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How can I renew my membership to CDSNA, if I missed my local festival?

If you need to update your CDSNA Membership, you can use PayPal to pay your member dues.

Simply go to our Clan Douglas website and click on the JOIN CDSNA tab.

Scroll down the page to the DONATE button and press the button to open the PayPal page.

When your transaction is completed, email Secretary Jim Morton for confirmation:
DouglasSecretary@comcast.net
Greetings fellow clan members,

It seems that the summer is slipping away and the Scottish Festival season is coming to a close -- at least in Colorado. I hope that your summer has been all that you hoped it would be and more. As for me and my clan family it has been interesting, to say the least. And that’s the subject of today’s comments.

The summer started off fine with the Pikes Peak Games. We had a nice new venue and a great group of visitors to talk with. While late afternoon rains put a damper on the event, I think it was still a great success. We all had a great time despite the weather.

During the week of the 4th of July, I developed a medical problem. I took a nasty fall and bruised several ribs. I also was given the gift of a pacemaker on the 4th. The long and short of it is that I’m fine and there was no permanent damage. (The ribs gave me a lot of trouble for quite a while) On my doctors’ orders I could not lift anything over ten pounds, and I was not to lift my arms over my head. The Elizabeth Celtic Festival was two weeks away. I had already paid for the space and had committed to sponsoring the Bonnie Knees Contest. Now it looked like I was not even going to be able to attend. After the scare my time in the hospital gave her, my wonderful wife was very insistent that I follow the doctor’s orders to the letter. So it looked like I was going to sit this one out.

Cliff Douglas to the rescue! One phone call to Cliff and the whole problem was solved. He volunteered to come over and help. The day before the event Cliff and his son Josh, drove across town and loaded my SUV with all the gear for the tent. With the help of my son Morgan they had everything loaded in about a half an hour and we were ready to go. (They would not allow me to help at all) The morning of the event he drove over and at my wife’s insistence, drove the gear to the festival.

Once there, Cliff, Josh, Jennifer Oaks and her daughter Veive sat me in a chair and made me watch as they set the whole thing up. Of course the ever reliable Adam was also there to help. I was not allowed to pick up anything heavier than a water bottle. In no time the tent was set up and we were ready to go.

I have always felt that these clan people were part of my family, and I was touched to see them come to my aid. The whole point of this is to show that clan means family in a very real way. Because of the bond that we share through the Clan Douglas they made the Elizabeth Festival a great event, and I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart.

I love you guys!

Chuck

P.S. This whole process was repeated two weeks later for the Edgewater Festival, where Cliff ran the show.
CDSNA TREASURER’s REPORT FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019

The financial condition of Clan Douglas Society of North America continues to be strong. The Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports are included in this Newsletter. The highlights of the reports are as follows:

- Majority of our Income comes from Dues, which totaled $7,396 for the year
- Our largest Expense occurs with the printing and mailing of the Newsletter, which totaled $3,297.60. In contrast, the distribution of the Newsletter via e-mail cost $468 for the year.
- CDSNA’s Assets totaled $123,412.08 at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2019.
- Majority of the Assets are held in our investment account which was valued at $106,479.84. The value of this account increased $11,688.10 during the year due to the positive results in the stock market.

CDSNA continues to support our Regents in their hosting of the Douglas tent at the many Highland Games throughout the country. Please continue to attend the games and stop in at our facilities. We also provide scholarships to our members and their families based on our scholarship guidelines listed on our website. Additional money is available for the scholarships and we encourage you to send in applications.
## Profit & Loss

### Clan Douglas Society of North America

#### July 2018 through June 2019

#### Accrual Basis

### Ordinary Income/Expense

**Income**

- 4010 · Dues - New: 1,425.00
- 4030 · Dues - Renewals: 3,245.00
- 4050 · Dues - Three year: 86.00
- 4060 · Dues - Life: 2,640.00
- 4100 · Store Sales: 1,910.25
- 4175 · Store Sales - Shipping: 102.50
- 4600 · Clan Dinner Receipts: 1,394.00
- 4800 · Misc Contributions: 25.00
- 4950 · Miscellaneous Income: 50.00

**Total Income**: 10,877.75

**Cost of Goods Sold**

- 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold: 1,159.99

**Total COGS**: 1,159.99

**Gross Profit**: 9,717.76

### Expense

- 6010 · Store Commissions: 17.10
- 6050 · Store Orders Shipping: 124.85
- 6060 · Store Supplies: 1,169.93
- 7010 · Advertising: 225.00
- 7015 · Bank Charges: 154.00
- 7017 · Pay Pal Expenses: 76.25
- 7020 · Clan Dinner Costs: 615.71
- 7022 · Contributions: 100.00
- 7025 · Game Sponsorship: 1,453.20
- 7030 · Internet Expense: 468.00
- 7040 · Newsletter Printing: 2,573.20
- 7045 · Newsletter Postage: 724.40
- 7060 · Office Expense - Secretary: 208.09
- 7065 · Office Expense - Treasurer: 123.66
- 7070 · Recognition & Awards: 273.80
- 7075 · Regent Forms and Materials: 30.00
- 7080 · Regent Kit Shipping: 3.50
- 7100 · Scholarships Awarded: 500.00
- 7150 · Memorials: 0.00

**Total Expense**: 8,840.69

**Net Ordinary Income**: 877.07

### Other Income/Expense

**Other Income**

- 4995 · Morgan Stanly Change in Value: 11,688.10

**Total Other Income**: 11,688.10

**Net Other Income**: 11,688.10

**Net Income**: 12,565.17
Our **Dubh Ghlase** Newsletter Will Be Available in **DIGITAL FORMAT ONLY** Beginning September 2020

The main reason for this change is **COST**.

The CDSNA Board of Directors has announced that our CDSNA newsletter, *Dubh Ghlase*, will be moving to a digital email only format beginning with the September 2020 issue. On average for the past few years, it costs about $825 to print and mail 200-220 printed copies of the newsletter per quarter (depending on active membership in the quarter.)—or about $3300 per year which is about $4.12 per issue. By comparison, the cost to CDSNA of sending out approximately 450 digital email copies of the newsletter per quarter is a bit under $118— or about $470 per year which is about $0.26 per issue. Altogether, that is a slightly less than $3800 per year for mailing out all newsletters.

The Board considered several options to offset the printing/mailing costs of the newsletter. These options included:

1. Raising the cost of ALL CDSNA membership categories
2. Charging a subscription fee to members wanting the paper copy to offset the costs of printing/mailing (in effect, nearly a doubling of the current annual dues)
3. Going completely digital/electronic

Of the three options, it was decided that going completely digital provides the best overall value to membership.

Our current CDSNA membership is about 650 members. Moving to a fully digital emailed newsletter format for our current members would cost CDSNA less than $500 per year—giving an annual savings of slightly more than $3300 per year. And, if our clan membership were to suddenly jump to 2000 members tomorrow, the cost of sending a digital newsletter four times a year (based on the current cost) would remain less than $500.

The change to digital provides several benefits.

Although a $3300 per year savings for the Society is a tremendous benefit in and of itself, there are other benefits associated with a digital newsletter. A few of those benefits are Quality, Fewer Limitations, Innovation and Appeal to a Younger Audience.

**Quality.** While many have lauded our Black&White printed copies of the newsletter for years, the FULL COLOR aspect of the digital newsletter brings a new dimension to readers creating a more magazine-like experience.

**Fewer Limitations.** For reasons of cost management, the typical newsletter over the past ten years has had to remain at 36 or fewer pages. Additionally, because the printing process was using oversized and folded 11inchx17inch paper to create our 8.5inchx11inch format, pagination of the newsletter had to be in multiples of four. This meant having to add or drop articles into the newsletter to keep the pages at 28, 32, or 36 pages per issue. With a completely digital format, there is no need for a page restriction.

**Innovation.** Anyone who has ever seen a *Harry Potter* movie will remember the photographs embedded on the front pages of the *Daily Prophet*. Those photos were actually video shorts. While the technology to create a similar effect in our newsletter may be a bit beyond our reach at this time, there is ample technology available in most word processor programs to embed clickable hyperlinks to informational websites and Youtube videos. Members at events could record video of athletes competing, pipe bands marching, or even the full proceedings of our GMMs and the video links would be available for viewing for those who were not able to physically attend. The possibilities are endless!

**Appeal to a Younger Audience.** The average young adult today is a product of our modern technological age. Facebook, Twitter, FaceTime, Skype, WhatsApp, blogging, virtual reality, etc., are more likely to capture the attentions of young potential members. If our Society is going to continue and grow, we need to be more accommodating to the generation that will be the guardians of the Society in the decades to come. What better way to encourage their joining the Society than to entice them with the tools they use daily?

**Change can be difficult.** We have become reliant on how things are but we cannot and should not become complacent to how things *could be* simply because we are satisfied with what we have always done. If membership is willing and able to move FORWARD with this new concept for our clan newsletter, we can open the door to a brighter future for CDSNA.
The Other Bruce King: King David II of Scotland (part 2)

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Making His Move: Captivity, 1346-1357

Having been King of Scots for seventeen years, and been present in Scotland for only nine, David now faced the prospect of indefinite confinement in England. In the event, he would spend eleven years as a prisoner. For the first few years of his captivity he would be held at the Tower of London, where his then wife Joan had been born (hence her rather dramatic-sounding by-name). Joan herself remained in Scotland throughout the king's imprisonment, her status as Edward III's sister perhaps making her useful to the Scots as a kind of hostage to ensure their king's continued safety. In David's absence, guardianship of the kingship fell - excepting a brief period in the early 1350s - once again to the Steward. To the community at large, this was the natural choice. The Steward had plenty of experience acting as guardian during the king's previous absence, and until David produced an heir of his own the Steward stood to become king should David die in captivity. King David himself can hardly have relished the thought of the Steward running the show while he was imprisoned. As we have seen, the king was already suspicious of the Steward's prior behaviour as guardian and seems to have resented his nephew's expectations of inheriting the kingdom. Coupled with this, one tradition in the Scottish chronicles - first articulated by John Fordun in the 1360s - suggests that the Steward may have fled the field early at Neville's Cross, contributing to the king's capture (a counter tradition exists, which interprets this as a prudent action designed to ensure that he - the heir to the kingdom - was not also captured). Naturally, in light of all this, David's main priority throughout his captivity was to secure his release and return to Scotland at the earliest opportunity.

David was allowed to keep in contact with his subjects during his imprisonment, and exercised what control he could over the royal administration in this period. He also seems to have developed a fairly good relationship with his captor Edward III. For instance, he accompanied Edward to the St George's Day celebrations at Windsor Castle, at which the Order of the Garter was first instituted. The chivalric festivities and pageantry that accompanied this would have appealed to both men's martial interests. Proximity to King Edward facilitated David's efforts to negotiate his release, and by the early 1350s it appeared that the two men had reached something of a compromise.

The Tower of London, where David was originally held during his captivity. A shining beacon of English royal power in the fourteenth-century, the Tower was a fairly luxurious place of confinement in the grand scheme of things. It also ensured that David maintained regular contact with the main players in the English royal administration - including King Edward himself - which would prove vital in his efforts to negotiate his release.

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Windsor Castle, where in 1348 the Order of the Garter was first instituted amid the St George's Day festivities. King David was present for the attendant celebrations, and no doubt appreciated the chivalric pageantry accompanying the occasion. The first Scot to be inducted into the Order was James, 9th earl of Douglas, whose path from leading Scottish magnate to English pensioner had been precipitated by the killing of his elder brother William, 8th earl of Douglas, at Stirling Castle on 22nd February 1452.

Edward had seemingly agreed to let his claim of sovereignty over Scotland slide, in return for David naming one of Edward's younger sons - possibly John of Gaunt - as his heir in the event of David dying without a son of his own. The appeal of such an arrangement for David should be obvious. It would secure his release without having to pay a penny in ransom, and would cut his bothersome nephew out of the succession altogether (a long-term policy aim for the king). David - still in his late twenties at this point - must still at this point have fancied his chances of fathering a son or two himself, which would negate the prospect of Edward's son inheriting anyway. By the same token, that this deal would be a hard sell in Scotland should also come as little surprise. For the Steward, this proposal can have looked like nothing more than naked malice directed squarely at his claim (and the claims of his growing brood of sons) to inherit the kingdom. Thus the Steward and his allies were guaranteed to oppose it. Even among the rest of the community, opposition would likely be fierce. In the fifty-odd years since Edward I invaded Scotland in 1296, the two kingdoms had enjoyed all of about four years of formal peace, and half a century of intermittent warfare had bred in the Scots a somewhat understandable distrust of their southern neighbours. Thus, however likely it was that David might provide them with a 'native' heir, it would be tricky to convince them to gamble on a deal that, if they 'lost', would see an English royal inherit the kingdom. Nonetheless, David was dispatched north to York in 1351 to facilitate discussions with his subjects about this potential peace deal, and in 1352 he was even allowed a brief period of parole to return to Scotland promote the proposal in person. Although he had worked hard to secure support for the deal before his arrival, David proved unable to gain parliamentary recognition for it, and he was ultimately forced to return to his English captors empty-handed. As Penman has observed, something of the king's attitude can be seen at this point in his last surviving act before his return to England - the grant of lands in Lanarkshire forfeited by a former Balliol adherent to Sir Alexander Stewart of Darnley. Unable to gain support for his immediate release, David was permitting his subjects to resume their war-making along the border and giving them the tools to do so more effectively.

David resided in York until 1353 but after this was taken to Odiham Castle, further south even that London, a symbol of his failure to achieve his aims and the unlikelihood of his release any time soon. Although David does not seem to have given up entirely on negotiating his release, the next major step towards this would not come until 1356, when two events - one a significant English victory, the other a frustrating English failure - altered the diplomatic landscape enough to allow renewed talks. The failure came in the form of the so-called 'Burnt Candlemas', a major English invasion of southern Scotland led by King Edward himself. The intent of this campaign was the same as always; lead an army through southern Scotland, try to bring the Scots to battle, and destroy anything of any value. The Scots responded to this with their traditional tactic; devastate the land before the English get there and retire to safety somewhere north of the Forth. Hawick was destroyed, various religious communities were threatened, but otherwise nothing was achieved and Edward eventually returned home. The utter futility of the 1356 campaign seems to have writ large something that had been becoming apparent for some time; neither side could damage the other so badly as to bring the war to a definitive conclusion. That meant if the war was to ever end it would have to be settled at the negotiating table. Meanwhile, in France, King Edward's son - Edward, Prince of Wales (or the Black Prince as he would later be known) - scored a significant victory at the Battle of Poitiers in September. This battle was particularly important because the French king - Jean II - was captured in the fighting. Edward III now had both the King of Scots and the King of France in custody, which - perhaps ironically - made all three sides eager to negotiate a settlement as quickly as possible. The French royal administration was thrown into disarray - with the king's various male relatives vying for control - and thus they desperately needed the king back to restore some stability to the government. If the French made peace, the Scots would have to face the prospect...
of war with the English on their own, which had nearly destroyed them in the 1330s. And for Edward, he needed to secure concessions from his enemies while he still had the upper hand, rather than giving them time to regroup and recover. To this end, the Treaty of Berwick was ratified in September 1357, by which the English agreed to release David in return for the hefty sum of 100,000 marks, to be paid in ten annual installments.

**Return of the King: Second reign, 1357-1371**

On his return to Scotland in 1357, David was faced with similar problems to those he had faced way back in 1341 on his return from France. His domestic power base was relatively weak, and in his absence the political scene had been dominated by those warlords best suited to the successful prosecution of the war with England. These men now expected to be confirmed in the lands and rights they had gained through strength of arms, and in 1357 they included yet another Douglas - another William, a cousin of the troublesome Liddesdale. Douglas had fled to Flanders alongside David in 1333 and had not returned until 1347, at which point he had set about practicing the kind of vigorous martial lordship that was increasingly his family's main occupation, establishing himself as the dominant figure in the south of Scotland and dispatching Liddesdale for good measure. He had also been an ally of David's during the king's captivity, serving briefly as co-guardian in place of the Steward and supporting the king's efforts to secure his release. David apparently recognised his debt to Douglas by creating him earl of Douglas in 1358, but the fact that Douglas was such a forceful, independent magnate - and the fact that he had achieved this position largely through his own initiative - meant that sooner or later he would become a target of David's efforts to reassert royal authority. David still harboured a deep desire to frustrate the ambitions of his nephew the Steward as well, a desire that was at least partially satisfied by naming one of the Steward's to act as a hostage to stand surety for the payment of the king's ransom. Another major concern for the king was the provision of an heir 'of his body', which was complicated by the fact that he was now totally estranged from his wife Joan, who shortly after his return to Scotland left for England, where she remained until her death in 1362. In the meantime, David had to content himself with a mistress Katherine Mortimer, who later Scottish chroniclers believed to be English but who was more likely related to the Mortimers of Inverbie, who received considerable patronage in the course of David and Katherine's relationship. David and Katherine were very open about their relationship and she regularly appeared in public with him. However, despite what was later claimed there is no contemporary evidence that she had undue influence over the government of Scotland through him or that he was raiding the public purse to give her a comfortable lifestyle. Nonetheless, her prominence generated enough distrust to see her murdered within sight of the king as they were travelling north from Melrose after delivering the second installment of the ransom to the English. Thomas Stewart, earl of Angus, was blamed for the murder, being imprisoned at Dumbarton Castle and dying a year later, possibly of the plague. However, Penman has suggested, rather convincingly, that a number of other great magnates who felt threatened by the king's attempts to assert his authority - such as the Steward and Douglas - may have approved of and even abetted the incident.

As had been the case before 1346, David sought to surround himself with men who were - like him - young, energetic and enthusiastic about chivalric pursuits. This was mostly undertaken at the expense of the earl of Douglas, who had scooped up many of those former Ramsay adherents who David had attracted after Ramsay's death in 1342. Regardless of the earl's formidable reputation and personal charisma, the rewards of royal service would always be more lucrative than he could offer, and thus David was able to draw many of these Lothian knights back into his following. Most notably, as far as Douglas was concerned, was the earl's illegitimate cousin Sir Archibald Douglas, later known as Archibald 'the Grim'. Archibald was the natural son of 'the Good' Sir James Douglas who was remembered as Robert Bruce's chief enforcer and the man who had died carrying the late king's heart on crusade. David sought to cultivate a relationship with Archibald not unlike that enjoyed by their fathers, although with something of a different aim. In promoting Sir Archibald, David was promoting an alternative focus of authority and patronage within the Douglas
Edinburgh Castle, where David II died in 1371. Much of David’s activity during his second reign was based around Edinburgh, which he used as a base from which to maintain an affinity of influential and often fairly wealthy followers from a wide crescent of territory across Lothian and Fife. In the 1360s, David also invested heavily in the construction of an L-shaped tower, intended to provide lavish residential quarters for the king and his household. The foundations of this building - known, unsurprisingly, as David’s Tower - can still be seen beneath the Half-Moon Rampart, the semi-circular building just off-centre in this image.

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kindred, effectively stimulating some family drama to undermine the earl’s influence. It was almost certainly at least in part why in March 1363 Douglas was to be found in open rebellion against the king, alongside the Steward and Patrick Dunbar, earl of March. The stated reasons for the rebellion focused on the king’s supposed misgovernance and pressures relating to the provision of the ransom, but all three of the ringleaders must also have been motivated by David’s encroachments on their respective spheres of influence. For his part, Sir Archibald was to be found with the king throughout the crisis, and almost certainly contributed to an engagement near Lanark in which the earl was put to flight. In the end, the rebellion largely fizzled out and the ringleaders were reconciled with the king, having little choice but to come to terms with the king’s promotion of his own following.

The vexed question of the succession continued to haunt the king throughout his reign. The death of Queen Joan left him finally free to remarry and in 1363 he selected Margaret Drummond as his new queen. David clearly hoped that Margaret would provide him with an heir, and in the meantime the king had not entirely given up on the possibility of undercutting the Steward’s rights by naming an English successor in the event of him producing no heir of his own. As well as frustrating the Steward, this would also alleviate the pressure on the Scots to pay his ransom, of which they paid only two installments before defaulting. Even the prospect of freeing themselves from the burden of the ransom (a burden they had already reneged on anyway) could not persuade the Scottish political community to accept the possibility of an English royal becoming King of Scots, and in March 1364 a parliament at Scone made it clear that ‘they would in no way give in to the demands which had been made by the King of England’ (http://www.rps.ac.uk/trans/1364/1). From this point on David seems to have become more reconciled with the prospect of a Stewart succession, although he retained his ambition to at least frustrate the personal ambitions of the Steward himself. Time, it seemed, was on David’s side; the age difference between the king and his nephew made it more likely that David would outlive the Steward and thus the Steward’s son John, lord of Kyle, who actually succeed as king. David thus set about promoting John as his heir. In 1366/7 John was wedded to the king’s niece by marriage Annabella Drummond, who would prove herself to be a formidable political figure in her own right in years to come. The following year, David granted the ealdom of Carrick to John, the earldom that David had been granted while heir to his father. It would appear that if David could not prevent a Stewart succession he would at least deny the kingship to Robert the Steward. Yet still David had not given up on producing an heir of his own. After all, he was still younger than his father had been when David was born (although the elder Bruce had a lot more children - both legitimate and otherwise - to show for his efforts to produce an heir). In 1369 David divorced Margaret Drummond and may have been making plans to marry Agnes Dunbar, the ealdom of March’s sister, when he dropped dead at Edinburgh Castle in February 1371. However, his
The ruined nave at Holyrood Abbey. During his lifetime David II had made plans to be buried alongside his father and mother at Dunfermline Abbey, which had become something of a family mausoleum since the 1320s. Nonetheless, he was actually interred at Holyrood, perhaps an indication that his burial plans were still not fully formed at the time of his death or perhaps an eagerness on the part of the incoming Stewart regime to bury the late king as quickly as possible to smooth over the transition of power.

The earliest surviving epitaphs for David II tend to be quite positive. Andrew of Wyntoun and Walter Bower, writing in the 1420s and 1440s respectively, emphasise his love of justice and his efforts to pacify the more fractious of his subjects. The colour drains out of the appraisals somewhat in the sixteenth-century, with John Mair comparing David only to ‘middling rulers’ in 1521, Hector Boece in 1527 offering the faintly depressing comparison with King Robert referenced in the title of this section, and George Buchanan glumly observing in 1582 that David ‘lacked good fortune rather than diligence’. It was in the eighteenth-century, with the emergence of the British state, that David’s reputation took a nose-dive, with historians taking an increasingly dim view of David’s efforts to reach a lasting peace deal with England by recognising an English junior royal as his successor. In the aftermath of the Union, this was perceived as an attempt to mortgage Scotland’s future in the name of short-term gain, a betrayal of the struggle David’s father had so valiantly undertaken. Not until the twentieth-century was this interpretation seriously challenged. It is perhaps too much to expect that David’s legacy can ever be entirely extricated from that of his father. He will probably always be the other Bruce king. Yet David’s dealings with England grew rather organically out of those of his father’s royal administration in the final years of the 1320s. To present David as the proponent of some alien proposals that would sell Scotland to the English, and by extension to portray the likes of the Steward and the earl of Douglas as the guardians of the flame of a rebellion first kindled by Robert Bruce, is to grossly oversimplify matters. David’s negotiations with the English can arguably be understood as a pragmatic response to the on-going threat posed by the seemingly never-ending tensions between the two kingdoms, and an effort to find a solution that would end the threat of English military interference while ensuring the survival of a separate Scottish kingdom. Conversely, the activities of the Steward and Douglas were as much motivated by self-interest as David’s were. Much of David’s legacy and posthumous reputation is dictated by the fact that he was succeeded by Robert II, who had for so long sat in opposition to the king’s policies. As a consequence, many of King David’s policies were quickly reversed, particularly in regard to Anglo-Scottish relations. Had David lived, or his diplomatic policy been pursued more vigorously, Anglo-Scottish history may have been significantly different, and perhaps significantly less bloody.

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A number of his historical blogposts can be viewed @ https://drcallumwatson.blogspot.com/
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Historic Borders Tomb Brought Back to Life


Photographs courtesy of Google images.

[Editor’s Note: This is a follow-up to a story published in the March 2015 issue of Dubh Ghlase about the Monteath Douglas Mausoleum. The Monteath Douglas family is a branch of the Douglasses of Mains.]

The mausoleum from the air in 2018, just before restoration began

THE RESTORATION of one of the Scottish Borders’ most significant hilltop monuments has been completed following a £128,000 funding injection and the efforts of a group of 30 local volunteers.

The Monteath Douglas Mausoleum, near Ancrum, a gem of Victorian architecture, has been restored thanks to the tireless effort of the Friends of Monteath Mausoleum.

The Mausoleum is the tomb of General Sir Thomas Monteath Douglas (1788-1868), whose daughter was married to Sir William Monteath Scott of Ancrum.

General Monteath Douglas had spent most of his life serving with the 35th Bengal Infantry in India and chose the solitary and commanding position at the top of Gersit Law on his son-in-law's lands to build his tomb.

The tomb was built by local craftsmen in 1864, however it fell into disrepair after being abandoned in 1964 following the death of the last family member.

More than half a century of neglect had taken its toll on the Grade B listed building, which had been on the Buildings at Risk Scotland register, with wind and rain causing significant internal and structural damage.

However, renovation work began last June, thanks to generous funding from several charitable bodies, and features such as the 48 distinctive rooftop glass stars were painstakingly restored.

Monteath Douglas Coat of Arms in arch below the dome
The Fallago Environment Fund, which shares the benefits of the Fallago Wind Farm Development right across the Borders, provided £59,444 whilst the FCC Communities Foundation, a charitable foundation run by waste management company FCC Environment, donated £59,450.

A further £10,000 was provided through a Berwickshire Community Councils’ Forum (BCCF) Environmental grant.

After the structural work had been completed, more than 200 volunteer hours were required before the Mausoleum was finally returned to its former glory, complete with new safety measures and improved accessibility.

Speaking on behalf of The Friends of the Monteath Mausoleum, David Freeman said; “The Friends are thrilled with the successful completion of this project and would like to thank Fallago, FCC Communities Foundation and BCCF Environmental for their generous funding package.

“We look forward to sharing the joy of this spectacular building for years to come.”

Gareth Baird, Chairman, Fallago Environment Fund, said; “The Fallago Environment Fund aims to enhance the cultural, natural and built heritage of the Scottish Borders and our support of this very special project fulfils all of those objectives.

“The Monteath Douglas Mausoleum is a beautiful piece of historic architecture in a stunning location with fabulous views over the countryside and we’re delighted that we have been able to support the restoration and preservation of such a fascinating Borders landmark for local people and visitors to enjoy.”

FCC Communities Foundation Grant Manager, Sophie Cade said: “We are delighted to have been part of this unique project.

“Huge congratulations to the Friends group for achieving a remarkable restoration and breathing life back into this magnificent building.”

A BCCF Environmental spokesperson said: “BCCF Environmental is pleased to have been able to provide financial support to the endeavours of the Friends and hopes the restored monument will prove to be a well-visited attraction.”

Walkers, cyclists and horse riders will have access to the Mausoleum throughout the year.

Vehicle access will be enabled during six Open Weekends each year, with a guide available to assist less-abled visitors and families to enjoy the surroundings.

Visitors wishing to see the angel sculptures and star chamber inside the crypt can obtain a key from the Lothian Estates office in Bonjedward for a small fee.

Friends of Monteath Mausoleum are currently in discussions with other stakeholders to improve footpath links to the mausoleum from other tourist attractions in the area.
For CDSNA Regents manning the Douglas tents at festivals all over North America, one of the most commonly asked questions by festival goers is "Why is THAT name a Douglas name?" In 2009, one CDSNA member took on the responsibility of finding an answer for each name in our clan’s list of septs and allied families... and the CDSNA Septs & Allied Families Project was born.

Since 2012, research from the Septs & Allied Families Project has led to several new names added to our Douglas list. Cavan was accepted by CDSNA as a sept in December 1988 based on its being noted as a sept in the 1954 publication Badges of the Scottish Clans. This sept name has a strong connection with Agnew and Maxwell.

The research for this sept name was taken from a single source found online in 2010: Kevans DNA project (hosted by worldfamilies.net) @ http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/kevan/mtdna. The editor of this article did such a wonderful job of documenting that no effort is given to re-invent his/her wheel. Some of this will be seen to be a repeat of the text for Agnew. [Editor’s Note: the Kevans DNA Project link URL is no longer viable in 2019]

The surname Keven is native to Galloway and thought to be derived “from the land of Cavens in the parish of Kirkbean, Kirkcudbrightshire. (George F. Black, The Surnames of Scotland: their Origin, Meaning & History, p. 143; John E. Wilson, Gazetteer of Scotland, p. 84) Cavens, which, lies a few hundred yards south of the village of Kirkbean, with land running South and Eastward down to the banks of the Nith estuary, and was once part of the Earldom of Morton, was associated with the Maxwell family as early as the 15th century. (See the Maxwell Society website)

JAMES MAXWELL, the third son of John Maxwell, Master of Maxwell, who was killed at the battle of Lochmaben, 1484 (see title Nithsdale), is said to have been the ancestor of the Maxwells of Cavens. Who his immediate successors were has not been ascertained, but the next possessor of the estate on record is Herbert Maxwell, of Cavens, who died 24 March 1572-73, leaving two sons:
1. William.
2. John, who, with his son Joke, is named in Herbert’s will as his “oyes”
(James Balfour Paul, The Scots Peerage, p. 126; P. H. M’Kerlie, History of the lands & their owners in Galloway p. 162)

Cavens came into Maxwell possession when John Maxwell, 7th Lord Maxwell and grandson of the third Earl, briefly claimed the Earldom after the 4th Earl was executed for involvement in the murder of Lord Darnley, and [by] 1589, Cavens [wa]s in the hands of Herbert Maxwell of Cavens who was tried for the murder of Sir Robert Maxwell of Dinwiddie in 1605. John Maxwell, Bishop of Ross was a scion of Cavens Maxwells as were the Maxwells of Kirkhouse. The Cavens Maxwells died out in 1640 and the cadet line of Maxwell of Kirkhouse inherited. James Maxwell, Earl of Dirleton was the last of that line and the property then appears to have been inherited by members of the Murrey family, Earls of Annandale. An eighteenth century house possibly a house built for William Maxwell of Preston is the main caput, is now the Cavens Country House Hotel. (from the Maxwell Society)

M. Kerlie’s History mentions a William Maxwell, son of William Maxwell of Cavens, parish of Kirkbean, who had retour of the farm of Gate side on the 15th April 1617 [p. 18]

The earliest example found thus far of Cavens used as a surname dates to the late 14th or early 15th century. Gilbert de Cavens, who died in 1420 and for a brief time was Bishop Elect of Galloway, held a Bachelors degree in Canon Law by 1406 and was a long-time servant and cleric for the Douglas family, acting as “chaplain and familiar” of Margaret Stewart, Countess of Douglas in 1406 and tutor for her eldest son Archibald Douglas.

The name Kevans or Kavands is also found as a place name in Wigtownshire from at least the 15th century:
The first lands obtained in the parish of Sorby by the Agnews of Lochnaw were the farms which had been given for the support of the church at Cruggleton, and called the church lands; viz., Baltier, Cults, and Kevands. The grant was subsequent to the Reformation, and by charter in January 1581 by King James VI. Kevands is stated to have been bestowed in 1421 by Archibald, Earl of Douglas, to a John de Cavens, [PH M'Kerlie, History of the lands & their owners in Galloway p. 350]

A later addendum by M'Kerlie, however, argues that Balter, Cults, and Kevands could not have been accepted by William Douglas of Leswalt as an equivalent for Lochnaw when he gave up the castle, etc.[because] “they had [already] been appropriated or set apart for the support of the Church of Cruggleton.” [Furthermore] search has recently been made in vain for any charter under the Great Seal in confirmation of such a grant to William Douglas. There were two charters granted by Margaret, Countess of Douglas, and confirmed by King James I., but they did not refer to any portion of the Cruggleton property. [M’Kerlie, p. 338]

Sir Andrew Agnew, however, in The Agnews of Lochnaw: a history of the hereditary sheriffs of Galloway, p. 242, says that “the Sheriff simultaneously increased his Galloway estates and acquired the lands of Cults, including Baltier and Kevands”. The deed conveying these lands to the Sheriff from his son-in-law, James Kennedy, was signed at Lochnaw “in presence of Quentin Agnew, lawful son of the said Sir Andrew Agnew;” and among the charters which then came into his possession, as evidents, is a curious one by the Earl of Douglas to John de Cavens, dated 1421 showing the origin of the word Kevands, which, though much altered by modern orthography, is always pronounced Cavens.

According to Sir Andrew, the “first rentalls of the lands of Cruggleton Cavens” brought in “300 marks.” [Ibid., p. 329]

Source:
The Kevans of Galloway. Article on the World Families server @ http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/kevan/mtdna
[Source URL no longer viable in 2019.]

M(a)cKittrick was accepted by CDSNA as a sept in December 1984. McKittrick is also a sept of clan Maxwell. It is very likely the MacKittericks, along with the Maxwells, were supporters of the 3rd Earl of Douglas in Galloway. As such, the MacKittericks likely assisted the Maxwell earls of Nithsdale who were appointed as the Hereditary Keepers of Threave Castle by the House of Douglas. Relationship to Douglas needs more documentation; more research into this surname is recommended.
Flowers of the Forest is an ancient Scottish folk tune typically played to honor fallen soldiers. Our Flowers of the Forest tradition as a clan is to pay tribute to our own “fallen soldiers”, our extended Clan Douglas family members.

Contact your local Regent, one of our Clan Douglas Officers, or the Newsletter Editor to submit a tribute.

David Gibson Douglass
October 1, 1937 – July 12, 2019

David Douglass passed away on Friday, July 12, 2019. He was born on October 1, 1937 to Donald and Mary Gibson Douglass in El Monte, California, the youngest of eight boys. He grew up in Napa, California and attended Golden State College and San Francisco State. A lifelong Presbyterian, he met his soulmate, Janet Howell, at church camp in 1954. They were married on February 23, 1957 in Novato, CA.

He was proud of his Scottish heritage and was the newsletter editor for the Clan Douglas Society of North America for several years. A trip to Scotland, which included a Douglas heritage tour, was a highlight of his life. He was an avid gardener and especially enjoyed landscape design. Upon retirement, he became a Master Naturalist and volunteered at the Fort Worth Nature Center as a docent and working with the Natural Guard. While in Conroe, he had the opportunity to fulfill his desire to be an actor and performed in the Conroe Little Theater.

Always an active church member, he and Janet joined Grace First Presbyterian Church shortly after their move to Weatherford. He was instrumental in implementing Grace In Action which helped local home owners with house repairs, including building several wheelchair ramps. He was a faithful volunteer at the Presbyterian Night Shelter. He also helped create a meditation garden at the church. Additionally, he volunteered weekly at Manna Storehouse and he went on several mission trips to assist with hurricane relief in Texas and Louisiana.

David’s primary interest was his family. He dearly loved his three children, seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. He was devoted to and is survived by his wife, Janet; his children Brian Douglass, Bonnie Hardy (Jim), Rob Douglass (Katherine); grandchildren, Christopher Douglass, Stephanie Butler (Will), Jessica Cates (Justin), Andrew Douglass (Deborah), Abby Flowers (Earl), Clifford Hardy, and Alison Hardy; and his great grandchildren, Abigail Cates, Tyler Cates, and Elliot Flowers. He is also survived by his brothers, Wes (Pat) and Dale (Carole), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Debra Kay "Debbie" Weimer
November 27, 1950 - August 01, 2019

Debra Kay "Debbie" Weimer nee Albers, 68 of Hillsboro, MO., born November 27, 1950 in Red Bud, IL., passed away on August 1, 2019 at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Debbie retired from Bank of America in 2003 after 36 years, she also worked for Midwest RV in South County, MO. In 1995 - 2003 Debbie worked for Sports Service at Busch Stadium. She loved crafting, cardinal baseball, camping and fishing in the Ozarks, and all holidays especially the fall time of the year. "Happy Everything" and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents, Norman & Pauline Albers.

GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES
Lucas, Kentucky – June 1-2

The 34th Glasgow Highland Games were held at beautiful Barren River State Resort Park near Lucas, Kentucky on June 1-2, 2019. As one of the charter clans of the games, Clan Douglas was there for the 34th year! Kentucky regent Elizabeth Martin and husband Dan welcomed guests as well as Clan Douglas members with an information tent and hospitality tent open to anyone who needed shelter from the sun or a bite to eat! The recently-appointed Tennessee Regent John Mather also joined us! Excitement ran high as several men’s and women’s professional athletic records were made. The House of Douglas Bakery from Cosby, Tennessee was there providing delicious authentic Scottish breads, sweets, and treats. Dan Martin represented Clan Douglas well as he ran the kilted mile and received a silver medal. CDSNA member John Misenheimer represented the clan as he escorted the visiting chief of the games, Chieftain Richard Holman-Baird, in the opening ceremonies on Saturday and in the Kirking of the Tartans at the interdenominational service and the parade of tartans on Sunday. We had beautiful weather both days which enhanced an always enjoyable games. These games are held each year on the first weekend after Memorial Day each year. Mark your calendars now for May 30-31, 2020 and plan to join us!!!

Yours Aye,
Elizabeth Martin
CDSNA KY Regent

McMINNVILLE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL
McMinnville, Oregon – June 7-8

Report by Carol Morton-Bianchini, Oregon Regent (North), CDSNA
Saturday, June 8, 2019
Weather: Sunny!

McMinnville Scottish Festival opened on Friday evening, June 7, 2019, with a free Celtic Rock Concert at The Oak Pub in Downtown McMinnville, Oregon. Ever see someone shred a bagpipe so hard it melts your face off? The group Guess When? out of Boise, Idaho, does an efficient job of that. Their music is a healthy blend of Celtic Rock Fusion. What is that you ask? High energy Celtic music powered by drums, bagpipes, guitars, a bass, a banjo and classed up by the fiddle! Basically, music you can dance and tap your toes to! A great opener for the McMinnville Scottish Festival and revs the crowd up for Saturday’s Game Day opener!

MSF has a good variety of food vendors including my favorite Philly Cheesesteak, Scottish Meat Pies (expect to wait a long time), Bangers, and a multitude of others including the criminal dessert “Apple Pie Fries” with whipped cream and hot fudge and/or caramel. One plate is enough for two perhaps three people and will send you into a sugar rush to end all rushes. Merchants and ample tables for eating are plentiful allowing you to truly enjoy yourself at the festival. The Games were easy to find and announcer
was enthusiastic all through the day. Weather was a perfect. The not too hot or cold sunny day perfectly enhanced the Clan Parade as we marched with the other clans around the easy route which intertwines with all the clan and vendor booths and past the entertainment stage were you are announced as present at the festival! A CDSNA friend with Douglas blood on his Mother’s side, Matt Smith, and I walked proudly with our new hand-painted and bejeweled Douglas Banner. It was beautiful in the sunlight and the silken material flapped in the breeze as we walked the route. Frances Crews’ spirit was with us as we carried her banner that had been present in the CDSNA Washington Clan Tent for at least twenty years. I have her Standard Banner that matches it that will also be displayed at the Portland Games. I feel it keeps her memory alive and is a nod to her service to us.

CDSNA WA Member, Gary Cosgro, and his friend, Mary Anderson, came to the games with their ever energetic Scotty, the Scotty dog, from Tacoma, Washington. This is the second year Scotty greeted people at the CDSNA booth with an enthusiastic tail wag! Everyone loves him and this year dogs seemed to be allowed. We had Pupapoolza outside the CDSNA Tent! Gary and Mary provided me a few breaks and some wonderful conversation. It was much appreciated!

The sheaf and barrel toss is held by our tent, which is our chief entertainment while waiting for members and new friends to stop by. It is breathtaking to watch these athletes heave these weighty objects in the air in close proximity of several windows. They toss either the sheaf or the barrel up as high as possible and always seem to stay clear. We hold our breath anyway admiring both their strength and prowess. It was a nail biter to be sure.

Colorful Douglases came through the tent to gather information and a membership application. We heard many delightful tales recanted of past Douglases and the interconnections to their families. Some stories were accurate. Some we listened to with a smile and bid them to take a peek at the Douglas Archives for the most current information. We try not to scold, but encourage their further exploration of history and allow the facts to correct the information in a non-judgemental way. They were all a delight and although no new members signed up, we had four solid leads to keep in contact with from this glorious day in the beautiful wine country that is McMinnville, Oregon! Best game ever second year in a row!

ISABELLA DOUGLAS
2019 CDSNA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

My name is Isabella Douglas. I live in Arizona where I have been a competitive Highland dancer since 2013. I was recently granted a scholarship through Clan Douglas which I used for my participation in the USIR, the national United States Highland Dancing Competition, held once a year. I competed on Friday July 19th and as well as Sunday July 21, 2019, in national as well as Highland dances, including well known dances such as the Fling and Blue Bonnets. My category included 20 or more dancers from all over the United States as well as international dancers from Scotland and Canada. Final standings included my 5th place finish in the Sword dance and my 8th place finish in the Reel and Half Tulloch. My weekend also included attendance at a gala banquet and a regional dinner with dancers from all over the United States. I was able to see old friends and meet new ones and will remember this weekend in years to come. My experience at USIR increased my passion of Highland dancing even more, and I look forward to future competitions as I represent Clan Douglas.

[Editor’s Note: Isabella is the granddaughter of CDSNA member Walter Douglas III (deceased)]
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CLAN DOUGLAS NIGHT at the PUB
Oklahoma – June 15

During the Iron Thistle Scottish Festival this past April in Yukon, OK, several of us were talking about how we really should get together more often than just the two festivals we have here in Oklahoma each year (Yukon and Broken Arrow). On June 15 several Clan Douglas members from around the state met at a local Irish pub for dinner. We had a really fun time visiting and getting to know everyone better, and we're hoping to get together again in the near future. I will send out an invite to the Oklahoma CDSNA members via email, but everyone is welcome to attend should you find yourself in the area!

Thank you,
Jody Blaylock, CDSNA Oklahoma Regent

DULUTH’S INTERNATIONAL DANCE COMPETITION
Duluth, Minnesota – June 30

Saturday was an absolute gorgeous day to hold the Duluth Scottish Heritage's 39th Annual International Dance competition. Thirty two dancers from Manitoba, Ontario, Michigan, Wisconsin, and, of course, Minnesota competed. The weather was 80 plus Degrees, with 60-70% humidity ... but alas, alack, the dance competition was held indoors on Sunday; a torrential rain came about 4 A. M. flooding our basement and putting the dance competition indoors of Pier B Resort’s Ballroom.

Our booth/table displayed many Clan Douglas books, maps, castles, Glendenning sept information, and the small pipes used most often at Glen Avon Lodge #306 Degree Meetings/Work.

We renewed old acquaintances including the Dancer Piper, Andrew Hart from Portland, Oregon who stayed at our house for many years, and made new friends. And this year, we, Clan Douglas were a Medal Sponsor.

After the competition was over the dance judge, Fred DeMarse, from the San Francisco Bay Area, who is on the World-Wide Judging Panel, presented a workshop for the dancers.

Aye yours,
John (Jock) M. Glendenning, Jr.
Minnesota North Regent
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NEVADA (South) REGENT NAMED

Greetings, Clan Douglas!

I am Allison Dunn (née Douglas), the new CDSNA Regent for the Las Vegas, Nevada area. I am incredibly excited to be a representative for CDSNA, and am already looking forward to (and putting ideas together for) our tent at the 2020 Las Vegas Highland Games (date TBD). I hope to see a lot of you there!

A little bit about me: I was born in a tiny town in NE Arkansas, but lived in several different states in the USA before my family settled in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas area, where I spent the remainder of my childhood years. As an adult, I’ve also lived in Alaska, Florida, Arkansas, and Nevada. My husband, son and I moved to the Las Vegas area in 2006 when he retired from the USAF, and have called it home ever since.

I became interested in genealogy and tracing my Douglas roots many years ago, and still actively research to try and find out where exactly my ancestors were settled before making the trip across the pond. Written records become scarce for my line of Douglas in the 1700s, but I never give up hope of coming across information that points me in the right direction. Douglas history is fascinating to me, and I enjoy everything I learn along the way while researching my line and the rich history of the House of Douglas.

In addition to genealogy, I enjoy spending time with my husband, our teenage son, and our two dogs. I also have a great love for music and attending festivals and concerts.

Once again, I am thrilled to be a part of CDSNA, and am eager to meet all of you, whether it be at the Highland Games, another festival, or through social media.

Forward!
Allison
CDSNA NEVADA (South) Regent

PORTLAND HIGHLAND GAMES

Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, Oregon – July 20

The blue skies stretched across the athletic field and beyond to enhance a perfect day for the 2019 Portland Highland Games preview. Friday is a day of set up, reconnecting with friends from the previous year who come from California and all over the U.S. to vend, and for the athletes to show their honed skills in sheaf and the Keith Wright Memorial Caber Toss. A Thrower who passed away and his family established the Keith Wright Memorial Caber Toss in his honor. Keith Wright was the husband of Marilyn Wright, who was a Board of Trustees member for many years, and served as Association President. Keith also served as board member and helped with the games for many years. Their daughter, Deirdre is a current board member and the Entertainment Chair and hands out the award.

I barely set my gear down when Clan Inebriated came striding over to give me a hug and help set up the tent. This lovely family attends games all over and there is no one more generous of Scottish Highland spirit than Kelli and Dennis Strahand. Always big smiles to greet and open hearts you can easily see why people congregate in their tent. People often laugh at the name of this clan, I can tell you
NEWS FROM ALL OVER

the Strahands are very serious in their mission statement of inebriated not just meaning “drunk”. The organization is about family and friends, and about sharing and promoting their Scottish / Irish heritage while being open to everyone.

Friday offers a preview of the games, vendors, and clans, and culminates in a Piobairechd Piping competition. Attendees enjoy wine and listen to world class piping in the MHCC Performing Arts Center with doors opening at 5:30 pm and the event ending around 10:00 pm.

On Saturday, forty-eight clans set up on the upper field to welcome thousands of visitors to The Portland Highland Games. Strong pipe bands played in the background. The clans came roaring back from the previous year with a 37% increase according to Clan Coordinator, Pat McClean, told me proudly. New regents are volunteering and bursting with new ideas on how to grow their clans. This new generation understands the importance of tradition by including family friendly events and by being welcoming and interconnectivity via the internet. Children’s badge stamp books have made a comeback in a big way. Previous years you might have 1 or 2 children ask for a stamp. This year twenty children stopped by, proudly producing the PHG stamp book, to ask for our clan’s badge to be printed in it.

Then finding we have coloring pages even the teens stopped by to select a Fairy, Wee Lass or Lassie, Dragon, Scotty Dog, or the St. Andrews Flag to display their artistic skills. Children and teens bring such life to the games and what a great way to imprint a positive memory for them to fondly remember the highland games as adults and return.

Three attendees came by to ask about the “Bell” surname. In five years, I’ve had maybe one person stop by to request info on “Bell”. It is a family name for me as well so we will continue to see if there is a family connection. They all left for the Clan Bell tent to do further research after meeting with me. Many of us can belong to several clans so it is finding that connection you seek.

The clan parade included CDSNA members Jeff Lynch, Gary Cosgro, Helene Douglass, Harry Douglass, and more. Member Lynne Krebs brought by Marcia and her husband, Phillip Reis, to sign them up as new members. Thank you, Lynne! We appreciate you.

Encouraging your family members to sign up to ClandouglasSociety.org is a great way to introduce them to the clan. It enables us to stay in contact should the connection be broken for any reason. A future Regent can reach out to them to reconnect and remind them about all that will enrich their lives and helps connect them to their roots.

The CDSNA General Members Meeting (GMM) will be held July 16 & 17, 2021 in conjunction with the Portland Highland Games! Sign up to Clan Douglas Heartland on Facebook for more information and the CDSNA website. It will be a memorable one!

Thank you for your volunteerism and for being a part of CDSNA! Remember to offer breaks to your Regents as a way to say thank you! We do appreciate it.
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A Douglas! A Douglas!
Carol Morton-Bianchini
Oregon Regent

ARIZONA HIGHLAND CELTIC FESTIVAL
Flagstaff, AZ – July 20-21

This year the Douglas tent was able to make it up to the Flagstaff area in Northern Arizona for the Highland Games held at Tuthill Fort County Park. We were hoping for some cooler weather as both Regent Barb Wise and her sister Beve Garland came from southern Az with normals of 110F this time of year. Those hopes were dashed as temps reached 89F degrees and the sun was bright and unrelenting.

The games were larger than in the past with more vendors and food vendors as well as some really interesting displays such as the Plant Badges of Clans: reportedly the Douglas plant badge is Rue.

We had a lot of folks stop by looking for clan associations and managed to acquire a few new Douglases. Hopefully they will join the Society and continue coming to the Highland games. Our efforts to " further Scottish history and heritage" coupled with a great looking tent won us the Honored Clan title for this year which put us in the second spot ( right after Hereditary Chief McBains group), in the clan parade and we had a few new ( and not so new) members join us in the march. Of course we all shouted "A Douglas a Douglas" much to the chagrin of some of the other Clans. (Oh well those sneaky Douglases......). The award was presented by the games organizer who was piped in and accompanied by last year’s winners, the Turnbells.

All in all it was great fun and we will certainly attempt another trip up for next year’s games as it is a great venue with lots of lovely folks . Next up for Arizona is the Highland Games in Tucson in November. See ya'll there.

Respectfully submitted.
AZ Regent Barb Wise

“The Friendliest Tent” award being passed on from last year’s winners, Turnbull, to this year’s , Douglas!
David Queensberry wins Lifetime Achievement Award

Renowned ceramics expert David Queensberry, of Queensberry Hunt fame, has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Tableware International Awards of Excellence 2019

On the evening of Sunday, February 10, during a celebratory event for the Tableware International Awards of Excellence 2019 at Ambiente 2019, David Queensberry was announced as the winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

A total of 18 Awards were announced during the ceremony, which attracted more than 200 industry insiders, from retailers to company directors and designers, including 17 product/collection awards - one in each of the 17 categories - and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Lifetime Achievement Award, debuting this year, was in recognition of an individual who has made significant and outstanding contributions to the tableware industry in their lifetime.

Tableware International, the global industry publication which organises the Tableware Awards, requested, and received, numerous suggestions for this particular Award. However, there was one name that kept popping up – one individual who editor Kate Birch felt deserved such an accolade - David Queensberry.

About David Queensberry

David discovered pottery at school, more than 70 years ago, and began studying ceramics at the Central School of Art in 1950. He soon realised, however, that Bernard Leach’s approach to pottery was not for him, so he upped sticks for Stoke-on-Trent – the Potteries - to work in a tile factory, to study and immerse himself in industrial factory life.

David admits this was the most important period in his early professional life – “I learned about ceramics in a way that would have been impossible at an Art College in London,” he says.

David then joined Crown Staffordshire China in Stoke, which no longer exists, where he had his own showroom and designed, manufactured and sold his own products. Among his first customers were department store Heal’s and interior designer Terence Conran.

David became professor of ceramics at the Royal College of Art, aged 29 - he was there for 20 years, taking a much wider approach to ceramics and he was also given the glass department to run.

“These two decades were one of the greatest periods of my life – a period where I met many amazing people, including students of mine, who would go on to become life-long friends and business partners,” says David.

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[EDITOR’S NOTE: David Queensberry is David Harrington Angus Douglas, 12th Marquess of Queensberry (born 19 December 1929). The article above was reprinted from ... http://www.tablewareinternational.com/latest_news/awardslifetimedavid.aspx?]
WASHINGTON STATE REGENT’S REPORT

Tacoma Highland Games, Skagit Valley Highland Games, & Pacific Northwest Highland Games

A couple of years have passed since Clan Douglas was represented at the Highland Games and Clan Gatherings in the Pacific Northwest. While visiting the San Francisco’s Caledonian Club event last September, the California (North) Regents, Mark and Cora Peterson, made me an offer that I did not refuse.

This Spring, while attending the Woodland, CA Highland Games, Mark loaded me up with box of extra info, a procedure folder and a bunch of Clan Douglas shirts. Ok... we were all busy that weekend and there wasn’t much talk time in the exchange but I’ve been around long enough to figure it all out.

This June I held my breath and jumped into the Highland Clans abyss and discovered how much Clan Douglas was respected and has been missed. I started out with the Tacoma Highland Games and was completely welcomed by the organizers and many of the other Clans. I set up the Douglas tent in a great location on the Friday before and prepared for the Saturday (one-day) event.

Friday setup was especially productive. I had contacted Gary Cosgro and he promised to bring me all of the setup that he had been storing after Fran’s passing. He and Fran had spent years as loyal Clan Douglas supporters and the banners, printed material, books and various forms were priceless in achieving a proper information booth. I must thank Gary for the past work and his continued support of The Clan Douglas. He brought along with him our Oregon Regent, Carol Morton-Bianchini, who gave me some great pointers.

Well, the event was really fun. Good Piping, Dancing, Scottish Music (Peter Daldry and others) and lots of visitors to our tent. Many welcomed us back and I was able to signup one new Clan Douglas Member.

My feet were wet and I was looking forward to the Skagit Highland Games in Mount Vernon, WA. Again, the organizers were most welcoming. I really got a prime location for the Clan tent just across from the entry and information booth. I was really ready for this two day event! Still excited from the last one, I was setup just after midday on Friday and ready to face the masses Saturday morning.

I was not to be disappointed, I gathered seven pages of contacts and started selling Shirts and new Memberships. I had visitors both days, all day. Again, I was able to enjoy the great music and dancing on an adjacent stage, but working alone I couldn’t stray much from the tent. That’s fine. I had a great time.

Again, the Clans around me were most welcoming. Many expressed their condolences over our loss of Fran. I do have big shoes to fill! She was revered by everyone.

I left Mount Vernon quite enthusiastic. Sold more shirts, signed up members and was looking forward to the Pacific Northwest Highland Games (Seattle) in Enumclaw. I had it all worked out by now, but again, the organizers treated me very Special!
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WASHINGTON STATE REGENT’S REPORT (cont)

Friday afternoon, I was given one of the prime locations on the Field of Clans, near the stadium entrance, nice, but under the shade of an ancient Oak. They called it “Fran’s Corner”; it had remained vacant the last couple years, awaiting Clan Douglas’ return.

The beautiful, sunny weekend and reception from the games goers was great. I was busy for both days. The event was the largest that I have attended locally, and the music was fantastic. A couple bands that I have known for years, from the SF Bay Area, performed both days. (“Tempest” and “Fire”) WONDERFUL MUSIC!

Gary Cosgro again stopped by to see how I was doing, seemed to like my layout and progress, went on his way enjoying the event!

All in all, these three events have been successful. Thirteen pages (6 per page) of interested names and members, Seventeen new Clan Douglas memberships, and a variety of Eight shirts sold. I need to restock before our next event in mid September.

It has been a great couple months learning and working the Clan Douglas Tent ten the beautiful State of Washington.

Many Thanks to Mark, Cora, Gary and Carol.

John Blakemore,
Washington State Regent
NEWS FROM ALL OVER

WASHINGTON STATE REGENT’S REPORT (cont)

We had a nice visit from the family of CDSNA Member Arthur Morton. L-R: Bristle, Clifford, Paxton, Joyce, Arthur, and Jay Morton.

Sandra Young LeVar and spouse, Joseph LeVar

Vern Cavin, Alexander and Dominic

Gerald Blaylock, Bradley, Shaylin & Ashton

Mike Kirkpatrick

Sydnee Meldrum and husband Brent Meldrum

Merrily Abolofia
GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES
Linville, North Carolina -- July 11-14

I attended my first Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this July and I can't stop thinking about it and can't wait to return next year. The Clan Douglas tent was near one of the entrances to the field and we were teeming with visitors. Also, a nice number of Douglases showed up as well, making for great conversations and camaraderie.

The weather was excellent and the amount of clans participating was great. (I even met another Agnew, a rarity!) Being a four day event, it is the largest games on the east coast. If you haven't attended before, I hope you decide to attend next year. The location and people are fabulous and I am counting down the days to return.

Yours aye
James Agnew
Clan Douglas- Maryland Regent
NEWS FROM ALL OVER

Tim Kirkpatrick Named CDSNA Regent for State of Illinois

Greetings!
I have just been named Regent for the State of Illinois!
I am located in the Southern part of the state and we are still looking for a Chicago/Northern IL Regent, so if anyone wants to volunteer we will be glad to have you. (Contact VP Tim Tyler or Asst VP Harold Edington, if you are interested in being an IL Co-Regent.)

Meanwhile time to get to work building up the CDSNA in the Land of Lincoln.

Feel free to contact me any time.
A Douglas! A Douglas!

Tim Kirkpatrick
CDSNA IL Regent
(Contact info on page 2)

VICE-PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Greetings to All Clan Douglas Members.

As your newly confirmed Society Vice-President, I want to tell you a little about myself. I am a Douglas via the Dickey family. From 2000-2019, I was the CDSNA Regent for Southern California and I have served as the Dickey Sept Commissioner for CDSNA for just as long. I am honored to be your VP for the 2019-2021 term. I am married and my wife Mary M (White) Tyler is a Douglas, a Brown and a Morton – all three names are Douglas septs/allied families – but she is also a proud MacGregor.

Most of my Dickey family came from the Springfield, IL area. I know we have a tent at the local Scottish games in Chatham, IL and I would encourage my Dickey relatives to support our Douglas tent at that event and all other such events around the US. It is through the combined efforts of our Regents and our loyal Douglas Clan Members that our organization has grown and flourished over the years.

We have such a rich Douglas history. Did you know that our Douglas ancestors – including many ancestors whose names are found in our list of septs and allied families have fought in Scotland, England, Ireland, Poland, Germany, Italy, Spain, France, and in the Middle East during the Crusades? I am looking for Members to join me on Facebook and via email and share YOUR ideas on how our Clan Douglas Society can grow and continue to flourish for years to come.

Our Society is also looking for Douglas Clan Members willing to step up and represent us in those areas where the Society is currently unrepresented or under-represented. Are YOU ready to add your name to that rich Douglas history as a leader in the Clan Douglas Society? If so, please contact me. My contact info can be found on page 2 of this newsletter and a listing of those places needing Regents and Co-Regents can be found on page 3. If you are aware of other places needing representation, let me know.

I look forward to seeing your shared ideas and/or talking to you about representing our Clan.

Yours Aye,

Tim Tyler, CDSNA VP
Sheepherding competitions occur worldwide. It is a small world where everyone knows one another or at least knows who you are. If you want to travel, the sport makes it possible to do so and you can enter a competition anywhere and meet fellow shepherds from any country. Therefore, it was not surprising that Stuart, of Craigmalloch Border Collies, was invited to Italy to compete in a trial outside of the beautiful and ancient city of Cortona in Tuscany Italy.

After a long season of sheepherding demonstrations at Highland Games, what better way to relax and decompress than in Italy? With his top dog Craig, a smooth coated Border Collie, Stuart was ready and willing to take up the challenge. Of course, the rest of the family had to tag along as cheerleaders and tourists! Stuart, Lucy and Fannie (mother-in-law) along with Craig, flew over to Rome to start their big adventure. Our Italian Shepherd and friend, Mattia Monacchini, greeted us at Rome airport and brought us through the beautiful countryside of Umbria to Tuscany to our destination, the city of Cortona.

On the lead up to the event Stuart was communicating with Mattia, who was the host of the event, about making and giving a crook for the overall winner of both days. Mattis suggested that we became sponsors for this lovely event. Craigmalloch crooks provided embroidered hats for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places both days and an embroidered hat and a shepherds crook, with a tri colour embroidered bag, to protect the winner’s new crook. All of these were made by Stuart. The overall winner was Marco Rella, from Switzerland, with two very consistent runs came. Marco had to leave early to drive home so Mattia presenter him with his awards at another competition later on.

Cortona is a wonderful city built on a hilltop, enclosed by stone walls that date back to Etruscan and Roman times. This town is positioned high above the surrounding countryside which includes Lake Trasimeno, the site of a famous battle between the Carthaginians and the Romans in antiquity.

Mattia and his mother Clara graciously put us up in a gorgeous rental apartment owned by them, it appeared to be Medieval. The apartment where we stayed called Casa Clara, was named after Mattia’s mom Clara, who fully supports Mattia and was a vital part of this event. We were totally spoiled by Mattia and Clara; the apartment even included a lovely pillow bed for Craig.

The town of Cortona was all cobbled with narrow streets and alley ways. On the cobbled stones you could see two ruts where years and years of horse drawn carriages had carved into the stones. The beautiful town hall has a huge spire and clock which chimed the hours away. Now one could get lost describing the cuisine and wines that are abundant in this area of Italy, but the point of the trip was sheepherding. Our days not at the competition were filled with wine, cheese, breads, and foods to die for; some of the local restaurants in Cortona are world famous.

For Friday night dinner, the judge and his wife, the three of us, and off course Craig, Mattia Clara, and some close friends met at a restaurant in a little village outside Cortona. The owner, a friend of Mattia, and his chef, who had just won a competition for Top Chef of all Italy, delighted our palates with five courses of food which covered every taste there was to offer from Italy.

Mattia brought Craig and Stuart to the field that was going to host the sheepherding competition where they set up the course. The field was surrounded by olive groves and wine groves, as it was spring their fruits were not yet showing. In the distance the beautiful walled city of Cortona loomed in the hillside.
The entry list of the competition made it a truly international event. Shepherds from all over Italy were coming as well as those from Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, and France. The judge was Englishman Thomas Huddleston, the chairman of the ISDS (International Sheep Dog Society) who brought his lovely wife Becky. And then of course, there was Stuart, a Scotsman with his American family.

Interestingly, the field had all sorts of irrigation ditches and it was very different than what we were used to in the US. Both sheep and dog had to jump across the ditches as they maneuvered the course. The weather was cool but sunny one day and the next chilly with rain -- Stuart felt as though it was like being back in Scotland.

Everyone was so congenial and welcoming, no one felt the cold. Saturday and Sunday nights after each trial, all the entrants met at a restaurant for dinner. The camaraderie was obvious even with different languages as everyone talked about dogs and herding and sheep. One breed of sheep called Skudden were a breed from the North Western area of Europe.

One memory was listening to the shepherds command their dogs with a heavy Italian accent, using the traditional English words such as “come bye” and “away to me”; Just made us giggle. On Sunday the minister of sport, Andrea Bernadini, presented the trophies and Stuart received a beautiful wooden plaque to commemorate being a sponsor. Also on Sunday, everyone was treated to Emanuele Bernardini and his beautiful Nepali Eagle Juno. Although so many memories, one special one: on the last night mama Clara cooked a traditional homemade meal which included homemade pasta and homemade tiramisu.

Our experience overall was amazing. Craig performed well at the event. Stuart was poised and relaxed, as usual, as he and Craig skillfully moved the sheep around the course and Lucy and Mamma Fannie cheered them on (all the while schmoozing with the shepherds and consuming as much food and wine as possible!)
NEWS FROM ALL OVER

TEXAS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES
Decatur, TX – May 10-12

This was the second year at our new home in Wise County, after 31 years in Arlington, and there were definitely some improvements over last year. The games were moved out of the rodeo arena (thank goodness) and out to the field adjacent to the clan village. This made it easier to watch the games and drove more traffic to the clan village in general. Parking was also a great deal easier and the flow of the festival was much improved.

We started off on Friday night, as we always do with the calling of the clans. All the clans were led into the Glen Coe building by the combined Fort Worth Scottish Pipes and Drums and North Texas Caledonian Pipes and Drums. We had a good many of the Douglas clan marching with us that night, including Life member Randy Douglas (my father), his wife Susan, Drew and Nikki Douglas with their daughter, Lyla, and my wife Angela and son Daniel (regent in training). We gave our best “A Douglas, A Douglas!” when they called our name. There was a brief opening ceremony and then we were off and running.

Mother nature decided we needed a little taste of Scotland and Friday night we had a very unseasonable cold front blow through that brought a great deal of rain and cold. It was unseasonably cold all weekend, which made it feel very Scottish indeed. Although the rain and cold, along with it being Mother’s Day weekend, kept some people away, the festival marched on. We had great bands, such as Scotland Rising, Tullamore, The Selkie Girls, and my wife’s favorite, Cleghorn. There was great food and music all weekend. And the games! Many a caber went up and over that weekend, and I think there were a few records set in the sheaf toss and hammer throw as well. There was a great deal of strength and skill on display all weekend.

All in all it was a great weekend for a festival. Wise County has accepted us with open arms, and next year’s festival has already been confirmed for May 1-3, 2020. I’ll be there, manning the tent. I hope to see some of you as well!

Matthew Douglas – North Texas Regent

Douglas Days in Teba

22–25 August 2019

http://www.andalucia.com/province/malaga/teba/home.htm

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The List of Septs & Allied Families recognized by The Clan Douglas Society of North America:
Agnew, Bell, Blackadder, Blackett, Blacklock, Blackstock, Blackwood, Blaylock, Breckinridge, Brown, Brownlee, Carmichael, Carruthers, Cavan, Cavers, Cleland, Clendenon, Crockett, Dalyell, Dalzell, Deal, Dick, Dickey, Dickson, Dixon, Drysdale, Forest, Forrester, Foster, Galbraith, Gilpatric, Glendenning, Glenn, Hamilton, Harkness, Home, Hume, Inglis, Kirkconnell, Kilgore, Kirkland, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Lockerby, Lockery, Lockhart, MacGuffey, MacGuffock, Maxwell, McKitterick, Moffat, Morton, Pringle, Rowell, Rowle, Rule, Rutherford, Sandilands, Sandlin, Simms, Soule, Sterrett, Syme, Symington, Troup, Turnbull, Weir, Young, Younger --- variations of these names are also recognized.