



Elliot MacFarlane and Hank Griffith at Grandfather Mountain Games with a new acquaintance

Scottish Heritage USA

NEWSLETTER

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OUT OF THE SCOTTISH MIST COME THE 2018 GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GAMES!

As the mist gently rises, we can see the field beyond the Clan Tents - Aye! A bit of Highland mist and some fine “soft” days were the backdrop for the Grandfather games this year. We couldn’t have asked for better – misty mornings and sunshine in the afternoons kept the games at an even temperature for everyone to enjoy this year. One of our board members, Bruce Hamilton, a professional photographer, lent his expert eye providing us with some beautiful shots from the games this year.



Torchlight Ceremony

Actors from *The Outlander* were here again this year. This time it was David Berry or as we all know him, Lord John Gray. Along with David were the torch bearers from the opening of the series. Needless to say, they were a hit at the Torchlight Ceremony on Thursday night.

We had our usual tent with lots of new goodies-this year we even had canned *HAGGIS!* We sold several cans and we’re waiting to hear how tasty it is!



Tossing the Caber

We were very privileged to have a special guest from the National Trust for Scotland USA with us in our tent this year. Kirstin Bridier, the Executive Director was on hand to sample wares on the mountain and to describe the many projects that the National Trust for Scotland has undertaken in order to preserve and maintain the castles, gardens and places of cultural interest to Scots. Kirstin spoke at the Cultural Village at several intervals and was able to “meet and greet” many of our current members. We urge all of our members to keep abreast of NTSUSA’s contributions to the preservation of Scottish culture here in the states. You can see all the wonderful projects on their website NTSUSA.org.

Scottish Heritage Distributes over \$26,000.00 in its 2018 Grant Allocation

Scottish Heritage, in addition to the 2017-18 Lectureship series at UNC Chapel Hill, has awarded \$26,900 in grants to other deserving organizations.

The recipients this year are:

The Cultural Village at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games: \$1,500.

A display of Scottish culture and heritage, the cultural village explores topics such as:

- How to Wear the Kilt, Now and Then! Virginia Watson, Wolfstone Kilt Company
- Scotch Whisky 101 and A Brief History of Scottish Distilling, Dan Crowell, Glenmorangie
- Band Concert, Blue Ridge Pipes & Drums
- Loud and Sharp, Lin Robinson, Scottish Weapons Expert
- The Viking Colonization of Scotland and Scottish Regiments in the USA, John Miles, USMC, Historian
- Celebrating Scotland's Treasures, Kirstin Bridier, Executive Director of The National Trust for Scotland Foundation, USA

These topics, demonstrations of weaving, clothing, harp playing together with interesting cultural, historical topics, tradition and crafts are presented during the 3-day festival. Scottish Heritage strongly supports the display and instruction in these cultural topics.

The National Trust for Scotland: \$10,000.

Charles Rennie Mackintosh's Hill House, a Category A listed building has been plagued with chronic dampness issues since its construction in 1904 and is now disintegrating at a rapid rate. NTS plans to deliver a pioneering conservation intervention by building a glass "Box" around the building to prevent further decline together with a breathable interior enabling the building to dry out, and allow further research to be conducted to find a method of remediation.



Elliot MacFarlane demonstrates how to properly prepare Haggis with "Bob" the sheep.

MacFarlane's Company: \$1,500.

The company travels to Scotland every year as a part of a Cultural Exchange Program. The company provides Archeology and History lectures and Living History events at Highland Folk Village, Glenfinnan Monument, Stirling Castle and primary schools in the area where they visit. They also give Jacobite history lessons in primary schools and donate books to the schools as a part of MacFarlane's Company's Book Donation Program.

Elliot MacFarlane (*pictured left and on the cover*) also attends Highland Games with Scottish Heritage and provides lectures and demonstrations on ancient Scottish weaponry and as pictured here, how to make Haggis!

2018 GRANTS (con't)

Highland Echoes in Education: \$3,900.

These educational modules are fully executed lesson plans for K-5 in Art, Music, PE and general classes in Scottish culture that raise awareness of Scottish culture in our youth and help preserve the Scottish traditions and heritage. The goal is to share these modules with every elementary school in the nation along with the resources to carry out each plan.

Currently Highland Echoes has over 20 lesson plans in the module with room for growth.

To provide additional support, Highland Echoes hosts a closed on-line group for all the teachers who have access to the program.



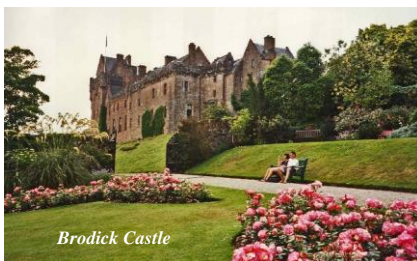
Highland Echoes in Education Lesson Plan

The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA: \$10,000.

Scottish Heritage is proud to be able to sponsor NTS USA in its efforts to assist the National Trust for Scotland. It costs the National Trust \$75.00 *each minute* to conserve the extraordinary historic sites, gardens and landscapes in its care. NTS USA has prioritized several projects for this needed assistance:

Burns Cottage Garden, pictured right contains a “poet’s path” that connects the cottage to his birthplace museum.

Bannockburn Monument- commemorating the 650th anniversary of one of Scotland’s most pivotal moments in history requires constant upkeep to ensure its survival for future generations.



Brodick Castle's walled garden is being restored to showcase the exotic and unusual plants that can be grown in Brodick's unique climate.

For more details and information, visit NTS USA's website www.ntsusa.org to read about its many other projects



Flowers of the Forest

We are sad to note the passing of Flora MacDonald Gammon Dahl. Flora leaves behind a lifetime of contributions to the preservation of Scottish culture. We will miss her smiling face and beautiful voice.

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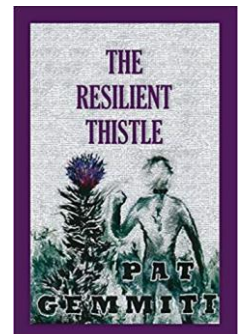
“Cracking the Halloween Nut”

6:30 PM, Friday, 26 October 2018
Kenan Music Building, Room 1201
125 S. Columbia St, Chapel Hill

For more information call: (910) 295-4448 or visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2124402531159355/>

Kilts & costumes encouraged!

We stumbled upon an interesting book- Although a work of fiction, the author uses real names to tell this epic story of Scottish Prisoners of War. Historical details are woven into the tale with attention to accuracy. Read

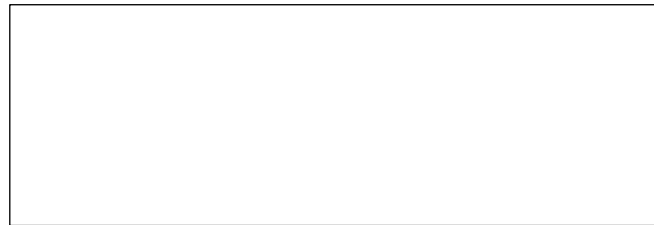


about the trials of your Scottish ancestors- and even if you are not of Scottish descent!



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SCOTTISH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. From which Scottish port did the Darien Expedition set sail?
2. Which agency is responsible for the upkeep of Edinburgh Castle?
3. Which loch is the third longest in Scotland?
4. How many Orkney islands are there?
5. In which decade (or date) was Charles Rennie Mackintosh born?
6. Where is Scotland's only *natural* World Heritage Site?
7. Who was the last man to be executed for his part in the '45 rebellion?
8. Which Scot discovered the Victoria Falls?
9. Which Scottish novelist lived at Abbotsford?
10. On which island do the ghostly shapes of Viking invaders appear from time to time?

Bonus: Why should empty shells of boiled eggs be turned upside down and smashed?

BONUS: It was once believed that witches used eggshells as boats!

1. Leith 2. Historic Scotland 3. Lomond 4. 67 5. 1868
6. St. Kilda 7. Archibald Cameron 8. David Livingstone
9. Sir Walter Scott 10. Iona

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WELCOME ALL!

If you don't see your name-keep a lookout for it in the next newsletter