



New York City's Annual Tartan Day Parade

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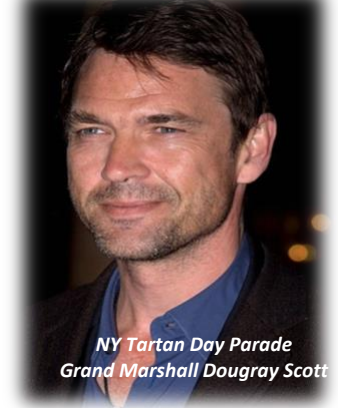
CELEBRATE NATIONAL TARTAN DAY IN THE USA & BEYOND

Scottish Heritage USA invites our members to celebrate National Tartan Day this April 6 by wearing your clan's tartan and participating in festivities in cities and towns throughout the US, Canada and North America. A very special part of this year's Tartan Week events will be the presentation of the 20th Annual National Tartan Day Award by The Scottish Coalition USA honoring The Rt. Hon. Viscount Dunrossil in Washington, DC. Born in London and educated in the Classics at Eton and Oxford, Lord Dunrossil moved to San Antonio, Texas over thirty years ago and has been a distinguished leader in the financial industry. He currently serves as Director of the Equitable Growth Fund, dedicated to addressing unequal access to



*National Tartan Day Award
Recipient
The Rt. Hon. Viscount Dunrossil*

critical resources by minorities and lower income communities. He is deeply involved in strengthening ties between Scotland and its diaspora, including serving as the US representative for the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, on the Advisory Board of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA) and is an Honorary Patron the American-Scottish Foundation. He serves as a Director of Scottish Heritage USA. The award will be presented by Camilla Hellman, MBE, president of the American-Scottish Foundation and John King Bellasai, president of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations on April 9. Scottish Heritage USA is a member of the Scottish Coalition, USA, along with five other



*NY Tartan Day Parade
Grand Marshall Dougray Scott*

national organizations.* The Coalition was instrumental in setting up a national platform for the Observance of Tartan Day in the US , through a network of state representatives and key Congressional members.

Scottish Heritage is partnering with the American-Scottish Foundation as a supporting sponsor of their *Scotland on the Fountain Terrace* events at Bryant Park in New York April 5-7. Featured events include the Tartan Day Observance with readings from the Presidential and Senate decrees as well as an excerpt from the Declaration of Arbroath by American Scottish Federation Chairman Kenneth Donnelly. *Pipes and Drums on the Terrace* follows on April 6 prior to the start of the NYC Tartan Parade and *Scotland on the Fountain Terrace* music mid-day on April 7. These events are free and open to the public. Scottish Heritage President Peter Wilson and Director Bruce Hamilton are attending these events and will be marching with the American Scottish Foundation. Visit www.americanscottishfoundation.com for more information. Emmy award winning actor Dougray Scott is the Grand Marshall of this year's 26th Annual NYC Tartan Day Parade.

*The Scottish Coalition is comprised of Scottish Heritage USA, American Scottish Foundation, the Association of Scottish Games and Festivals, the Council of Scottish Clans and Association and the Scottish Miliary Society. Information and photos courtesy of the American-Scottish Foundation and The Scottish Coalition USA.

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Above: Be sure to join us at our Scottish Heritage USA tent at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games July 11-14! Enjoy member only benefits of our complimentary deli lunch and VIP facilities. Stay tuned for information about our Sunday evening July 14 members at GMHG dinner in the May issue. - Photo by Bruce Hamilton

Below: New York City Tartan Day Parade Highland Dancers.

DID YOU KNOW

- ◆ Tartan Day originated in Nova Scotia, Canada in 1987 and became declared National Tartan Day throughout the country in 2010.
- ◆ Argentina has over 100,000 people of Scottish descent and also celebrates Tartan Day on April 6 annually.
- ◆ There are an estimated 25 million people of Scottish descent in the USA. Senate Resolution No. 155 to adopt National Tartan Day as April 6 annually passed on March 20, 1988, and cites the Scottish Declaration of Arbroath as a model for the American Declaration of Independence.

From Wikipedia



RECIPE CORNER

Mini Egg Cookie Traybake for Easter



Mini Eggs are everywhere at Easter time in the United Kingdom and now in the US too, so it's easy to make them into a wonderful Easter treat. In the UK, they're pale pastel colors like pink, yellow, purple, and white and have speckles on the outside, whereas in the USA, you'll likely find blue and green eggs and no speckles. Your children or grandchildren will love helping in the kitchen with this recipe.

It combines the best of mini-egg brownies with chocolate chip cookies. The cookie recipe has been re-made into one traybake, so it's like one big cookie that you can slice into smaller pieces while it's still warm.

Ingredients

- ◆ Softened unsalted butter -1/2 cup plus 1 tsp
- ◆ Brown sugar - 1/2 cup
- ◆ Caster sugar 1/3 cup + 1 tbsp
- ◆ 1 large egg
- ◆ 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ◆ Plain flour - 2 1/3 cups
- ◆ ¼ tsp salt
- ◆ 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- ◆ ½ tsp baking soda
- ◆ 2/3 cup milk chocolate chips
- ◆ 1-1/2 cup mini eggs, roughly broken (recommend putting in a clear plastic bag and smashing with rolling pin)

Directions

- ◆ Preheat oven to 350 degrees; grease 9" X 9" tin
- ◆ Combine sugar and butter until smooth with electric mixer or by hand
- ◆ Mix in vanilla and egg to combine
- ◆ Add flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; mix until cookie dough forms
- ◆ Fold in chocolate chips and 1 c mini eggs
- ◆ Tip dough into tin and spread evenly
- ◆ Press remaining ½ c mini eggs into top of dough
- ◆ Bake 20-30 minutes until slightly golden
- ◆ Cool 20 minutes in tin
- ◆ Slice into squares and enjoy!

Recipe and photo courtesy of Scottish Scran

SUPPORT OUR NEW CORPORATE SPONSORS



Join us at the Scottish Heritage USA tent for the highland games of our two new corporate sponsors as we support and celebrate Scottish traditions, history, and culture.

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games held the first Games in 1956. Scottish Heritage USA was founded in 1965 and GMHG and SHUSA soon began what has been a long and successful relationship. That relationship is perhaps stronger today than at any point in the past as evidenced by the two organizations sharing corporate sponsorships. *July 11-14, 2024. GMHG.org*

In its 46th year, the **Savannah Scottish Games** are taking place on the beautiful grounds of Historic Bethesda Academy. It is a grand celebration of Scottish heritage, with Celtic music, Scottish clans/societies, pipe bands, highland dancing, heavy athletic events (athletes throwing telephone poles), children's activities (including kilt run/hockey/golf/fairies/storytelling/crafts/passport), sheep herding, falconry, genealogy, food, refreshments, and fun for the entire family. *May 4, 2024. SavannahScottishGames.com*

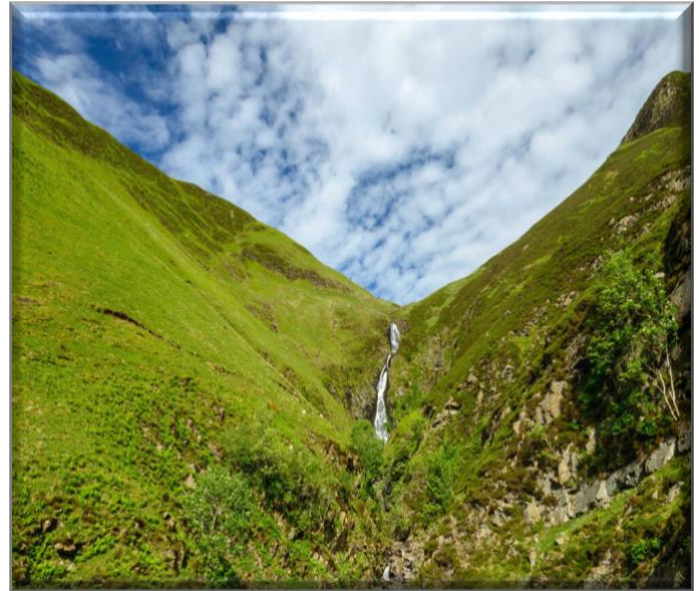
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& Gathering of Scottish Clans

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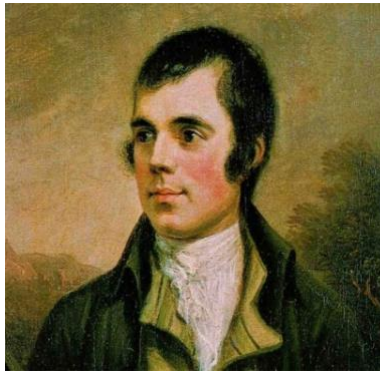
JULY 11-14, 2024 MACRAE MEADOWS, LINVILLE, NC WWW.GMHG.ORG



SCOTTISH FIDDLEING has a long and storied history. Among the many people to own and treasure a fiddle was Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. Born in 1759, Burns never mastered the fiddle as he did the written word, but he found great pleasure in fiddle music. He quickly found a gift for putting words to fiddle tunes; it was no mean task to match the rhythm of such tunes with meaningful and poetic lyrics, especially with the complex phrasing of the newest form of tune, the strathspey. Among the songs he wrote to tunes by James Oswald are "The Deil's Awa Wi the Exciseman" and "Ae Fond Kiss." - Chris Haigh, fiddlingaround.co.uk

*Spring is a wonderful season for hiking – especially in Scotland! Our partner the National Trust for Scotland has some of Scotland's best walking routes on their properties. You can choose from all kinds of walks in spectacular landscapes to suit your ability. **Grey's Mare** (pictured above) is an excellent (but strenuous) 2.5-mile hike from Grey Mare's Tail to Loch Skeen starts at the car park. A steep path climbs up past the famous 60m-high waterfall that inspired Sir Walter Scott, and as you come over the ridge the valley unfurls beneath you. The Scottish outdoors at its best.*

Below: Zach Lemhouse, fiddle instructor at the Jink & Diddle School of Scottish Fiddling.



Above: Scotland's National Poet, Robbie Burns loved fiddling and fiddle music.



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