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Newsletter of the Clan Hunter Association, Canada

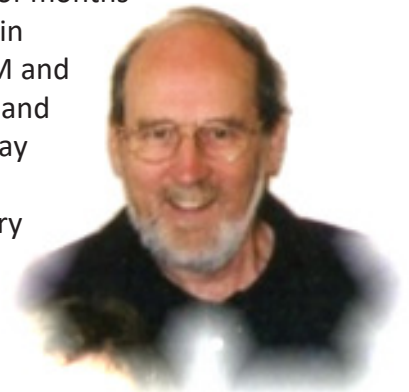
Fall 2016

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Greetings fellow Clans Folk,

Well, this has been an eventful couple of months in the life of your Clan Officer. Starting in August when we had to cancel the AGM and banquet when lack of response, illness and other travel arrangements got in the way of things and then having to cancel a second time when my scheduled surgery was moved to a couple of days before the new AGM date in September. Add to that the scary accident that had Christine, my wife, (and Membership Secretary) falling down a flight of stairs at her brother's home in Scotland, 3 days before we were to fly home. Christine had to be rushed by ambulance to hospital where they discovered that she had broken her shoulder blade (Scapula). Apparently a very difficult bone to break. The doctors would have liked us to change our flight and stay a few days extra to help her recover a little but, my surgery was scheduled for the day after we got back to Canada. So Christine had a very uncomfortable flight and drive home. I am happy to report that after about 6 weeks of very acute pain and sleepless nights Christine is finally recovering and beginning to feel better and also to report that my surgery went well and my recovery time was a matter of days.



Next year will see Clan Hunter UK hosting a Clan Gathering at Hunterston and I have included all the information I currently have to help you decide if this is finally the year you are going to make the trip to your ancestral homeland. In addition you will find information on "A Scottish Dream Tour" which is an 8 day coach tour with an option to include "The Gathering". If this is not enough don't forget that you can check out the Clan Hunter UK Facebook page for the most up to date info.

Christine and I were able to host a tent at Fergus Highland Games before travelling to Scotland. Unfortunately the Clan Parade was subject to an absolute downpour that left all participants soaked through to the skin. We had to close down the tent and return to our hotel to dry off. We were however able to return on Sunday to a much better day.

Tom

Connections Corner



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This past August, Andrew & I, along with our girls, were once again blessed to travel to Scotland. Although Scotland is really all about family for us, we do always try to take in some new sights or experience some new activities. This year we got to experience something that our children had a very hard time describing to their classmates upon their return to school in Canada. In the town of South Queensferry (where we stay with my cousins), there is a centuries old tradition called the Burryman. The Burryman is part of the Ferry Fair which happens every August. On the final Friday of the fair, the Burryman makes his trek around the streets of South Queensferry, led by his crier yelling, "Hip Hip Hooray! It's the Burryman's day!" The Burryman is exactly what he sounds like – a man entirely covered in burrs! He has two assistants who walk with him to help hold up his arms. He has a small bare patch around his lips where he can accept "refreshments" from the village

 **We are Family, I've got all my cousins with me!**



people (usually of the alcoholic sort) and he has some followers



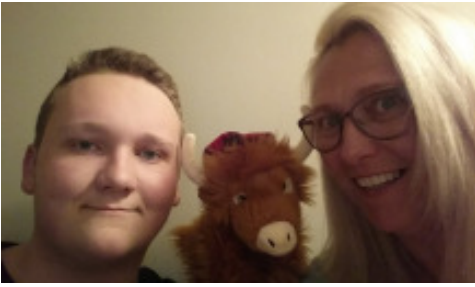
who collect donations for charity. It is considered great luck to see the Burryman, so when he came down our street, we walked with him and his entourage a ways. We were not the only ones to join in the parade and we met another visitor whose name was Tom Brownlee. He was from London England and was up in Scotland doing some genealogy research and made a point of coming to South

Queensferry to experience the Burryman. Of course we ended up chatting with him and it turned out that my cousin's husband (Peter) has some Burnlees in his ancestry (starting with his grandmother) and Brownlee and Burnlee are derivatives of the same family. So we invited him back to my cousin's house to refuel before he continued his journey (on bike!) and he pulled out his research for us and began comparing notes. I'd love to be able to conclude this article by saying that it turned out that we found the missing link in his research, or we made a firm connection to Peter's family tree, but we did not. However, we did enjoy a pleasant time sharing stories and genealogy with a relative stranger, and that in itself was its own reward.

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Scotland, through *his* eyes

(by Lynn Hunter Ball)



This past summer I enjoyed a lovely holiday in Scotland, visiting family, sight-seeing, shopping, - all the normal stuff. As I sit and look through the pictures that were taken I realize two things.

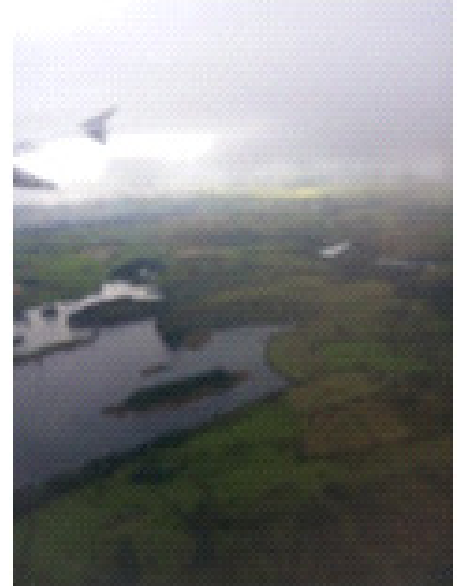
1. My 15 year old son, Colin, took most of the photos, and
2. They are not the “touristy” photos that I would have taken.

This holiday was the first time that Colin left Ontario. This holiday was the first time that Colin flew. This holiday was the first time that Colin saw the ocean. This holiday was the first time that Colin saw a completely different country, and I didn’t realize all the little things that made it different (and special), until I saw it through his eyes.

The first experience was the plane. How exciting, yet scary to be on a plane for the first time. I clutched his arm during take-off, but really needn’t have. He was fine. The first sight of land below us was a strange and wonderful picture, and Colin remarked how green it was.

We bustled through the airport and car rental area and set out in our (rather large for the Scottish roads) car.

Mountains. That was the first thing that struck Colin. (other than driving on the wrong side of the road of course!) There were mountains everywhere. As we drove to find our little cottage, which was no easy feat, his eyes were



taking it all in; the highways, the roundabouts, the little country roads, the stone walls everywhere, quaint little villages, and the sheep. So many sheep. Everything just looked so different than in Canada.

Everything **was** so different than in Canada. Turning switches on in order to use the wall plugs, opening windows and doors with no screens on them, cars that shut off when you stopped at a red light, and everyone we visited seemed to have a never ending supply of chocolate treats!

We managed to visit Bannockburn and soak up all the history and stories, and take part in a mock battle, I watched him photograph all the monuments and the statue, and then wander off to the edge of the area and take some beautiful shots looking down on what looked like just a foggy field. But that was the real part. That was the history that he was interested in.

Hunterston castle was thoroughly explored. I saw parts of the garden I had never seen before, read plaques that were too high up for anyone to see (but we managed) and watched Colin examine everything. From the roof to the sundial to the garden shed, we saw it all.

Everywhere we went, Colin seemed to notice so much more than I.

“ Every little town seems to have a war memorial.”

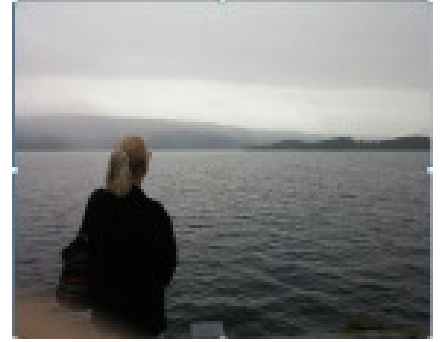
“ The houses have a lot of windows on the roof.”

“ There’s a castle off in the distance, look!”

“ What is that stone ruin?”



In our two weeks, we walked through the little village in Luss at Loch Lomond, took a train to Edinburgh, we walked the royal mile and explored Edinburgh Castle, saw his great grandfather's name in both the castle and in St Giles, (very cool) and we hiked down a very steep hill to discover Wallace's cave. We visited Hunterston, Bannockburn, crossed the forth road bridge, we drove down to the borders, visited Alnwick Castle, and visited the area and the house that I



lived in as a child. We went to a service in Roslyn chapel and of course explored all the beauties and curiosities of the chapel itself, we spent time in Largs, had fish and chips in Eyemouth (saw seals in the harbour), and visited with 26 relatives. Everywhere that we went had stories that Colin loved to hear, about the history of the land, about his relatives that used to live here, family lost in the Eyemouth fishing disaster, bomb shelters, ferries, fishing

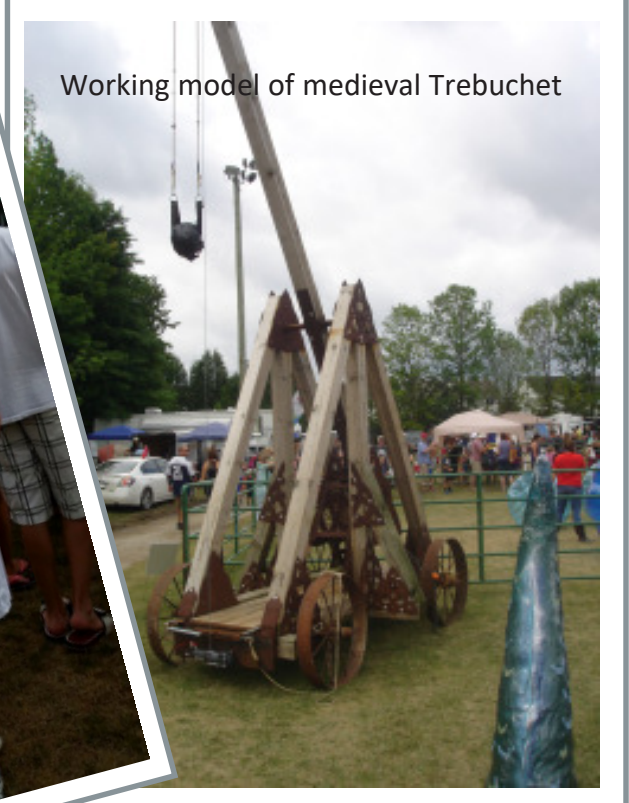


boats, seaside holidays, castles, ruins, and family stories. The pictures that we have from our trip reflect that. To some they may just look like pictures of fields, mountains, lochs, some architecture and stones, but to Colin they hold all the stories and sights and feelings that were Scotland through his eyes

Fergus Highland Games 2016

"Before the Flood"

Cousins Bill Jones and Mida Lecocq before the parade and before the soaking



Working model of medieval Trebuchet

Christine to the rescue



Hailing all Hunters,

I wish to invite you to join us at our International Clan Gathering at Hunterston Castle over the weekend of 28th, 29th and 30th July 2017.

Clan Hunter Gatherings are arranged for all those with Hunter ancestry who wish to connect with their roots and their Clan Seat, Hunterston Castle. Our Clan Seat is one of the best preserved original Pele Towers (family castles) in Scotland. In visiting Hunterston you will have the chance to connect with other Hunters from far and wide, make new Hunter friends from around the world and enjoy Scotland knowing that you have strong cultural and ancestral links through being a Hunter sharing your common heritage and ancestry..



We have a varied programme for you all including:

We have by special arrangement been able to have a talk given by, Dr Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon. <http://www.lyon-court.com>

Archery with The Ancient Society of Kilwinning Archers <http://www.kilwinningarchers.com>

Local Scottish stories from Tattie Toon Tales <https://www.facebook.com/tattietoontales>

The Clan Hunter Pipe Band <http://iocpb.org>

A trip to the Burns Birthplace Museum burnsmuseum.org.uk

Clan Hunter Gathering 2017

Friday July 28th Saturday July 29th and Sunday July 30th

Charges are £40 per person plus meal costs.

Children up to the age of 5 years old will not be charged for the Gathering and half price for meals.

Friday 28th July 2017

- 11am Tour of Hunterston Castle by Madam Pauline, Clan Chief
- Clan Shop Open during the Gathering from 11 am.
- Buffet Lunch in the Marquee at Hunterston Castle £ 9.00 per person followed by Tattie Toon Tales.
- Tour of Hunterston Castle by Madam Pauline.

Supper £9.00 per person

Isle of Cumbrae Pipe Band

Saturday 29th July 2017

- Dr Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon to give a talk, subject to be announced
- Archery- Try your hand at archery under the supervision of ASKA In the field in front of Hunterston House. After Lord Lyon's talk. Will continue the rest of the day.
- Clan Dinner at the West Kilbride Masonic Hall with entertainment.
- Clan Shop open during the day from midday

Sunday 30th July 2017

Coach trip from Hunterston Castle to the Burns Birthplace Museum. burnsmuseum.org.uk [facebook.com/RobertBurnsBirthplaceMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/RobertBurnsBirthplaceMuseum) Cost per person for Coach £10. Time to be arranged
Supper in Marquee at Hunterston Castle £9.00 per person.
Close of Gathering

Carol Hunter Sullivan

I am a travel agent with Global Travel International. I also have certificates from CIE Tours International, Visit Britain and Visit Scotland. I do have a website at Global Travel International.

I have put together a Scottish Dream Tour and an option for flights and accommodation for the Gathering. For those of you who play Golf, I have put together a tour for you too with Golfing arranged at two of Ayrshires prestigious golf courses

For further details please contact Carol Hunter Sullivan at carolhuntersullivan@gmail.com

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Small intimate tours of Glasgow and Edinburgh, Loch Lomond scenic cruise, Ferry to the Isle of Skye, Sheepdog trials of Leault Farm, Blair Athol Distillery whiskey tasting and tour, Reserved Seats for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Visits and admission to Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Inverary Castle, Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre, Blair Castle, Glamis Castle, St Andrews and Edinburgh Castle.

The tour includes all accommodation, full Scottish Breakfast each morning except for Day 1. Lunches and Dinners as listed in the Itinerary.

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\$375 US single supplement

\$250 US per person deposit to hold your space

\$199 US per person for travel protection plan (optional)

For Information or to book please email Carol at carolhuntersullivan@gmail.com

CLAN HUNTER GATHERING 2017

UNITED STATES TO GLASGOW

- Wednesday 26th July Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.
- Thursday 27th July Land in Glasgow and after you disembark, pass through customs and immigration checks at the airport. Your CIE Tours guide will meet you in the Arrivals Hall, welcome you to Scotland and assist in transferring to your motor coach. Take a tour to see the highlights of Glasgow where many fine Victorian buildings are made with local red sandstone. Drive around George Square, filled with statues of Sir Walter Scott, Queen Victoria and other influential people. See the Victorian City Chambers, opened in 1811 by Queen Victoria. Pass Glasgow Cathedral, a splendid 12th Century Gothic building dedicated to St. Mungo, the patron saint of the city. Next stop to visit the Hunterian Museum, the oldest museum in Scotland and is located on the grounds of the University of Glasgow. The museum displays many of William Hunter's Collections such as scientific instruments, coins, medal and much more. Stop to visit the Culzean Castle and Park which is set on a clifftop perch and has been associated with the Kennedy family since the 14th Century. One of Robert Adam's most famous designs, enjoy the extensive gardens, swan pond, deer park and superb views to Arran and Ailsa Craig. Continue to your hotel, check in and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at your leisure.
- Friday 28th July After hearty Scottish Breakfast, travel on to Hunterston Castle which was built in stone in the 13th Century. It was originally a wooden fort built just after the Hunters arrived at Hunterston in 1107. The stone Pele tower was built in local sandstone to enhance security and in keeping with new technologies. It would be classed as a Pele Tower or fortified house.
- Saturday 29th July Hunterston Castle
- Sunday 30th July Hunterston Castle for trip to the Burns Birthplace Museum. Returning to Hunterston Castle for evening meal.
- OVERNIGHT: JURY'S INN HOTEL OR DOUBLETREE HOTEL, GLASGOW**
- Mon 31st July **RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES**
Today your vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Glasgow Airport in plenty of time to check in for your transatlantic flight, connecting flight or the 8 day 7 night Scottish Dream Group Tour. You may choose to do some last minute Shopping at the Duty Free stores before boarding your aircraft for your transatlantic flight. Enjoy your flight across the Atlantic Ocean back to your hometown in the United States.

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Membership Report

Misplaced Members:

Wayne Hunter: We had a Newsletter returned in August that could not be delivered. The Clan Member was Wayne Hunter who was listed as residing in Medicine Hat Alberta. Unfortunately we do not have an e-mail address for Wayne, so unless someone recognises Wayne and gives us a new address for him, I'm afraid we will need to inactivate his membership.

Gordon Hunter: Similarly, we recently had some correspondence returned for Gordon Hunter who is no longer at his address in Coburg. If anyone has any information on either of these members, please contact me at cbhhunter61@gmail.com or drop me a note at 61 Downing Crescent, London, ON N6C 3C7, so that we can continue to keep Wayne and Gordon involved!

New members: We had 4 new members over the course of a couple of months – so if any of you are 'passing the word' to other Hunters – either friends or family – please keep up the good work!

Lois Hunter-Quesnel Joined us from Chatham in July

Carla Hunter sent in an application for her husband Douglas from Frazier Park in California. Douglas has been suffering some health concerns and Carla wanted to give him a membership for his birthday. Douglas is originally from Canada – so Carla made the decision to join the Canadian Branch of the Association.

Wendy Hunter lives in Mississauga – and joined our Association also in July.

Eric Hunter and his wife Gloria come to us from Dunville Ontario – and they joined our ranks in August.

It was a very busy 2 months for us – as we were heading out to Scotland later in August, but we managed to welcome all 4 new members before we left on the 19th.

Now I would like to officially WELCOME these new members and hope that they enjoy being a part of this Association of Hunters. Please try to take part in any of the planned activities (Fergus Highland Games being the major event of the year) so that we can get to know you a bit better – and if that is not possible, consider sending us a little article for the Newsletter that tells us about your family and your connection to Scotland.

Membership Dues:

If you have your membership card – then you have paid your dues and don't need to even think about it until next June and thank you for taking care of that!

If you have not paid for the current year – then consider putting a cheque in the mail to our treasurer Don Hunter, to make sure you stay current!

If you are not sure then feel free to e-mail me, or drop me a line at the addresses near the beginning of this letter.

Christine Hunter,

Membership Secretary