



Grandfather Mountain 2023

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GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GAMES STILL HAVE IT!

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG) is an event that has been held annually since 1956 at Grandfather Mountain, NC. Celebrating the history and culture of Scots in North Carolina, it is among the first and largest modern Highland games established in the US.

The Scottish people have a long and rich history in the state of North Carolina. After the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Highland Clearances left many Scottish clans with no home and North Carolina became one of the most popular destinations for those displaced. North Carolina encouraged Highland Scots with offers of land and tax exemptions. You can imagine how attractive this was for those folks with no place to go. One of the most famous Scottish resident of North Carolina was Flora Macdonald who immigrated to the then colony after Culloden and lived in Harnett County from 1774 to 1778. Needless to say, North Carolina is packed with Highland Scots.

So, in 1956, Agnes MacRae Morton of Linville, NC (owner of the meadow at the foot of Grandfather Mountain) and Donald F. MacDonald of Charlotte, NC co-founded the GMHG. The first of which were held on August 19, 1956, on the anniversary of the landing of Bonnie Prince Charlie in Scotland and the beginning of the Jacobite rising. Donald's vision for the games was based on the Royal Braemar Gathering, which he'd attended in Scotland in 1954. The Braemar Games had been held there for several hundred years and the GMHG was often later called "America's Braemar". By boasting an oval track in which traditional foot races could be held, along with the heavy events in the inner field.

The very first games were only one day in length with two bands and a small group of competitions. The games were small at first with only 1500 attendees but became popular quickly and Highland games began spreading throughout the country modeled after the Grandfather Mountain Games.



The GMHG is one of the largest in the country, continuously drawing a crowd of over 30,000, with events taking place over four days. Events range from a torchlight ceremony and calling of the clans to a daylight parade of tartans where all the clans march under their banners around the field. Piping and dance contests fill the air with

music and the vendors making tasty treats contribute to the atmosphere. Other vendors have wares to sell from kilts to fine silver and pewter jewelry. Some years, there is even a blacksmith on duty!

All in all, you are bound to have a great time, I know we did! **Hope to see you there in 2024!**



DON'T MISS OUR 2023 ONLINE RAFFLE

SOMETHING NEW ON THE HORIZON!

We are moving our annual scholarship raffle **ONLINE!**

So, instead of sending all our members paper tickets, you can purchase your chances to win on our website. Just go to scottishHeritageusa.org and click on events – OR just scan the QR code

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Tommy Hord painting

LOOKING FOR SCOTTISH HERITAGE AMBASSADORS

Calling all members!

Do you attend any Highland Games? Do you enjoy meeting new people and extolling the virtues of visiting the Home Country? Then we have a job for you.

How would you like to represent Scottish Heritage at a Highland Game near you? All you have to do is call the office and volunteer. We will set you up with brochures and talking points to help **YOU** bring new members into the fold.

This is your society. Every new membership will help to grow our organization and support our charitable endeavors in Scotland and the US.

Email us now and sign up! admin@scottishHeritageusa.org



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Esperanza Gritti & Travis Westover	Ethan McDonald, FSA Scot	Glenn McLeod
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The Hower Family	Maggie & Dan Briles	

Answers to This Month's Quiz

- #1. The Bank of Scotland 1695, Barklays and Bank of England
- #2 Aberdeen Harbor Board, founded in 1136
- #3. Britannica
- #4. Greenock
- #5. Glasgow and it ended in a tie
- #6. Teviot Row House at Edinburgh University
- #7. The Most Noble Order of the Thistle
- #8 James GoodFellow OBE
- #9. Ogilvie
- #10. Glasgow Hospitals in the 1950's

Bonus:

Sanquhar, established in 1712

RECIPE CORNER

SCOTTISH FLUMMERY

Flummery (such a wonderful word) is an ancient recipe featured in Scottish feasts dating back to the 15th century! This recipe is easy, but you will have to soak the oatmeal for 48 hours (we use Scottish oats) prior to making the dessert. So, plan ahead when adding this wee touch of Scottish magic to your dinner table.

Flummery is defined in the dictionary as ‘meaningless or insincere flattery or conventions. Well, this dessert is not meaningless it’s scrumptious! In this time and age when experimentation is rampant, you will see recipes that incorporate jelly and tinned cream, but that is not traditional flummery.

This recipe takes its starch from the soaked oats and the time it takes to thicken depends upon the type of oats used.

Don’t even think about the calories in this dish-what with double cream, whipping cream, sugar and honey, oh, and a wee dash of whisky too! You just have to think of it as a wee Scottish treat perfect for a supper party.

Ingredients:

2 Tbs oatmeal	½ cup heavy cream
6 oz orange juice	2 Tbs honey
4 tablespoons caste sugar (powdered)	2 Tbs whisky
Corn flour, if needed	½ cup heavy whipping cream, whipped
Grated zest of one orange	

Directions:

1. Soak the oatmeal in cold water for at least 48 hours. Drain reserve liquid, discard the oatmeal. It is the oaty flavored water you want for this dessert.
2. Mix in orange juice and sugar into water and bring to boil-stirring for at least 15 minutes until it is very thick. If it does not thicken to your liking, add a little corn flour.
3. Remove from heat and allow to cool before stirring in the heavy cream.
4. Pour into 6 dessert glasses and chill for at least 30 minutes.
5. Mix whisky and honey and pour teaspoon into each glass.
6. Whip cream and place a dollop on top of each glass.
7. Sprinkle orange zest on top.



Flummery is traditionally made from oranges. However current trends use other fruit, raspberry, strawberry, etc. Just please, no banana!

Recipe courtesy of Larder Love, taken from her Scottish Party Food Book “A Wee Taste of Scotland”.

Pictures courtesy Wikipedia

THANK YOU TO OUR MOST RECENT BENEFACTOR



Founded in 1975, the ***Saint Andrews's Society of Upper South Carolina*** is a private men's organization of Scottish descent that supports Scottish culture and tradition in the Greenville area. The Society has actively supported the City of Greenville Pipes and Drums, formerly the Piedmont Highlanders, since the band's inception. Along with its many social functions and other community endeavors, the Society supports the Greenville Highland Games by sponsoring the Honor Guard from the 2 Scots, Royal Regiment of Scotland, each year.



St. Andrew's Society dining in function



St. Andrew's members at Greenville SC Scottish games



Sgt. Major of 2 Scots at Burns Night

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLYDE TUNNEL OPENING

A batch of previously unseen archive photographs have been released to mark the 60th anniversary of the opening. Plans for the tunnel – which links north and south Glasgow – were first proposed in 1945 as ferries across the Clyde were struggling to cope with the volume of traffic.

At the time, the city's docks were still in use and a new road bridge with enough clearance for ships was considered impractical.

The tunnel was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip on 3 July 1963. It cost £10.5m to build – the equivalent of £180m in 2023. Due to limited space available on both banks of the River Clyde, the tunnel needed to be built with a 6% gradient, which made it the steepest of any highway tunnel in the world at the time. Once complete, the tunnel was said to have a world-leading control room (*see picture middle below*).

It continues to be the only road tunnel in Scotland and is used by 65,000 vehicles every day!

The photos were released by the Scottish Roads Archive and captured the early tunnelling work undertaken by 16 miners installing cladding, lighting and ventilation for early use of the tunnel.

Article & pictures courtesy of BBC News



SCOTTISH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. What are the three oldest banks in Britain?
2. What is Britain's oldest running business?
3. What is called the Wikipedia of the past and originated in Scotland by Colin Macfarquhar?
4. Which Scottish harbor was used by the French in WWII as their naval base?
5. In 1872 the first international football match was played in what city and what was the outcome?
6. Where is the oldest student union building in the world?
7. What is Scotland's highest Chivalric Order?
8. Who invented the first CHIP, PIN and ATM?
9. What is the oldest family name in Scotland?
10. Where was Ultrasound first used?

Bonus: Where is the world's oldest working Post Office?

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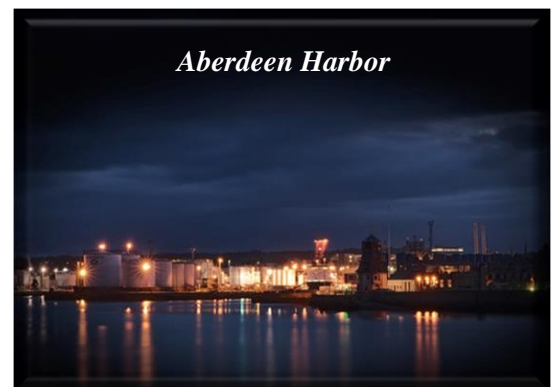


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