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Weaving the Tartan of Tomorrow A Note from our President

So proudly let our glorious chant, still echo through Strathspey, "A Grant! A Grant! A Grant! A Grant! Stand fast Craigellachie!"

Dear members and friends of the Clan Grant Society USA,

On behalf of the Board, as the summer of 2007 begins, I write to you today on Father's Day to continue "our glorious chant," past, present and future.

While not a Grant, John F. Kennedy said in his 1961 inaugural address,

"Ask not what your country can do for you, Ask what you can do for your country."

As you may have read, Jimmie and I served in Kosovo last year and in the last few years we have also spent time in Russia and Poland, and Wednesday we leave for business in Singapore, Vietnam and Malaysia. We have also spent a lot of time in Scotland. All this travel to parts of the world quite different from the US has made us acutely aware of the liberties we enjoy as Americans.

As a New Englander I am also reminded on this day in 1175 of the patriot victory when those Americans gave way only when they had run out of ammunition on the third British attack.

As my Father often said, the United States along with Canada are and always have been a great and God willing enduring experiment. We are lands of immigrants and First Nations Peoples as they say in Canada. Our people, Grants, Allans, Bissets, Bowies, Gilroys, Pratts, Sutties, and others came here for a variety of reasons, but foremost was to seek and build a better life. The great North American experiment is to see if people from all over the world, people like you and me, immigrants all, can live together and nurture liberty and freedom.

So what does this have to do with the Clan Grant Society and with each of us as members? What does it have to do with "our glorious chant," past, present and future?

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Well, let's take a look. Why did you become a member?

Membership in the society helps to support and further the efforts of the Clan Grant Society USA in preserving our common Grant heritage, and furthering the aims of the society as defined in our

bylaws. When you join the society, you may develop bonds with other members who are united by their deeply felt connections to their heritage, their ancestors, and desire to preserve the traditions of that heritage through their support of, and participation in, the Clan Grant Society USA. Clan Grant is not just a historical society, it is a living clan whose members consider themselves extended family and kin and who keep their heritage alive through participation in many gatherings and events around the country. Your ancestors are calling you; honor them by joining the society today!

Membership in the Society is open to any person who is lineally descended from the surname "Grant", a recognized Clan Grant sept name, or anyone who is generally interested in or in sympathy with the purposes of the Clan Grant Society.

What does the CGS do for you?

An entire family is covered under one membership. A family is considered to be the parents and any children under the age of 18 years. Dues are \$20.00 for 1-year, \$40.00 for 2-years, or \$55.00 for 3-years. Lifetime membership in the Clan Grant Society is \$400.00. Members over 80 years of age are considered life members and are exempt from the payment of annual dues after the first year of membership. If a life member dies, their spouse automatically becomes a life member.

The Society offers you hospitality, kinship and friendship across the country and around the world among other members. It teaches children about the origins of their family and the customs of their people. CGS sends you this outstanding newsletter, provides you with a great website and a listsery, offers you a reduced subscription rate for the following excellent publication: The Highlander at \$10.50 a year, and you can even download from the CGS website a printer friendly membership application in Microsoft Word. You just have to make a cheques or money orders payable to the Clan Grant Society, and mail it to: Jean Grant Wilson - Membership Secretary, 3815 Millpoint Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32257-8933

Is it worth \$20.00? Is it worth it to you to be part of something greater than yourself, to be connected to your heritage, to be a steward of your ancestor's hopes and dreams? \$20 seems a paltry sum indeed. But my question is what do you do as a steward? How do you contribute to the Clan Grant Society, and "our glorious chant," past, present and future?

What do you do for your Clan Grant Society?

If you renew your membership, read the Craigellachie and attend a nearby Highland Games that is very nice, thank you. However, what else do you do? Have you thought about it? Do you have an idea about how you might contribute?

Freedom is wicked precious. It comes with a price - responsibility. Do you contribute to "our glorious chant?" In order to live the CGS must continue the experiment. What is the average age of the membership, of the Board? We must grow or die away. We need voices, yours, and we need new voices, the next generation, young people.

Your Clan Grant Society USA also needs an attorney, a quartermaster, chaplains, lawyers, web designers, doctors, teachers, counselors, genealogists, drummers and pipers state and regional commissioners. Could you serve your Clan Society in any of these roles? Can you help your Clan Society gain 501 c 3 status? What's important to you about the CGS?

The CGS is an all volunteer organization striving to make a difference. None of us can do all of this, if each of us do some CGS will accomplish so much together. We hope to hear from you in "our glorious chant!" What say you?

Charge your glasses, and raise a toast to them all!

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Chris and Jimmie

Dr. Christopher Pratt and Mrs. Jimmie Cochran Pratt, MPA





u.s. Highland Games & Gatherings

July 12-15

Grandfather Mtn Highland Games MacRae Meadows Linville, NC Contact: Helen Furr

Aug 18

Maine Highland Games Thomas Pt Beach Brunswick, ME Contact: Lysle Grant

Sept 21-23

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For other Nationwide Games check out: www.asgf.org

Oct 19-21

Stone Mountain Highland Games Atlanta, GA Contact: C. David Grant



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July 14-15

Skagit Valley Highland Games

Mt. Vernon, WA

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Membership Matters

By Jean Grant Wilson, Membership Secretary

Welcome to summer! Boy are we here in Florida glad that our games are in the cooler part of the year.....

Don't forget that your newsletter, Craigellachie, is published quarterly. That's Jan, Apr, July, and Oct. If you don't get one round these dates, please let me know so that you don't miss an issue. You may have moved and forgotten to let us know your new address or maybe it just got lost in the bulk nail system. We will not know you aren't getting the Clan news unless you notify us!

And a BIG welcome to the New Members during the 2nd Otr of 2007:

Silas P Schrader... Amsterdam NY

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Are you all getting the most out of your membership? Are you participating in the camaraderie at Games in your area?

Remember, Membership Matters!



Clan Grant Membership Application



I (We) wish to become a member of the Clan Grant Society

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Dues: \$20.00 1-year \$40.00 2-years \$55.00 3-years Life Membership: \$400.00



Eugene, Oregon Highland Festival

Submitted by William Burton, CGS Member at Large

Saturday, May 19th 2007 broke with a gray cloud cover, and the "chance of showers" with temperature in the high 60's. However, we were already committed to the Festival, and drove to the Peace Presbyterian Church property and set up both Clan MacNachtan, and Clan Grant.

By 10:00 am the wind had died down, cloud cover lessened, and the sun began to warm the air and atmosphere. By noon, time for the March of the Clans, the sun was brightly shining, and had become warm enough for most folk to shed their jackets and parade with Tartans, banner gently afloat in the breeze, and short sleeves.

This, the 5th Annual Festival was attended by seventeen Clans, Four food vendors, and seven vendors of various Celtic, Scottish, and Brit artifacts and souvenirs. Once again, the Horse drawn carriage rides were an addition to the Festival, and were kept busy most of the day.

The Children's area was well attended, with the introduction of a new interest, making Shields of cardboard with the Children's imagination as to their Crests and Badges. A Face-painting booth supplied many a butterfly on a sweet young lass's cheek, or the nose and whiskers of a tiger for the Lads.

Traditional "Bangers" were served with fried onions for the lunch crowd, and a "High Tea" was held in one of the fellowship halls, with a selection of several "Tea Time" desserts. Inside the Church chapel area, was a beautifully presented "Scottish History" presentation with many documented pictures, a video, and authentic artifacts from various Castles, Abbeys, and tourist places from the 'auld sod'. Betty Jean Burnett, an Archaeological Illustrator turned Pen and Ink Artist, had a showing of several of her Castles of Scotland. Although she had not yet obtained a picture of Dundrave Castle (Clan MacNachtan's) nor Castle Grant, her work was magnificent. Since we had pictures of both castles, we took those to her and she managed to copy them, using the Church's copy machine, and will be doing a pen and ink rendition of both in the future.

We had our grandchildren, Heather & Logan with us. My wife's sister, Marsha, came to spend three hours at the tents with us and to listen to the Pipes & Drums, the Choirs, and see the Dancers. It was a beautiful day for all concerned, and even though "closing ceremonies" were at 5 pm., many of the public stayed on to ask questions, view the Clan displays, and enjoy the warm evening. It was good to see some of our friends again from previous years venues, and make new friends and acquaintances.

Grant News



What a "fine wee lad he is!"

Cameron Grant, son of Arston Grant, and grandson of John and Thelma Grant is pictured above.

Fall Deadline to sabmit is Sept 1st



"If you look through our website, there is a list of Septs of Clan Grant. Is this an area for potential growth of our Society?

We have a very interesting list of famous Grants, are those listed all there are? And who are the famous among our septs, Allans, Bissets, Bowies, Gilroy, Pratts, Suttie, and others?

Who might some of them be? Do you know of people in your family, among your ancestors who we ought to remember?

Are some of us serving in the Armed Forces today? Are some of us veterans?

Are some of us heros?

Are some writers, painters, physicians, nurses, teachers, scientists, engineers, explorers, atheletes, musicians, dancers, environmentalists, diplomats, politicians, fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, husbands, wives, loved ones, leaders in any walk of life?

Got a story, a photo or a painting? Send it to us for the Craig and the website. Those who came before us are our roots."

If you would like to pay tribute to someone in your family tree, please send to:

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Focus on the Family The Mores of Drumcork

By Rand Allan, VP CGS

Many, many years ago, 1772 to be exact, a young man by the name of John More, his wife Betty Taylor More, and his two young sons left their home at Drumcork in the highlands of Clan Grant's Strathspey Valley near Rothiemurchus to find a better life for themselves in the American colonies. John participated in the Revolutionary War and after the War, his descendants helped to tame the wild interior of the fledgling country.

Fifty years after John More's death, several of his descendants gathered together at Roxbury, New York for a family reunion, and in 1890 formed the John More Association (JMA) for the purpose of sharing genealogical information and maintaining family ties. All descendants of John More and their families are automatically members of the JMA and their genealogies are recorded in the Association's records. To date, there are over 13,000 recorded descendants of John and Betty More, 8,000 of whom are still living today. The JMA meets every 5 years for a giant family reunion.

In 1978, recalling the stories of John More when he and his family resided on Clan Grant lands, the president of the JMA, representing the descendants of John More of Drumcork, met with our Chief, Lord Strathspey, and petitioned him to accept the descendants of John More as the newest sept of Clan Grant. After much research into their petition and claims, Lord Strathspey decided to accept their petition, and adopted the descendants of John More into the Clan Grant at the Alexandria Scottish Games in Virginia. This decision has been upheld by his son, the current Chief of Clan Grant. The descendants of John More have now come full circle in their heritage. These people are now considered Grants and can call our Chief their Chief. We are their people and they are now kin to us. Keep your eyes and ears open at the Scottish events of your area. If you encounter one of the people descended from John More be sure to give them a Clan Grant welcome!

Alemo from our Money-Alinder

Greetings Clan Mates!

Renewals and new member dues continue to come into the CGS coffers. Thank you and good work at the games in attracting new members! I am glad to see new people interested in our organization.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) should provide a great venue for us to discuss the future expenditures and finalize the protocols with a membership vote. In my last article (Winter 07) I included the text for the protocols established by the previous Treasurer, and asked for comments and/or discussion via email or the listserv, but have not received anything. I am providing the information again, so we can have our discussion and work out as much as possible before the AGM, so my presentation to the Society remains in line with your desires. I urge you to read the protocols and provide comments to me at either of my email addresses: uplift5@verizon.net, or jeniphr.grant@us.army.mil. I can also receive communication at my address 207 High Street FL 2, Mount Holly, NJ 08060.



The protocols are a big issue for me, because I feel I am YOUR representative to ensure our monies are appropriately and well spent. You may feel that the dues of \$20 per year are not important enough in your personal budget to spend much time thinking about, but I want to account to each of you personally for how we are using your money. The Board, elected though we are, is responsible for carrying out your wishes for the promulgation of the Clan Grant. I would like to see us more involved in our local areas and providing for the expenditures contained within our bylaws, such as having money set aside for assisting Clansmen in distress, educational assistance (scholarships), and support to Duthil (the Clan Center in Scotland).

Please let me know the dates and locations of Games for which you will be providing a tent, so I can anticipate the expenditures, as soon as you know. The bylaws require an annual budget to be approved by the Board of Directors, and for me to draft such a document for their approval, I need your input. This will especially apply to the Games Commissioners, since they account for much of our expenses. A listing of nationwide games may be found at http://www.asgf.org, and I believe this is a good way for the Commissioners to decide which games they will attend to create their budget input. When I researched the site in February, I found a possible 89 games to attend. I am sure there are some not listed on the listed site, but this is a good place to start.

The current fund balance, before the deposit of June checks, is \$10,807.10. Have a great summer and enjoy your games. I hope to see many of you at the AGM.

Stand Fast! Jeniphr Grant

Protocol for Clan Grant, USA. Inc. Accounting

- 1. The Treasurer of Clan Gran is the fiduciary for the Clan. They are responsible for all funds and financial obligations which accrue to Clan Grant, USA Inc (called the CGS or society). They are legally and morally obligated to manage and account for all CGS funds and financial liabilities.
- 2. CGS funds consist of membership and publication order fees, charitable donations or grants, payment for services, interest paid on dormant CGS funds, funds provided through fundraising efforts of the CGS, and any funds received in excess of cost for Board of Director approved merchandise sold to CGS members and other interested parties. All funds received in any of these categories must be forwarded to the Treasurer within a reasonable time of receipt, usually 60 days.
- 3. The CGS will maintain a limited inventory and offer for sale, merchandise which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, is appropriate to promulgate our stated objectives and in demand by those with interest in the Clan. The Clan is not a business entity and offers this service as a convenience for its friends and members. Merchandise may be sold only as specifically authorized by the Board of Directors in any circumstances where Clan Grant auspices are clear or implied.
- 4. Any member maintaining an inventory of Clan merchandise and offering it for sale must provide an accounting report to the Treasurer at least annually, and in advance of the AGM. This report must show starting and ending inventory, the value of both at cost (including any shipping fees) and at sales price, funds collected from sales and costs incurred by the activity. Any invoices for the purchase of approved merchandise must be forwarded to the Treasurer for prompt payment.
- 5. Separate individual financial accounts are specifically discouraged both to protect the individual from liability and to eliminate the burden of legally required audits of such accounts.
- 6. For cases including, but not limited to, the preparation, printing and mailing of the Clan newsletter, the membership activities and scheduled or special elections, funds will be provided to cover agreed time periods and will be identified as Petty Cash. The rules for reporting are essentially as for merchandise inventories.
- 7. SPECIAL RULES FOR REIMBURSEMENT: The charges made by Games organizers for tent or display spaces are allowable as reimbursable expenses, as are any other described, mandatory charges essential for participation in a Game which are levied on all participating Clans. District and Area Commissioners may authorize participation as appropriate.
- 8. Other Games event charges are generally unallowable, but may be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Robert Burns events are generally unallowable. Charges for merchandise other than that approved by the Board of Directors, offered for sale, are specifically unallowable, and offering such merchandise in any way connected with CGS activities are prohibited.
- 9. Special cases not covered herein and encountered by any Clan member should cause that member to contact an officer of the Clan, who will advise the member and seek Board of Directors consensus on the matter. Any Clan member or other person accepting funds or incurring liability on behalf of the Clan must do so only with Board of Director approval. Special circumstances involving any financial matter not covered herein must be communicated to the Treasurer for appropriate action.

Sporran Legion Face Prosecution

Reprint from Scottish Snippets

Recent legislation by the Scottish Parliament means that those wearing fur or any part of a protected animal such as badger and otter can face prosecution if they do not have a licence for it. The new law is aimed at protecting endangered species. But it has emerged that the rules will apply to the fur on sporrans, unless they were made before 1994. So those wearing full highland dress with a sporran made of such material will have to be able to produce a licence or face a fine of up to £5,000 and six months in jail. Sales of plain sporrans or even plastic ones are likely to soar?

America and Scotland: Peoples linked from the Start

By Will Springer Reprint from Scotsman.com

It's time for Scotland to swagger like its American cousins. Many of us look up to the United States as the icon of democracy and everything cool and creative. But were it not for Scotland and the hundreds of thousands of its people who planted their feet on its soil, America would have been a much different place – a country craving character.

Scotland was more than a pinch of salt when America was being kneaded into a nation — many of the main ingredients were derived from the Saltire State. Young and old, man and woman, Scots came to the New World in search of greater freedom and opportunity. They brought with them not only hope and desire, but brains and leadership.

They were a philanthropist and a naturalist. They were leaders in military and political arenas. They put their name to the Declaration of Independence, they pursued religious freedoms, they shared cultural traditions and brought ideas and innovation to bear.

Woodrow Wilson, America's 28th president and son of a Scottish Presbyterian minister, said it best of his native people: "Every line of strength in American history is a line coloured with Scottish blood." An exaggeration? Perhaps, but not by much. Wilson is one of 23 US presidents with Scottish extraction. Nearly half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence – including Princeton University founder John Witherspoon and Supreme Court associate justice James Wilson - were of Scottish descent. The governors in nine of the original 13 colonies were of Scottish ancestry.

From the start America may have been wrapped in the cloth of red, white and blue, but its inner lining was tartan.

From the archive

The first Scottish president in America was James Monroe, the great-grandson of a Scots Covenanter who had arrived in the US in chains. Monroe threw the Spanish out of Florida and established the Monroe Doctrine that excluded European powers from the Americas.

In 1927, the head of the American consulate to Scotland addressed members of the Rotary Club in Edinburgh. In his speech, Wilbert Bonney paid tribute to the untold number of Scots immigrants who made contributions to America's development. Bonney's list of heros and heroines went on and on.

Flora MacDonald, best known for protecting Bonnie Prince Charlie from bounty-hunters after the failed Jacobite Rising, lived in North Carolina for ten years with husband Alexander. She, like many of her fellow Scots, saw the opportunity "to begin the world again, anew, in a new corner of it."

Among the many others to make significant contributions in the States were John Muir, creator of the National Parks Service; John Paul Jones, founder of the US Navy; and Alexander Hamilton, a trusted friend of George Washington and Treasury secretary.

The person with Scottish heritage who arguably made the greatest contribution to America was Andrew Carnegie. Making his fortune in steel, the Fife-born Carnegie retired as the world's richest man before proceeding to become the world's greatest philanthropist. Adopting the motto "the man who dies rich dies disgraced", he left an indelible mark on a young nation through his generous contributions to foundations, trusts and charities.

In his 1889 book The Gospel of Wealth, Carnegie wrote of his belief in philanthropy and asserted that that all personal wealth beyond that required to supply the needs of one's

family should be regarded as a trust fund to be administered for the benefit of the community. He enthusiastically set about his philanthropic endeavours, providing money for over 2,500 libraries throughout the English-speaking world and more than 7,600 pipe organs for churches. He established a variety of trust funds and foundations that still operate to this day. By the time of his death in 1919 he had given away \$350 million to good causes.

And these are only some of the names and some of their accomplishments. It would require thousands of words more to convey the impact made by others of Scots descent, whose theories and theorems, decisions and designs helped mold America into what it is today.



Name that Grant Chief?

[Last Update: Febraury 2007] http://www.clangrant.org.uk/chiefs.htm Note: all dates prior to Sir Duncan, 1st of Freuchie are approximate

- 01) 1174 1215 Amhlaidh (Aulay) Grant
- 02) 1215 1249 Gregory Grant
- 03) 1249 1275 Sir Lawrence Grant
- 04) 1275 1295 John Grant
- 05) 1295 1320 Sir John Grant
- 06) 1320 1335 Andrew (Stewart) Grant
- 07) 1335 1362 Sir Patrick Grant
- 08) 1362 1370 Sir John Grant
- 09) 1370 1384 Robert Grant
- 10) 1384 1410 Sir Patrick Grant
- 11) 1410 1434 Sir John Roy Grant
- 11) 1410 1434 Sir John Roy Grant
- 12) 1434 1485 Sir Duncan Grant 1st of Freuchie
- 13) 1485 1528 John "Bard" Roy Grant 2nd of Freuchie
- 14) 1528 1553 James Grant 3rd of Freuchie
- 15) 1553 1585 John Grant 4th of Freuchie
- 16) 1585 1622 John Grant 5th of Freuchie
- 17) 1622 1637 Sir John Grant of Mulben 6th of Freuchie
- 18) 1637 1663 James Grant 7th of Freuchie
- 19) 1663 1716 Ludovick Grant 8th of Freuchie, 1st of Grant
- 20) 1716 1719 Brig.-General Alexander Grant 2nd of Grant
- 21) 1719 1747 Sir James Grant of Pluscardine 3rd of Grant, Baronet.
- 22) 1747 1773 Sir Ludovick Grant 4th of Grant, Bt.
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Culloden Battlefield Project



The history of Scotland and the world was changed forever in just one hour on April 16, 1746 at Culloden Battlefield. Your support is urgently sought to preserve this hallowed ground and educate future generations about its historic significance. The defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie and his Jacobite supporters by the Hanoverians at Culloden resulted in a period of major emigration to the New World. The cruel aftermath of the battle is one of the reasons there are almost 14,000,000 Americans of Scottish descent. You can be instrumental in safeguarding this iconic piece of your Scottish heritage.

Thanks to ongoing restoration by the National Trust for Scotland, windswept Drumossie Moor, on which the battle was fought, looks much the same as it did on that fateful day. The site is now a place of somber reflection, the gravesite of over 1,000 partisans on both sides of the battle. It evokes a visceral response in over 250,000 visitors per year. Such is the profound significance of this battle and its aftermath, that the National Trust for Scotland has launched an impassioned international appeal to help fund a new on-site, state of the art Visitor Centre and ongoing archeological research. Now in its final funding phase, just a further \$1 million is necessary for the centres completion and opening in the late autumn of this year. Corporate sponsorships are available from as little as \$5,000. Individual donors can become part of this historic sites very fabric by sponsoring a \$135 engraved paving stone for the new Visitor Centre.

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Flowers of the Forest



"Cuimhnich air na daoine on tàinig thu." Remember those from whom you are descended.



Lucille Hickey Grant Born: Nov 30, 1929 Passed: May 29, 2007.

Funeral masses were held at, St. Jude Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 1st and Sacred Heart Church in Tampa, Fl. June 4th. She is interred in St. Louis Cemetery, a part of Oaklawn Cemetery, in Tampa Fl. She lived an exemplary life and made everyone she touched better. The Eulogy was written by her 4 children and delivered by her son Bill Grant. He began by singing the first verses of "Lucille", to wit. "You picked a fine time to leave us Lucille"... etc. The Eulogy is printed below:

"It is hard to talk about mom without talking about dad because they stuck together. It was not possible to find any daylight between them when it came to decisions related to us, no matter hard we tried- and we did try. They raised us four children and we always knew they would be there for us no matter. Charlie Brown defined security as sleeping in the back seat of the car as your parents drove home in the evening and that is what we had.

They took their marriage vows seriously, and they were there for each other. The priest that officiated at their wedding said marriage was a 90/10 proposition, and the key is to not care who is giving 90% at any one time. The 90/10% went back and forth across the span of 56 years and we want to thank dad for giving 110%+ these last eight lonely and heartbreaking years. He truly embodied those vows they took on May 4, 1951 "to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and health, until death do us part". Thank you, dad.

Our Mom was not Alzheimer's and we will not remember her that way. As Father David told us, mom has been released from her Alzheimer's disease, and her memories have been restored. We are all releasing any memories of her with Alzheimer's, we all grieved these last eight years, and now we want you to join us in remembering and celebrating the person we all knew:



We were proud of mom for being the strong, center of our family. Mom was strong as steel and nothing got in her way when she made up her mind to do something. Mom made it happen. We got the clothes we desired as teenagers, even if we had to hit the road to factory outlets stores.

Mom was fun loving and adventurous. She loved to travel and be on the go. This actually was a fulfillment of a little known lifelong desire, she once told me that it was her intention to be a flight attendant, but got married instead. When we children left home, she and dad started the Clan Grant Society, traveled to Europe or some other US destination every year, and was a master orchid grower. Mom gave her orchids to our sister TerriLynne 17 years ago. Today for the first time in years, TerriLynne told us that they are all in bloom. There must be 100 beautiful yellow and purple orchid blooms.

Mom always said people are more important than things and we are proud to have learned that lesson early in life. (CHINA CABINET) Mom was always there for friends or relatives in need. She would drop everything if one of us kids asked for help. She showed up for the birth of her grandchildren; wild horses couldn't keep her away.

Mom was pragmatic and had tons of common sense. (LOOSE WHEELS) She could do twenty things either consecutively or simultaneously, as was required. She kept up with the changing world and was the first in our family and many businesses to learn how to use a personal computer in the 1970s. She was the first in her family to graduate from college and did so just a few weeks after turning 19 showing us the value of a good education. While growing up, we all knew we were to go to college and get a degree.

Mom was incredibly independent, she did not want anyone doing anything for her- she wanted to do it herself. She taught my sisters to be independent. Mom told them that she did not need to be married, but wanted to be so. She did not need my father, but chose. We all found fulfilling careers and we know she was very proud of us. Our Mom never had a hungry child. But, she was known to plant a crop of tomatoes in the back yard. We, as her children, have been the most grateful recipients of the harvest that was her life."

Grant Guidies

Strawberry Sweet

Reprint from The Electric Scot

Scots are renown for being sweet-toothed! This probably explains why Scottish housewives generally make more jam than their English counterparts: Raspberry and Strawberry being the most popular varieties. Nine-tenths of Scotland's raspberry crop is grown in the Strathmore area and along the coastal districts of Angus. The Carse of Gowrie, a narrow plain stretching from Perth to Dundee is where the most intensive production of raspberries, strawberries and peas takes place. Low rainfall, freedom from Spring frosts, prolonged Summer sunshine and rich soil all contribute to the success of this industry. In many areas pick-your-own is now the order of the day. This weeks recipe for Strawberry Sweet should satisfy the sweetest of tooths! A delicious Summer sweet when strawberries and redcurrants are plentiful.

Ingredients:

1 lb (500 g) strawberries; 1 lb (500 g) red currants; 1 lb (500 g) caster sugar 1/2 pt (125 ml) whipping cream

Method: Spread out the strawberries on a large plate and sprinkle over them half the sugar. Leave in a cool place overnight. Next day put the red currants into a pan with a little water and cook gently till they are soft. Strain off juice and add the other half of the sugar to it. Put in a pan and bring to the boil. Boil for 10-15 minutes until you have a thick syrup. Add the strawberries and their syrup and leave to cool. Before serving pour into individual dishes, chill and top with some whipped cream.

Scotch Eggs

Here is a simple recipe for making a traditional Scottish dish which is still popular served either hot, or cold at picnics.

Ingredients:
11b sausage meat
5 hard boiled eggs, with shells removed
1 large raw egg
3oz approx of dry breadcrumbs
Pinch of mace, salt, freshly ground pepper
Small quantity of flour
1 tablespoon water

Dust the hard boiled eggs in a little flour. Mix the mace, salt and pepper with the sausage meat and divide into five equal portions. Place on a floured surface. Wrap/mould the sausage meat round the egg, making sure there are no gaps. Beat the egg and water together and coat the meat-covered egg with this and then breadcrumbs (you may have to press the crumbs onto the meat). Deep fry in hot oil (360F/185C) taking care as you put the eggs into the oil. Cook for about 5/6 minutes. If you don't have a deep fat fryer, they can be cooked in oil in a frying pan, turning frequently to ensure the meat is fully cooked. Drain and serve hot or allow to cool and keep in a refrigerator for a cold snack later.

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