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HAPPY HOGMANAY & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Another year behind us! And we are hopeful that the coming year is full of good cheer. 2022 was packed full of news and events and here are some of the highlights. Scottish Heritage awarded several grants to organizations that promote Scottish culture here in the US and across the pond:

SCOT DANCE was awarded \$5,000 to assist with the (FUSTA) 2022 dance championships. Founded in 1980 Scot Dance USA is the governing body of Highland Dance in the US and is the official US-affiliated organization of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing which is the worldwide governing body of Highland Dance. ScotDance USA's mission is to promote Scottish Highland Dancing and culture in the United States.

HIGHLAND ECHOES was awarded \$2,500 in support of their educational program "Scotland in the Class". This teaching unit was developed to support common core standards for teachers to use in schools. The unit provides a series of lessons for kindergarten through 5th grade in literacy, art, music, history and physical education. The full unit is available for free.

HIGHLAND ECHOES was also awarded \$1,800 for travel expense for dancers traveling to Boone NC to participate in the Highland Echoes Show featuring 26 of the world's best Highland Dancers and Celtic musicians.

TARTANS MUSEUM was awarded \$5,000 to provide a glass barrier in front of the weapons and the kilt evolution exhibits. Founded by The Scottish Tartans Society The Scottish Tartans Museum and Heritage Center, Inc. was established to be a center for reliable information on Scottish Highland Dress traditions within the United States. The museum gallery features kilts dating back to c. 1800, and tartan specimens c. 1725. Over 600 tartan samples are on display. A computer database contains over 11,000 unique tartan designs, both historic and modern.

CURRIE CLAN MUSIC CONCERT: was awarded \$5,000. This cherished holiday concert is a stirring and reverent cultural celebration of the Christmas season and Celtic spirit. The concert is performed at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church on Manhattan's Upper East Side and in Summit, New Jersey at Central Presbyterian Church. Iconic sounds of bagpipes, brass, drums and organ, as well as the sounds of harp, fiddle, acoustic guitar and flute are woven together with Scottish, Irish, and Welsh stories told and sung in English, Gaelic, and old Scots. While much of

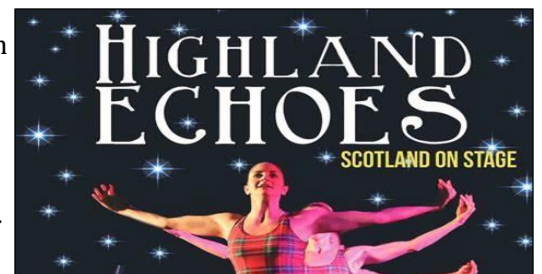
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ScotDance



*Historic sporran at
Tartans Museum*



Tartans Museum

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the program features traditional music, The Pipes of Christmas also showcases compositions – old and new – never before performed and including long-forgotten Christmas carols and poems.

Scottish Heritage attended several Highland Games this year, including a new addition of the Gallabae games in Greenville, SC games where we signed up close to 40 new members! Then on to July where we attended the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC. We missed the Scotland County Highland Games in Laurinburg due to the nasty hurricane that cancelled the games. Then last, but not least, we set up our tent at the Stone Mountain Highland Games.

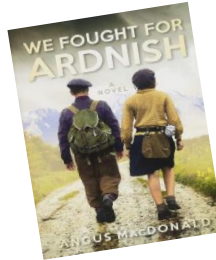
At the end of October, we drew names for the annual raffle – here are the winners:

First Prize: Custom Kilt – Robert Premont, New York

Second Prize: Tartan Purse – Michelle Hawkins, Charleston SC

Third Prize: Princess Diana Scarf – Dana Sparks, South Bend, IN

Fourth Prize: Set of 4 Scottish Heritage Mugs – Clifford Scott, Redford, MI



Fifth Prize: Set of Scottie Placemats and Napkins – Vern Pike, Cary, NC

Sixth Prize: Book-Good Left Undone – William Graham, Tallahassee, FL

Seventh Prize: Book-We Fought for Ardnish – Melony Brown, Lewisville, NC

Eighth Prize: Trio of Shot Glasses – Janice Vannatta, East Point, GA

Ninth Prize: Saltire Oven Mit – Colleen Caldwell, Morgantown, WV

Tenth Prize: Saltire Mug – Colin Caddell, Greensboro, NC



CASSILLIS CASTLE FOR SALE



For the nominal cost of 3.9 million £, you can live in luxury in this 5 story castle overlooking the river Doon in Ayrshire, Scotland. Fully renovated for 21st century living it boasts a Ballroom, nurseries, state of the art kitchen and much more. Contact Savills for more detailed information.



Answers to This Month's Quiz

#1. Hawaii, #2. Lindisfarne, off the coast of Scotland, #3. 1745, #4 Robert Burns, #5. Culzean Castle, #6. J. D. Salinger's 'Catcher in the Rye', #7. Water of Life (referring to whisky), #8. More than 550, #9. Dunfermline Fife, #10. Granite

Bonus: Rob Roy

RECIPE CORNER

BOYNDIE BROTH



The Scottish Grocer suggests “Why not give Boyndie Broth a try for St. Andrew’s Day?” It’s a simple soup that you can make with just a few ingredients. You can also add undyed smoked haddock or smoked salmon for the last few minutes of your cooking time for a good alternative to Cullen Skink

This recipe makes a thick warming broth – use less oats and more stock if you prefer a thinner soup. Enjoy!

INGREDIENTS

50 g (2oz) Hamlyns Scottish Porridge Oats or Oatmeal
1 chopped onion
1 large carrot, grated
2 Tbs butter
550 ml (8oz) chicken stock
550 ml (8oz) milk
Salt and white pepper
Chopped chives or parsley
Cream for finishing (optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. Melt the butter in a large pan over a low heat. Add the onions and carrot and cook gently until soft.
2. Add the porridge oats or oatmeal to the pan and cook for four minutes, stirring frequently.
3. Gradually add the stock and bring to a boil. Simmer gently for 20 minutes then add the milk and heat through.
4. Season to taste. Serve in bowls with chives or parsley, add a swirl of cream, if desired.



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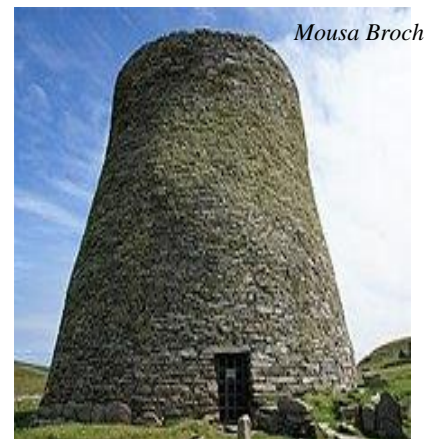


In Scotland’s remote northern Shetland Island lays a long-forgotten tiny island called Mousa. It has been uninhabited since the nineteenth century and is particularly famous for the Broch of Mousa – a large Iron Age round tower, the best preserved of these mysterious Scottish Iron Age structures. Brochs are found only in Scotland and in the greatest concentration in the Shetland and Orkney Islands and the Scottish Highlands.

It is one of a pair of brochs guarding the Mousa Sound, the other one is at Burland on the main island but is far less well preserved. These brochs may have been a part of a large chain in this part of Shetland and may have been used for defensive purposes. These brochs would have been visible from each other as beacons. The broch at Mousa is the only broch today that survives more or less at its full height. Fortunately, it managed to escape being pilfered for its stone as most other structures suffered as the stone was often used to build walls and croft houses.

The broch of Mousa is some 15 meters wide at the base but only 6 meters in the interior due to the thickness of the walls. Inside is a range of chambers that were probably used for storage.

Archeologists are still trying to figure out what Scottish Brochs were for – they have been dubbed the Iron Age “skyscrapers of Scotland”.



Mousa Broch

A LASTING LEGACY

Planning for the future is something we mean to do, but don't always get around to doing. Setting up an endowment in your will is a good way for you to leave a personal legacy and support a cause that has meaning to you. Donating to a charity in your will can:

- **Help sustain charities and touch people's lives.** Charities and non-profit organizations have limited budgets and often depend on private funding to continue doing their work. Leaving a legacy gift in your Last Will can help maintain a charitable organization and touch people's lives for years to come.
- **Leave a personal legacy.** Planned giving is an opportunity to contribute to a cause that's meaningful to you. An endowment to a foundation that made a difference in your life will allow your memory to live on.
- **Offer financial benefits.** Depending on the type of gift you make, you or your estate can enjoy certain tax advantages. For example, *to lower your tax burden during your lifetime, you can create a life insurance policy with a charity as the beneficiary and claim the annual cost as a charitable donation.* If you'd like to reduce your estate tax burden after your death, you can make a monetary donation in your Last Will.

Please contact our office if you wish to include Scottish Heritage in your Estate Planning.



SCOTTISH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. Where did Captain James Cook die?
2. Where in Britain did the first Viking raid occur?
3. In what year did the Highland clearances begin?
4. Who wrote Auld Lang Syne in 1788?
5. Where did President Eisenhower have a residence in Scotland?
6. Which famous US novel's title is based on a Robert Burns poem?
7. What does Uisge Beatha translate as?
8. About how many golf courses does Scotland have?
9. Where was Andrew Carnegie born?
10. What are curling stones traditionally made of?

Bonus: How is Robert MacGregor better known?

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