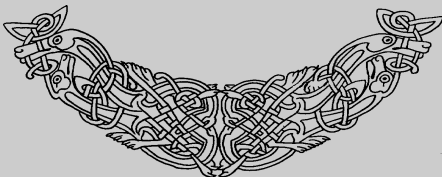
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Dear Clansfolk,

Many congratulations to you all for winning the first prize for the Clan Hunter Tent at Fergus. My thanks to both Tom and Christine for all their hard work.



I hear that Catherine and Dave Elder have just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary I am sure that they both had a wonderful day with family and friends to rejoice with them.

The Clan Hunter Mail Order is up and running again and we have many new items and special packages as you will see from the list. Produced specially for the Millennium is our own Clan Hunter Calendar. It has seven pages and each page has been designed so that the picture can be framed afterwards. The Calendar costs £10 but is a Limited Edition so please order soon. With Christmas coming up we are selling Christmas cards with Hunterston Castle on the front, in packs of 10 for £4.50 and with Seasons Greetings inside. Shortly you will be able to view the goods on our central Clan Hunter Web site, this will be linked to your Canadian Clan web site that Tom has created and the U.K. web site address: clanhunter.members.easyspace.com

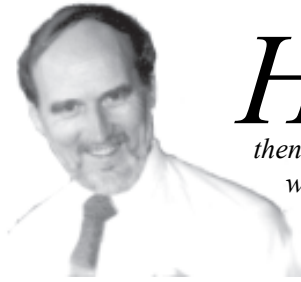
The Hunterston Castle Restoration Fund grows slowly but steadily and Mel Hunter in the US is busy fundraising for us. I have just received the plans for the Castle and the next step is to apply for planning permission which might take some time.

I had an excellent trip to California and had the opportunity to meet up with some of our long standing Clan members. The Caledonian Club of San Francisco Highland Games are very popular with an attendance of about 45,000. This gave our Clan excellent promotion. News has reached me that Bert Hunter our Australian Clan Officer with his wife, Claire and daughter, Jules, attended the birth date celebrations held for Vice-Admiral John Hunter, R. N., who was born 29th August 1737 and was the second governor of New South Wales from 1795-1800.

There has been a change to my title by The Lord Lyon King of Arms, I am now to be known as Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston in line with how the other women Clan Chiefs are addressed.

May I wish you all a good Thanksgiving and a fine Christmas and New Year.

Yours
Pauline



Hello family and friends. I hope everyone had a good summer. I know we certainly did. Christine and I were able to attend a number of Highland Games to represent the Clan. We started off with The Chatham Supreme Highland Games then up to Maxville for the Glengarry Highland Games and then Montreal Highland Games. In August we attended the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games where we won the prize for the best tent. Needless to say we were thrilled and you will find an article inside the newsletter telling you all about it. Also at Fergus we held our annual member's meeting with 23 in attendance (photos and copy of the minutes are within). Finally in late August we attended the Sarnia Highland Games. We had a marvellous time meeting new folk and becoming reacquainted with those we met last year. Thank you to all who dropped in to speak to us. We intend to try and make the tent more hospitable and encourage clan members to feel free to stay a while. In Montreal we were delighted to meet Raoul Hunter with his wife Thérèse, his son Denis and his wife. These Hunter are from a long line of Hunters in Quebec who now speak French as their first tongue. However they were gracious enough to chat with us in excellent English. Raoul is an artist of notable distinction and I am sure you will enjoy the article found on page 3, which was specially written for us by his son Denis Hunter. Hopefully this Hunter family will be joining us at the Hunterston Gathering in Scotland in 2001

This year for the first time we are issuing membership cards to all members on receipt of their annual dues. We feel that this way you have something for your wallet and you have a handy reminder of when you last paid your dues. So if you paid this year, look in the envelope for your card. If you didn't pay, **then why didn't you?**

Our meeting with the Quebec Hunters has prompted us to make some changes to the web page. With the help of my daughter Elizabeth, who did the translations; we have created a copy of the web in French. Now anyone entering our site has an option to see it in French or English. We have a few areas to tidy up and our new "French connection" in the form of Denis Hunter of Quebec is helping us fine tune a few things. There was also a suggestion that we could put out a French edition of the Newsletter. This would mean quite a bit of additional work but if we had enough French speaking Hunters who wished to have the newsletter in their own language we would consider it. Please drop me a line and let me know what you think.

In the last newsletter our chief Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston indicated that a fund has been established to restore the Pele tower of the castle to its original state. Which means removing the large garage doors, which were added at a much later date. This is a fairly costly project and to date the Canadians have not contributed but we decided at the annual meeting on a strategy to help raise the funds and you will find how we mean to tackle this on the last page of this newsletter. After having said that the Canadians have not yet contributed I must qualify that and say that I have received a spontaneous \$40 donation from Margaret Hunter Rowe of Newfoundland. Thank you very much Margaret. You have got us off to a fine start.

Another New Hunter (Heathcote) joins the clan

Submitted by Mida B. Hunter Lecocq



6 weeks old Dorian Yates Heathcote with his mother Stephanie and his doctor Dr. William Nurse.

On March 30th, Don and I became grandparents again when Stephanie gave birth to her second child, a son named Dorian Yates Heathcote. Like his sister, two years ago, Dorian was delivered by Dr. William Nurse. The enclosed photo of him with Dr. Nurse was taken when Dorian attended his first Scottish Country Dance class with his mother at six weeks of age.



Rebecca Heathcote - 2 1/2 yrs and her new little brother Dorian Heathcote 3 1/2 months.

And of the Guides...

Last year I spent the month of October in the UK, visiting five of the seven Training centres (two in England and one each in Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland) belonging to the Girl Guide Association of the UK as well as "Pax Lodge" in London, one of the four World Centres Belonging to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. It was a great experience. I was also able to spend some time with my pen pal of 49 years in Sussex before returning home. This was the first time I'd seen her and her family in over three years.

Raoul Hunter

Submitted by Denis Hunter

We are pleased to salute another Hunter who is an honour to our clan. The artist Raoul Hunter was born in Saint-Cyrille-de-Lessard, Quebec, in 1926. His talent was recognized early on: as a child he won a prize for a drawing competition organized by Quebec City's newspaper *Le Soleil*. During his classical studies he was known for filling his textbooks with cartoons of his teachers. This inclination for drawing and painting led him to Quebec City's *Ecole des Beaux-Arts* where he discovered that sculpture was his way. In 1951 he became the first student of this institution to create an abstract sculpture. After earning a grant from the Quebec government, he went to Paris in 1953 to specialize in sculpture, history of art, and archaeology. Back in Quebec City in 1955, he started teaching at the *Ecole des Beaux-Arts*. At the same time he began a parallel career as editorial cartoonist for the *Soleil*. He stayed at this newspaper for 33 years and created over 10,000 caricatures, winning twice the National Newspaper Award (1958 and 1967). The original drawings for 7,500 of these caricatures are now kept at the Quebec National Archives.

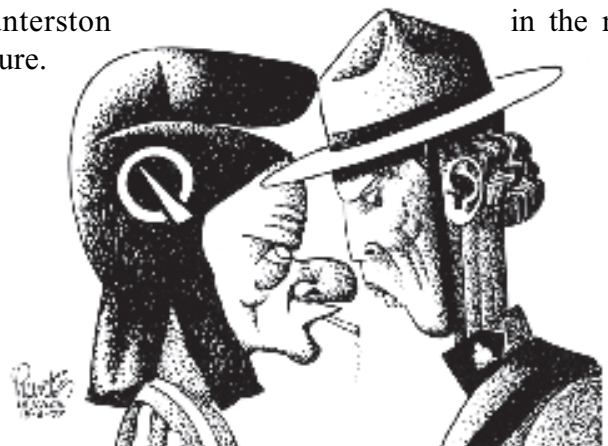


Raoul and his family at the Gala des Grands Québécois, Château Frontenac, Quebec City. From left to right: Caroline, Raoul, Denis, Thérèse, Paul, Lise, and Danielle.

Having to produce caricatures on a daily basis didn't prevent the sculptor from being active. Among the major works produced over the years are the Mackenzie King monument (Parliament Hill, Ottawa), the Champlain statue (Quebec Parliament), the Jean Lesage and René Lévesque busts (City Hall, Quebec City), and the Voltigeurs Regiment monument (Quebec City). Raoul has done also many commemorative medals and plaques, both abstract and figurative. In 1989 he became a member of the Order of Canada and received the Culture Prize from the Institut canadien de Québec. In 1998 he was named Grand Québécois by the Chambre de commerce et d'industrie du Québec métropolitain. Raoul was married to Thérèse Amyot in 1953 and they have 5 children. In 1997 Raoul went to Scotland especially to visit Hunterston. This trip, or rather this pilgrimage as he says, was another highlight of an already full life. To walk upon the soil of his ancestors and to touch the stone of the old castle turned almost into a spiritual experience! Raoul's greatest wish is to return to Hunterston in the near future.



Raoul working on the Voltigeurs Regiment monument.



René Lévesque and Pierre Elliott Trudeau

We Won! We Won!
Clan Hunter wins Best Tent Award at Fergus

One of the things we strive for at the Highland Games is to provide an attractive, interesting and friendly

it can be a natural mistake when you think about it. In any case we always try to help those folk as well as point out their mistake. We try to be involved in the whole event of the Games and we participate in the Clan Parade and any other special events

bers where they can come and sit down for a while and chat and perhaps have a refreshment. We want to encourage our Clan Members to think of the tent as their meeting place and to stay a while if they wish. This year the Fergus Avenue of the Clans Committee decided to award Clan Hunter with the coveted **Best Tent Award**. This award takes the form of a crystal decanter with a gold coloured "necklace" with the inscription "Fergus Scottish Festival 1999". Many things are taken into account when judging a tent and I can't say that I know all of the finer points but apparently we got enough of them right to make us the choice of the committee. This decanter will travel with us next year and be on show at each of the Highland Games that we attend.



The Fergus Scottish Festival Best Tent Award, crystal decanter, on display at the Clan Hunter Annual Meeting in Elora

atmosphere for visitors to the Hunter tent. We do this in many different ways I suppose. We try to provide something to attract everyone to the tent, no matter what clan they belong to. And for the last little while this has been the photographs of the last Hunterston Gathering, including the photographs of the Knights fighting around the castle. We try to answer all questions of the day with a friendly approach whether they have anything to do with Clan Hunter or not. You see, many people mistake our sign and think that Clan Hunter means we are folks who hunt for Clans. In other words we help people find what clan they belong to. Amusing isn't it? But

such as the "Lightin'" of the bonfire at the Fergus Tattoo. We try to provide lots of hand-outs to the visitors to the tent, such as old newsletters, history sheet of Hunter beginnings, and postcards of the castle as well, of course, as a membership application form. We don't for a moment think we are perfect and we are working towards making the Clan Hunter tent a social spot for all Clan mem-



Clan Officer, Tom Hunter with his wife Christine holding the Fergus Scottish Festival, Best Tent Award at the Clan meeting in Elora

Clan Hunter 14th Annual Meeting

Dalby House, Elora, Ontario

August 15, 1999

Present: Mida & Don Lacocq, Christine & Tom Hunter, Nadene D. Hunter, Julie & Mark Nykamp, Aldene & Bob Hunter, Paul & Jane-Ann Hunter, Wally Hunter, David & Catherine Elder, Al & Sharon (Hunter) Chicoine, Al & Lynn (Hunter) Ball (and Thomas & Christina), Andrew & Lizz Thibodeau, Nadene B. Hunter

With a total of 23 in attendance, our annual meeting was opened with greetings from Tom, who started out with congratulations to Nadene D. Hunter for being elected a Director of Clan Hunter USA.

Tom's first announcement was that the Clan Hunter tent won the prize for Best Clan Tent yesterday at the Fergus Scottish Festival. This award is based on the appearance of the tent, the service offered to people stopping by, general activity of the tent, the way people are treated when they stop by at our tent, the number of visitors we have, participation in the tattoo & parade etc. In any case, we have not won before and it is an honour. The prize was a lovely crystal decanter with the words Fergus Scottish Festival 1999 engraved on a gold plate and chain, to hang on the neck of the decanter. Just think, we received the last of these awards for this century! We will add photos from this event to our newsletter.

The minutes of our last meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by Nadene B. Hunter, seconded by Mida Lecocq, and carried. The treasurer's report, presented in absentia, was accepted on a motion by Nadene D. Hunter, seconded by Christine Hunter, and passed. Under old business, there were a number of items. The first item was membership cards. Tom had a sample membership card for our approval; which was quite attractive. We could have a different design or colour each year, as suggested by Paul. The cards would not only serve to give a tangible reminder of membership, but they would be a reminder of when to pay the annual subscription. On a motion by Paul, seconded by Andrew, we voted to begin using the membership cards this year. We will be sending the cards with the October newsletter and the usual reminder of annual subscription will continue to be included in the June newsletter.

The advertisement in the Scottish Banner was next on the list. We now have the ad in the publication. Tom paid the \$100.00 fee for the first year, which will be due again in January, and there has been a little feedback. On a motion by Bob Hunter, seconded by Catherine Elder, it was agreed that the association would pick up payment for the ad.

There was some discussion about the membership form and some changes that might be good to make. It was suggested that we should ask how applicants found us, through the Highlander or Scottish Banner, a tent at one of the games, or whatever. This might help us to figure more effective ways to solicit membership.

There was a short discussion about annual dues and a system by which they might be prorated for late subscribers. Tom and Don have been doing this on an ad hoc system and the membership agreed that this could continue as it has been.

Catherine gave a brief report on genealogy. She didn't have much new to report since last year, as she hasn't been kept terribly busy with any flood of new information on Clan Hunter. She brought us up to date on what records are available for births, marriages and deaths, as well as what new resources are available.

Tom reported that the Hunter's Halloo is going very well and he has gotten some good feedback. Lizz is willing to translate it into French for French speaking Hunters, if there is a demand. The next newsletter will ask

