Clan Hunter Association, Canada

Fall 2022

Hunters' Halloo

From the Editors

Wow! What a busy summer we had! It just kind of flew past us and before we knew it…. Oops, it was time for the fall newsletter! Sorry, for all those that noticed, the summer newsletter was accidently skipped over, but we're back and full of wonderful pictures of our summer escapades. Fall is here and bringing with it a bit cooler weather, pumpkins, leaves, Thanksgiving, and back to school. It tends to be quite a busy time for most, so we wish you all the best whether you are starting something new, returning to something again, or plodding along (happily of course!) as usual.

In our fall newsletter, you will find lots of pictures from the summer, as we had a wonderful visit from Madam Pauline and a very well attended Highland games. Thank you to all who were able to come to the garden party hosted by the Thibodeaus, the Highland games, and/or the Clan Hunter dinner at Fionn MacCool's. A good time was had by all! I tried to include a wide variety of pictures, but if you would like to see more please visit our Clan Hunter Facebook page or go online to our Clan Hunter Youtube channel. There are plenty more pictures out there! Don't forget to make up a nice batch of fall lentil soup, and enjoy the autumn season.

Lynn & Lizz

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From the Clan Officer, Dale Hill

It is my pleasure to write to all of you for the first time as Clan Officer for Canada. It has been a very eventful summer for Clan Hunter and I hope many of you have been able to follow along on Facebook. If not, you will find many details of the recent happenings in this newsletter.

In August we hosted Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston, our Clan Chief, in southern Ontario. Madam Pauline was thrilled to be here after 2 years of delays and had the opportunity to meet with members before and during the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games. One of Madam Pauline's official duties while in Canada was to formally install me as the new Clan Officer. I am honoured to be assuming this role after the long and distinguished service of Tom Hunter and would like to personally thank Tom for his confidence in me and also for his ongoing support and mentorship. On behalf of all members, I offer my deepest thanks to Tom for his dedicated service and wish him all the best in his "retirement."

At the Fergus Festival, Madam Pauline was one of 5 Clan Chiefs in attendance. She wowed everyone in her designer outfit and visited and chatted with every other Clan tent. Friday evening's Tattoo and Red Hot Chili Pipers concert were an incredible way to celebrate being back together again with our Scottish cousins and friends.

On Saturday Clan Hunter proudly marched in the parade of Clans with 35 members and/or supporters, which we believe was a new record! Thank you to everyone who came by the Clan tent to meet Madam Pauline, participate in the parade or just hang out and get to know one another. It was especially exciting to connect with at least six members who were heading to Scotland for the International Gathering at Hunterston Castle later in the month. During the Clan dinner that evening, Madam Pauline presented our long-time treasurer, Don Hunter, with the Order of the Royal Huntsman award for his outstanding service to Clan Hunter. It was a wonderful to be able to celebrate with Don, his daughter and son-in-law, and other Clan members. We can't wait to share more details and pictures of Madam Pauline's visit with you in this and future newsletters.

We will be holding our annual meeting sometime in November. Please keep an eye out on your e-mail for more details. If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions please feel free to contact me by e-mail. My new e-mail clanhunter.ca@gmail.com is where you will reach me or I can forward your request to one of our team members who can better assist you. I look forward to connecting again soon!

Dale

Membership Report—Fall 2020

Membership News - Fall 2022

Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed 7 new members.

Wanda Deveau joined us in March of this year. Wanda hails from Conquerall Mills in Nova Scotia.

Alana Hunter joined us in early April. Alana comes from the opposite side of the country, and calls Burnaby, BC home.

Michael James Hunter also joined us in April. Michael resides in Ajax, Ontario.

Karen Spearing joined the Association in early July, and lives in Bethany, Ontario.

Lindsay Balkwill became a member in mid August, and hails from Guelph, also in Ontario.

Suzan Sluder also joined us in mid August, and lives in East Garafraxa, again in Ontario.

I believe these last two new members met Madame Pauline at the Fergus Highland Games and decided to join us in the Association.

Our latest addition is **Nancy Bowie**, who joined us earlier this month, and lives in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

We welcome these new members and hope they find what they are looking for in the Clan Association.

Many of you have already paid your dues for this year, but there are a few who have not got around to it yet. Our year goes from 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023. Payment can be made through Paypal at our website at clanhuntercanada.com/membership.HTML, or by cheque, made out to Clan Hunter and mailed to our treasurer, Donald Hunter. 439-8 The Donway East. Toronto. Ontario. M3C 3R7.
I will add a note to this newsletter to remind all who have not yet paid their dues for this coming year since it is easy to forget. I will send an e-mail to those who get their newsletter by e-mail. Please consider catching up.

Christine Hunter,

Membership Secretary

From the Clansfolk — stories of our family

Vincent Hunter, a member from New Brunswick, turned 80 years old on April 15th, 2022 and all of his family were there to celebrate with him. Vincent loves to garden and he grows all kinds of vegetables. He loved being a farmer and used to have horses, cows, hens, goats, a dog, and two cats. Vincent enjoys watching good singing and church programs on television. He likes to read and talk to family and friends. His wife, Barb, helps him in the garden and does the canning etc. She enjoys going for walks, reading and doing puzzles. Happy birthday to Vincent and thank you for sending in your picture and letter!

Vincent and Barb Hunter

We were very happy to meet Danica Elizabeth Grace Hunter at the Fergus Highland games this summer. She popped by the Hunter tent to say hello. Danica placed 2nd overall. Way to go Danica!

Yes you are.

Do you like the sound of the pipes? Bagpipes that is. I do, but not everyone does. And I must admit that if they are not played well or not tuned well then, they can sound disturbing. I have a certain bias I must confess because I was playing in a small pipe band when I was around 13 years old. I didn't actually play the pipes because I was a drummer, and my wife will tell you that I have been a drummer all of my life. You see I was a member of the Boy's Brigade in Edinburgh; Scotland and we had a pipe band. Our young pipe major was very good indeed and took lessons from a member of the Edinburgh City Police Pipe band who were World Champions. So, I grew up through my teenage years and into adult hood loving the pipes.

But this is just a preamble to what I wanted to share with you about what happened at the Fergus Highland Games this past weekend. First of all, it was extremely busy on the Saturday of the Games as it seemed that after three years of no Games everyone was excited to get out and experience it live once again. There was absolutely no place to have a quiet cup of tea and a chat. Until Sunday that is. It was much quieter then and Christine, my wife, and I decided to visit the tearoom (Large marquee tent) to have tea and scones. There were no individual tables but rather long benches where the tables were set with China cups and saucers. This made it easy to chat with strangers and indeed that is exactly what Christine and I found ourselves doing. We were sitting close by a young woman whom we discovered was actually working in the tearoom but was on a break. In the background the massed pipes were playing on the playing field. Inevitably the conversation turned to the piping and this lady confessed that this was her first Games and she had brought her 6-year-old daughter along who had never heard a pipe band before. This lady relayed to us that her daughter had placed the palm of her hand on her chest and said, seeking assurance, "Mummy, are you supposed to feel it"? Christine and I just simply gasped and if I had been able to respond to that child I would have said, "Yes dear, you <u>are</u> most definitely supposed to feel it". Out of the mouths of babes they say.

Tom Hunter ORH

Highlights from Madam Pauline's Visit to Canada—August 2022

submitted by Daphne Clarke

While Madam Pauline was in Southern Ontario for the Fergus Festival this summer, she also did some very special explorations as well. Throughout the next few newsletters we will share exciting adventures and highlights of her visit to Canada! Our First highlight will be Madam Pauline visiting the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead, National Historic Site in St. George, Ontario.

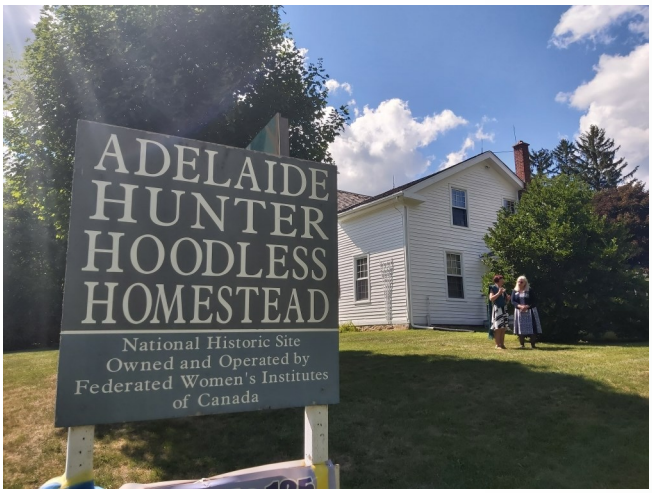
Adelaide Hunter Hoodless is a famous Canadian woman whose fourth child died at the age of 14 months. This traumatic event in her life, inspired her to educate women and protect other families. She is the co-founder of the Women's Institute, the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), the National Council of Women and the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON). She accomplished all this before her death at the young age of 53 years old in 1910. Our tour guide and museum assistant, Lauren Marco, graciously and enthusiastically shared with us the many rooms and authentic items that exist in the homestead. Madam Pauline was also able to share some of her own knowledge on items from this time period as well.

Madam Pauline was quite honoured to visit the homestead and had her picture taken in Adelaide Hunter's childhood bedroom. In the main upstairs bedroom, there is also a spinning wheel that reminded her of the spinning wheel located at Hunterston Castle.

It was a great honour to be treated to a special tea with the Canadian Women's Institute President, Margaret Byl. During this time, the women were able to chat about Women's issues and education as well as ways to continue to promote, encourage and inspire other women. Madam Pauline shared with us that she is one of eight female Scottish Clan Chieftains. She is well aware of the wonderful education and programming that the Women's Institute (WI) does in Scotland, she was interested in what the WI is doing in Canada.

Canadian President Margaret Byl and museum assistant, Lauren Marco surprised Madam Pauline with a very unique and precious artifact that was brought out specifically for Madam Pauline. It was the very fragile Adelaide Hunter family bible. Madam Pauline was able to view signatures, birth and death announcements of the Hunter family. This was very special. The ladies also had the family tree and lineage information which especially intrigued Madam Pauline as this information connects with the Hunter Genealogy Project. She was happy to share this information with Charles Hunter.

Overall, it was a wonderful and informative visit. If you are ever in St. George, Ontario, be sure to drop by and visit the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead. Current Hours of Operation are Wednesday – Sunday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. or visit their website: www.adelaide hoodless.ca. For more information on the Women's institute visit www.fwic.ca.



1) Hunter Hoodless Sign with Madam Pauline and WI Canada President, Margaret Byl

2) Madam Pauline in Adelaide's childhood bedroom

3) The Spinning Wheel in the Main bedroom upstairs

4) Bible Viewing with Madam Pauline, Lauren Marco, museum assistant and President Margaret

5) Madam Pauline and Margaret Byl with Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Plaque

Summer Highlights

Georgetown Highland Games

On Saturday, June 11, 2022, The 47th annual Georgetown Highland Games took place. After a two year hiatus, it was a huge success with beautiful weather. A big crowd came out to celebrate all things Scottish. Clan Hunter along with several other clans participated in the Clan Heritage village. Canadian Olympian, Adam Van Koeverden was the honoured guest. It was a great to have some of our members drop by and say hello. It was lovely to catch up with Bill Jones and his son for a visit. We met some new members as well. It was a great start to our 2022 Highland Game Festival Season

Photos included,

- 1) Dale Hill, Clan Officer Canada and Bill Jones and
- 2) Clan Hunter Tent photo used with permission from the Georgetown Highland Games Festival's official photographer.

As always it is a lot of fun sharing about Clan Hunter with folks at Festivals. If you would like to help host the Clan Hunter Tent at a festival near you, feel free to reach out to Dale. We would love to have you!

Fergus 2022

Recipe Corner

My grandmother was the queen of soups. Even on a hot summer day in Canada we had a plate of soup waiting for us at lunchtime! I'm sure we groaned a bit about it as children, but I sure do miss her soups now! I thought I would include a soup recipe with this newsletter for you to enjoy now that the weather is cooling down a bit.

Lentil Soup

Thick and warming, this soup is a great start to a meal on a winter evening. Serve with warm crusty bread.
The quantities below will serve 4.

Ingredients:

1.5 tablespoons of olive oil
1 onion, peeled and chopped
2 carrots, scrubbed and diced
2 cloves of garlic, peeled and crushed
225 g (1/2 lb.) of dry red lentils
6 cups of vegetable stock or water
1 bay leaf
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
A squeeze of lemon juice
Some chopped parsley to add to the soup plate at the point of serving

Method:

Rinse the lentils well. Heat the olive oil, with a twist of pepper, in a large pan over medium heat. Once oil is hot, add the onion and carrots. Sauté for a few minutes, until the vegetables have started to soften, then add the garlic, stir-fry until the garlic takes some colour. Add the lentils, bay leaf, and stock (or water) to the pot. Simmer over low-medium heat for 25-35 minutes, until lentils are softened.
Add a squeeze of fresh lemon juice just before serving and serve hot with crusty bread.

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for funnies, announcements, keeping up with members lives, and all sorts. You can comment on, like, or share any posts that interest you.

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This newsletter is for members and friends of Clan Hunter Association, Canada. If you have an important event in your family's life that you'd like to share, please send us a photo or two and a brief explanation of what you are celebrating. Graduations, new babies, birthdays, retirements, if you're celebrating, we'd like to know!