



Shown above is the Clan Grant plant badge, the pine sprig.

Archibald Grant

Archibald Grant, younger of Monymusk (1697-1778), painted in Edinburgh by Richard Waitt, in 1715.

Sir Archibald Grant was painted in the uniform of the Royal Company of Archers, the ceremonial bodyguard of the King or Queen in Edinburgh.

The uniform is said to be the oldest known example of a tartan associated with a specific Scottish military unit.

Archibald Grant was the eldest son of Sir Francis Grant of Monymusk, Lord Cullen.

The painting reportedly commemorated two important events in the subject's life – his selection to the Royal Company of Archers in October 1714 and his being called to the Scots Bar one month later.



**The Clan Grant Society - USA is a member of
The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Inc.**

The society shall publish a clan quarterly named *Craigellachie*. *Craigellachie* shall be used to promote the interests of the clan, the cultivation of a spirit of kin and fellowship and social intercourse amongst the society's members. Further, *Craigellachie* shall serve as the official publication of the society and shall be the primary vehicle for giving the members official notice of meetings, elections, Board and Officer actions.

President's Message

Greetings and Welcome to the Spring Edition of Craigellachie

Special thanks to Beth Gay Freeman for making this newsletter possible given that she hasn't been feeling good and that Tom has been in the hospital.

The Clan Grant wishes both of them well and a speedy recovery for Tom.

Those of you who have an opportunity to attend Burns Night I hope you'll have a very good time.

I also wanted to remind you that in April is National Tartan Day . It's an opportunity for you to wear the Grant tartan in celebration of this holiday.

It's good to see this spring coming and with it the Scottish Games and Festivals. Many thanks to our Games Commissioners who support the Clan by hosting Clan Grant tents. I'm happy to announce that we have received a new shipment of Clan Grant flags and banners which we will be happy to provide to games commissioners if they are needed .

Wishing you and your family a happy spring and looking forward to an even better summer.

*Dr. William Grant ,
President of ClanGrant Society USA*



Uncle Grant wants you to know

Clan Grant is a great clan with a proud history. There are many Grant families in the USA that do not know their Scottish history or that they are part of a Clan. When our society was first formed we said that we would do the following;

- **Literature** – including publication of Scottish or Gaelic literature;
- **Charitable** – such as helping Clansmen or dependents of Clansmen in distress;
- **Historical** – especially as may be related to Clan Grant (or its various branches);
- **Educational** – such as financial assistance to deserving students, establishment of a fellowship in Scottish literature or music, grants to schools or colleges, and support of the Clan Grant Educational and Charitable Trust;
- **Cultural** – such as encouraging the perpetuation of Highland dress traditions and customs, promoting Highland Games in the United States, and supporting the Clan Grant Center in Scotland;
- **Social and Recreation** – promoting friendship, goodwill, and clanship among members of the clan.



SIR JAMES GRANT OF GRANT,
Lord Strathspeny

Cash contributions are tax deductible. If they receive any items, then it is not. So pins, t-shirts, books, etc. are not tax deductible items.

They can deduct mileage on schedule A (if they itemize) under the volunteer mileage for charitable organizations.

That is my understanding of the tax code.

Karen Cook

Treasurer-Clan Grant Society-USA



Clan Grant Society Seeking an assistant webmaster!

Clan Grant Society - USA is looking for an individual interested in being the Assistant Webmaster to help maintain our society website as well as being a backup for the current webmaster.

Our website is currently hosted by GoDaddy and is using Drupal open-source software as the basis for our website.

We are looking for a volunteer who has at least some basic knowledge of websites as we do not yet have a manual written containing the information necessary to train someone from scratch.

However, this individual does not require specific knowledge of Drupal or GoDaddy.

Please send an email to admin@clangrant-us.org expressing your interest and listing your experience.



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There are an estimated 6 million people in the US who claim Scottish descent. A Coalition of Scottish Americans with the Support of Senator Trent Lott, successfully lobbied the Senate for the designation of 6 April as National Tartan Day “to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States”.^[30] Senate Resolution 155, passed on 20 March 1998, referred to the predominance of Scots among the Founding Fathers and claimed that the American Declaration of Independence was “modelled on” the Declaration of Arbroath. Thomas Jefferson’s education was heavily influenced by Scottish thought.

Meeting in 1997 in Sarasota Florida, **The Scottish Coalition USA** looked to see Tartan Day recognized in the USA as it was being observed in Canada. The Scottish Coalition USA comprises **The American-Scottish Foundation®, Scottish Heritage, USA, The Living Legacy of Scotland, Inc., The Association of Scottish Games and Festivals, Scottish American Military Society, Council of Scottish Clans and Association (COSCA)**

On 9 March 2005, the United States House of Representatives unanimously adopted House Resolution 41, which designates 6 April of each year as “National Tartan Day.” H.Res.41 Chief Spon-

sors were Congressmen Mike McIntyre from North Carolina and John Duncan from Tennessee, who are the founding co-chairs of the **Friends of Scotland Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives.**

Four years later, a joint effort by the **National Capital Tartan Day Committee** and the **American-Scottish Foundation**

promoted a campaign for a Presidential Proclamation, which resulted in thousands of letters and petition signers to the President of the United States. On 4 April 2008, President George W. Bush signed a Presidential Proclamation making April 6 National Tartan Day. Here is the content of the Presidential Proclamation:



President George Bush signed on April 4th 2008 a Presidential Proclamation making April 6th National Tartan Day! Proclamation signed by the President of the United States:

Americans of Scottish descent have made enduring contributions to our Nation with their hard work, faith, and values. On National Tartan Day, we celebrate the spirit and character of Scottish Americans and recognize their many contributions to our culture and our way of life.

Scotland and the United States have long

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shared ties of family and friendship, and many of our country's most cherished customs and ideals first grew to maturity on Scotland's soil. The Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence signed in 1320, embodied the Scots' strong dedication to liberty, and the Scots brought that tradition of freedom with them to the New World. Sons and daughters of many Scottish clans were among the first immigrants to settle in America, and their determination and optimism helped build our Nation's character. Several of our Founding Fathers were of Scottish descent, as have been many Presidents and Justices of the United States Supreme Court. Many Scottish Americans, such as Andrew Carnegie, were great philanthropists, founding and supporting numerous scientific, educational, and civic institutions. From the evocative sounds of the bagpipes to the great sport of golf, the Scots have also left an indelible mark on American culture.

National Tartan Day is an opportunity to celebrate all Americans who claim Scottish ancestry, and we are especially grateful for the service in our Armed Forces of Scottish Americans who have answered the call to protect our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2008, as National Tartan Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day by celebrating the continued friendship between the people of Scotland and the United States and by recognizing the contributions of Scottish Americans to our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Grants are encouraged to wear our tartan on this special day 6 April 2023. **STAND FAST**



Sir Archibald Grant of Monymusk

Dr. Philip Smith

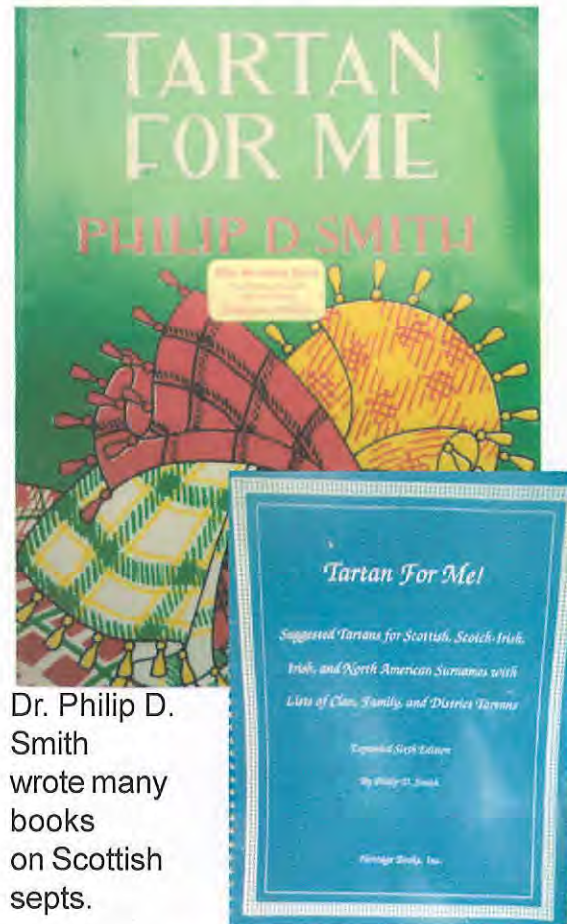
Some of us know “Archie Grant” as “Sir Archibald Grant of Monymusk,” President of Clan Grant Society in the United Kingdom. But did you know that there was another “Archie Grant”? This Archie (1902-1991) was the most popular singer in the pre- and post- World War II years.

Born in Dumbartonshire in the Lowlands, Archie Grant was the son of Gaelic speakers from Boreraig on Skye and the musical Turner family of Islay. Gaelic was spoken at home and Archie was raised in that environment until he went to school. His family later moved to Skye.

He sang his first Gaelic song at a wedding reception at age four. As a young man Archie went to work for the railroad and was stationed on Rannoch Moor before moving to Glasgow. He won a few small prizes in local Mods and entered the Annual Royal Mod at Oban in 1931.

Here he astonished everyone in Gaeldom by winning the “Grand Slam” of Gaelic – the National Gold Medal, the Oban and Lorne Medal, and the prize for the best unpublished Gaelic song – all on his very first try and the first person ever to do so. It was the only national competition Archie ever entered – you can’t do better.

Archie recorded some thirty 78 rpm records and made numerous personal appearances throughout Scotland. As my friend Christina MacIver Parsons, herself a native Gaelic speaker from Lewis and a won-



Dr. Philip D. Smith wrote many books on Scottish septs.

derful singer, said of his records, “I was raised on Archie Grant.”

He was also known as a composer but never copyrighted his songs, letting others have the copyrights.

The first Gaelic I ever heard was as a Freshman Spanish major at Pepperdine University when I bought a record in a strange language entitled *Is ToighLeam a Gaidhealtached* (“I love the Highlands”) by a man named Archie Grant.

That started me on a quest to learn that language.



MEMBERSHIP



Dues? What do I get?

Someone recently asked me what do I get for my dues in the Clan Grant Society-USA?

There are several obvious benefits associated with your membership: access to the members only section of our web site, receipt of four quarterly newsletters informing you of Clan Grant happenings and Society news, help with family genealogy, and comraderie with Clan Grant members.

Just as importantly your dues dollars allow us to pay registrations to some twenty-five Highland Games and Festivals.

Craigellachie is printed and mailed to members without Internet access. Banners and flags made for Clan tents as well as our web site fees are paid by your dues.

I can assure you the Board works to accomplish the Society's goals as inexpensively as possible. Some of us contribute monies toward Society expenses beyond our dues.

Your dues are not so much a charge for your membership as a contribution to support all of the things the Clan Grant Society-USA does. We still have \$10 for your first year because of the pandemic.

IT IS GREAT TO BE A GRANT

Bill Grant, Ph.D., FSA Scot, President Clan Grant Society-USA



You may remember this, the ol' Braveheart pose... from several years ago at Loch Norman... Many a soul states they were in on this so here's your chance to stand up and be counted. If you can recognize yourself in this, "You're a better man than I am, Gunga Din!" Thanks to LOK Tammie Burroughs and Rudyard Kipling.



COCKTAILS

	<p>OLD FASHIONED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve• ¼ part Demerara syrup (1:1)• 2 dashes peach bitters• Grapefruit twist to garnish	<p>GLASSWARE: Double Rocks Glass</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS: In a double rocks glass, add the Demerara syrup and bitters. Add the Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve, then ice (preferably one large cube) and stir. Garnish with a grapefruit twist.</p> <p>DEMERARA SYRUP (1:1) Combine equal parts hot water and Demerara sugar or brown sugar. Stir and cool.</p>
	<p>MALT JULEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve• ¼ part simple syrup• 2 dashes of Angostura Bitters• Mint leaves to garnish	<p>GLASSWARE: Traditional Julep Cup</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS: Pour Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve and simple syrup into a traditional julep cup. Fill with crushed ice and garnish with mint sprigs.</p>
	<p>THE GILLY FIX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 part Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve• ¼ part Flor de Cana 7 Year Rum• ½ part peach brandy• ¾ part fresh lemon juice• ¾ part simple syrup• Lemon wheel to garnish	<p>GLASSWARE: Double Rocks Glass</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS: Shake all ingredients except the lemon wheel over ice. Strain into a double rocks glass. Fill with crushed ice. Garnish by placing the lemon wheel between the edge of the glass and the ice.</p>
	<p>THE BROON DERBY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve• 1 part fresh grapefruit juice• ½ part honey syrup• Grapefruit twist to garnish	<p>GLASSWARE: Coupe</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS: Shake Glenfiddich 14 Year Bourbon Barrel Reserve, grapefruit juice and honey syrup over ice. Strain into a coupe. Express a grapefruit twist over the cocktail and drop in.</p> <p>HONEY SYRUP: Combine 2 parts honey and 1 part hot water and stir to combine.</p>
	<p>THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve• ½ part Drambuie• ½ part dry vermouth• ⅛ part maraschino liqueur• 2 dashes fig bitters• Brandied cherries to garnish	<p>GLASSWARE: Coupe</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS: Combine ingredients and stir over ice. Strain into a coupe. Garnish with brandied cherries.</p>
	<p>THE LEATHERBACK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1½ parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve• 1 part straight apple brandy• ½ part yellow chartreuse	<p>GLASSWARE: Double Rocks Glass</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS: Combine all ingredients in a mixing glass over ice and stir. Strain into a double rocks glass over one large ice cube. No garnish.</p>

DISCLAIMER: Cocktail prep and serve for each cocktail is suggested by Glenfiddich Brand Ambassador Allan Roth to ensure the best results. We encourage you to play around with the cocktails and ingredients to create your own versions.

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Bet you didn't know, "It's great to be a Grant!" was declared by the previous Lord Strathspey, Sir Patrick, at the Grandfather Mountain Games, in the 1980's. George and Lucille had arranged for him to come over

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We need your birthdays too! Just the day and the month...but, please send members' birthdays with your membership application.

The Clan Grant Society - USA was founded in 1977 by George & Lucille Grant, by the authority of Sir Patrick Grant of Grant (1912 - 1992). The Right Honorable Lord Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 32nd Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant. It continues under authority of Sir James Grant of Grant, The Right Honorable Lord Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 33rd Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant.

Past Presidents: Howard Parsons, 1998-2002; C. David Grant, 2002-2006; Dr. Christopher Pratt, 2006-2008; Rand Allan, 2008-2013; Jeniphr Grant, 2013-2015.

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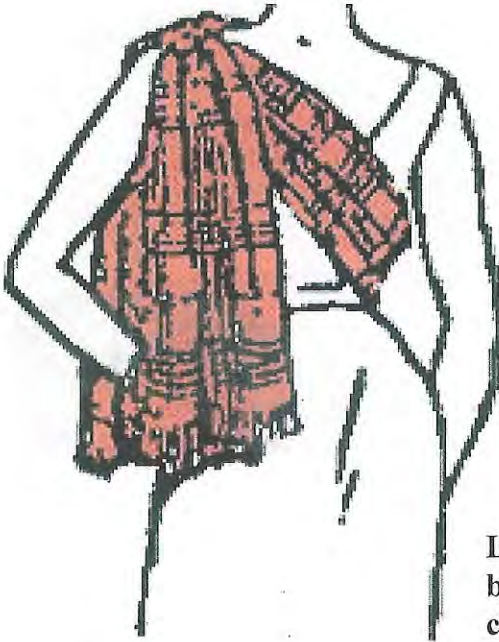
Ladies Sashes worn properly

The method of wearing sashes or light scarves had customary significance even two centuries ago, and although the wearing of sashes in any particular manner is of no legal significance whatsoever nowadays, ladies may feel more comfortable knowing that tradition is being observed!

All the following suggestions are based on a study of old portraits, prints and traditional practice and were approved by the then Lord Lyon King of Arms. The terms and criteria used are rather quaint and reflect a lifestyle that has all but disappeared even from the Scottish social scene.

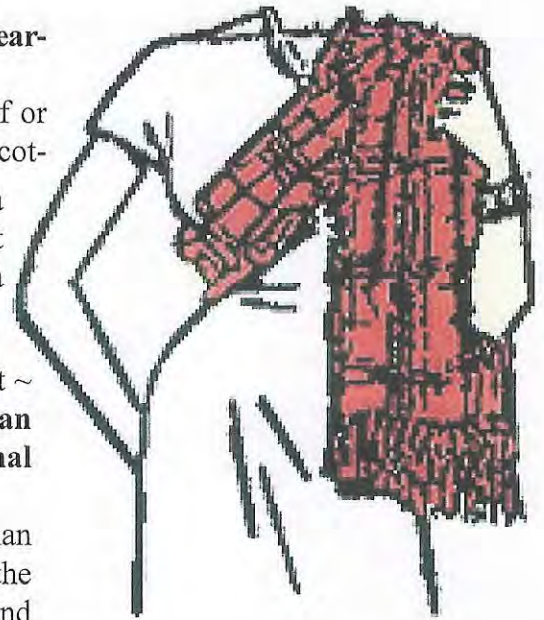
Wearing a sash - Left ~ Clanswoman

The sash is worn over the right shoulder across the breast and is secured by a pin or small brooch on the shoulder.



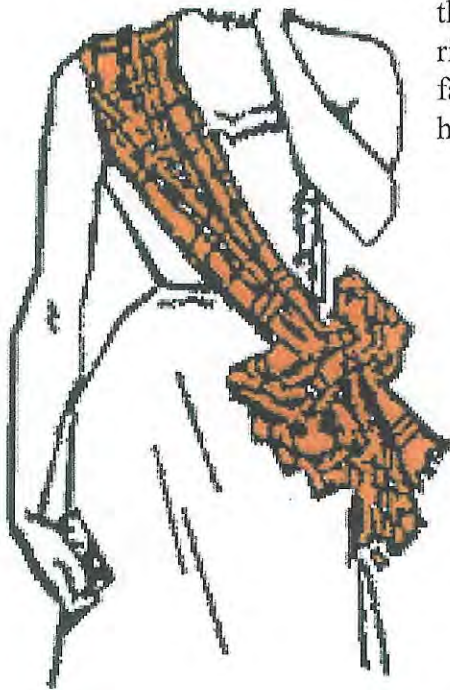
Right ~ Chieftainess Wearing a sash -

The wife of a clan chief or the wife of a Colonel of a Scottish Regiment would wear a slightly wider sash over the left shoulder and secured with a brooch on the left shoulder.



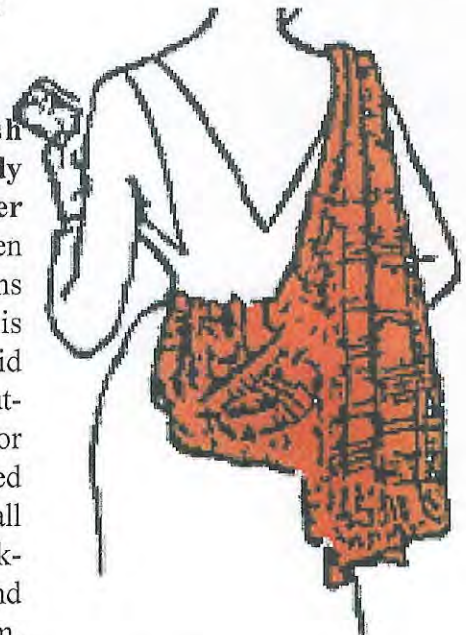
Wearing a sash - Below Left ~ Ladies married out of their clan but who wish to use their original clan tartan

This sash is usually longer than the other styles and is worn over the right shoulder secured with a pin and fastened with a large bow on the left hip.



Wearing a sash, right.

Often worn by Scottish country dancers or where the lady wishes to keep the front of her dress clear of the sash - as when wearing the ribbons or decorations of any chivalric order. This style is very similar to a man's belted plaid and is really a small arisaid. It's buttoned on at the back of the waist or held by a small belt and is secured at the right shoulder by a pin or small brooch so that the ends fall backwards from the right shoulder and swings at the back of the right arm.





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More of Drunkirk

I have been taught that being a sept of a clan or an allied family simply means that in the past, your family with a name other than the clan who was in charge of that particular place lived on that land. It was common in times of danger to go to the chief's castle and ask for asylum and to be allowed to stay in his "place of safety."

In return, your family swore your oath of "fealty" and promised to fight with that that particular clan. (*Fealty* means a loving oath.) Those vows are as good today as they were hundreds of years ago. *Your editor.*

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Are you a "Scottish Newbie?"

Here's how NOT to be!

Beth Gay Freeman

For much of my life, my world was horses and riding. I was a western barrel racer and loved "Frol-ics," that is, playing all manner of fun games from aboard a horse.

Rodeos were a part of that competitive life and the people who took part in them were my friends.

Nobody wished to be referred to as a "dude."

To be a "dude" was not to really know about the world in which you were participating or to truly know what it was you were doing.

Today, although I will always miss horses and horse folks and the thrill of competing, my world has shifted to that of the Scottish Community...for the last almost 30 years. (Yes, I can still ride!)

Instead of "dude," Scottish beginners are mostly referred to as "Scottish Newbies."

Newbies are usually easy to spot. Sometimes it is how they speak. Edinburgh is pronounced, Edinboro - NOT Edinburg. It does NOT rhyme with "Pittsburgh."

Clan MacKay is "Clan MacEYE", Clan Macpherson is "Clan MacFURson," (There is no "fear" in a Macpherson. Clan Marjoribanks is "Clan Marchbanks," named after the daughter of Robert the Bruce, Marjory.) and Clan Chattan is spoken as "Clahattan."

Just listen if you're near a clan and are not sure how to pronounce the clan name properly. Say it as the clan members say it. It's fine to just ask.

Sometimes it is how you dress. Men wear kilts and ladies wear kilted skirts. The patten of the cloth with which both of these are made is called "tartan,"

Plaid is not a patten in the Scottish world, a "plaid" is what a gentleman wears on his shoulder when dressed formally.

The pleats go in the back. New kilts and/or

Beth & Sweet Thing

This is my AQHA mare, Poco Lanette, always known as "Sweet Thing."

We were playing at spins in this picture.

She and I were partners for over twenty-seven years.



kilted skirts arrive from the tailor with basting holding the pleats neatly in place during shipping. Be sure and take out the basting.

If you don't take out that thread, you will walk extremely funny with teensie little steps.

If I'm at the games where you are mincing about with your basting stitches intact...most likely I will find you and take out those stitches for you.

If you wear your kilt with the pleats at the front, same deal - I'm likely to find you and ask you to "come behind this tent with me."

You can then shift your kilt about so you are proper...and in relative privacy.

Kilt length is very important.

The "old timers" will tell you to kneel on the floor

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Remember, you always have a family. It's Scottish and it is Grant!



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Don't be a Scottish Dude,

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and the proper kilt should just touch the floor when you are kneeling. To determine that length, kneel on the floor and measure from your waist to the floor.

There is nothing worse than a man's kilt which is too short. Although there is not a man in the world who does not look handsome and gorgeous in a kilt...there is an exception. That exception is a too short kilt.

If a kilt is too long, it begins to resemble a "skirt." Now, you do know what happens to you if you call a kilt a "skirt?"

Why, of course, you get KILT.

Socks to wear with a kilt? DO NOT wear athletic white socks with bands of color on the top. NOPE, never. Ever. Not even on a dare.

Ladies kilted skirts maybe worn with a t-shirt to a games or fancy ruffles and a velvet jacket and a sash to meet the Queen.

Be careful when you install a kilt pin. These are pins specifically made for keeping the "apron" of your kilt or kilted skirt from blowing in the wind.

Don't pin the pin through both layers of fabric - it will pull out the bottom layer. Just pin that pin through the top layer.

There is always a controversey about wearing patterned shirts/blouses with tartan.

The Chief of the largest clan wore a tattersall checked shirt to have his portrait painted in his kilt, which answers that question for me personally.

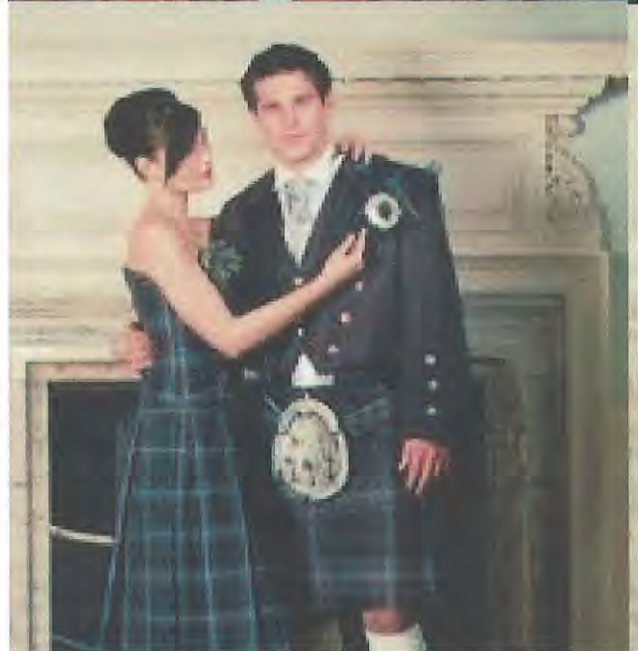
I love Hawaiian shirts and, if the colors are good with your kilted skirt or kilt...they are fun to wear. There is one pipe band on the East Coast who wears checked shirts with their "uniforms."

Our Scottish clothing is NOT a costume, these are garments meant to fit your life.

We need to be correct in our use of terminology, badges, mottos and flags and more. Listen all the time.

There is so much to be learned. It takes years and years of study and listening, lots of just paying attention and work...but, it can be done.

Oh, another small thing...but an important one: If the president, or Chief's representative is representing that clan's chief in the United States, he often has a banner especially made for that purpose. It is called a



"pinsel"

When you see a banner being canied representing a person who is marching in the Parade of Tartans or other parade at a games, notice that the banner carrier marches BEHIND the honored person. It was explained to me that that position allows the banner to follow anywhere the honoured person wishes to go.

This is such an extensive subject, we'll revisit it again.

If you have specific things you'd like to know, please email bethscribble@aol.com. I can usually dig out the answers to most things for you.



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Why Americans should thank Scotland (and William Wallace) for their freedom...

Thanks to *Heirloom Audio* and submitted to the Clan Wallace publication, *The Guardian*, by **Bob Wallace**.

“When freedom is hard fought to obtain, it becomes a most precious commodity to maintain.”

The Scottish knew this to be true in the 14th century when they were struggling to overcome the rule of England. In fact, the impact of their struggle has a direct relation to the struggle and ultimate victory of the colonists in the American Revolution.

The parallel can be seen in America’s *Declaration of Independence* and that of the *Declaration of Arbroath* of 1320.

Let’s look at the corollary points.

According to Linda McDonald-Lewis, author of *Warriors and Wordsmiths of Freedom: The Birth and Growth of Democracy*, much of the mindset for the forming of this country’s declaration document has considerable influence from the Scottish concept of independence and freedom.

“If Americans want to understand their history, they need to look to Scotland, because that is where their ideals come from,” she says. “And Scots should look across the Atlantic to see where their homegrown doctrines and ideas have been most fully embraced.”

About half of the signers of the *Declaration of Independence* were of Scottish descent, including Thomas Jefferson himself; in fact a few of the signers were former ex-patriates of the Jacobite rebellions (uprisings intended to re-install James II of Scotland as king of England.)

Among the colonists that fought in the Revolutionary War and gave the ultimate sacrifice, a large number were of Scottish ancestry.

The Declaration of Arbroath was presented to the pope in 1320 to affirm Scottish independence from England.

“A lot of Scots who had to leave Scotland after the failed Jacobite rebellion ended up dying on American battlefields, fighting the same enemy on a different field,” McDonald-Lewis says. “The research I have done tracing these stories really joined up a lot of dots in the intertwining histories of these two great nations.”

Among the most curious connections: George Washington owned a wood “snuff” box supposedly made from the same tree where Scottish hero William Wallace hid from his pursuers.

But, it is the fight for freedom – and the respective founding documents – that carries the strongest ties.

With roughly half the signers being of Scottish descent, including Jefferson, who wrote the first *Declaration of Independence* drafts, it isn’t difficult to imagine the *Declaration of Arbroath* playing a key role, particularly in inspiration.

It reads in part: “As long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule. It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honors that we are fighting, but for freedom – for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself.”

The Declaration of Independence reads, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

No, Jefferson didn’t lift out entire sentences or phrases, but the basic concept – freedom from English rule – is identical.

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You're gonna learn something here! Don't be afraid!

1. Actress Reese Witherspoon's ancestor, John D. Witherspoon, was not only Scottish but he signed the American

Declaration of Independence.

2. Scots invented elephant polo. The game was dreamt up in a bar in St. Moritz by James Manclarke, a Scottish landowner and former Olympic tobogganer.

3. In 2005, 100 athletes performing in a Scottish triathlon were each insured £1 million against bites from the Loch Ness Monster.

4. Although the Scots comprise less than 0.5 percent of the world's population, 11 percent of all Nobel prizes have been awarded to Scotsmen.

5. Dundee is Scotland's only south facing city.



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Thank Scotland and Wallace,

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So, the next time you sing the National Anthem at a ballgame or watch fireworks explode on a warm Fourth of July night, say a prayer of thanksgiving not only for the Founders, but for the 14th-century Scots as well.

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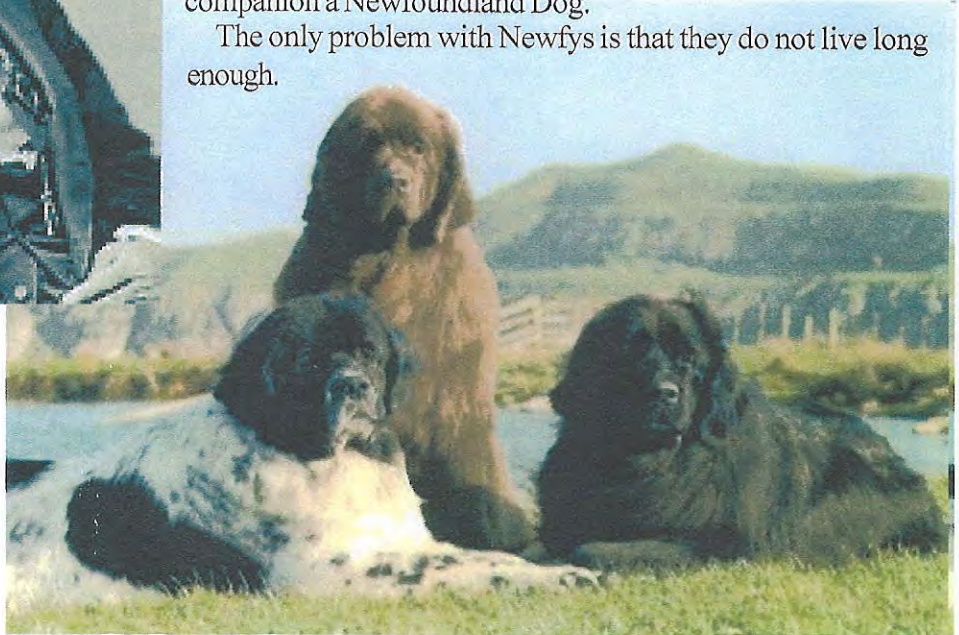
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Valentine's Day in Scotland

Happy
Valentine's
Day

It is often said that there is only one happiness in life and that is to love and be loved. Renowned poets and scholars have often tried to categorize and explain this deep-set emotion called love, but only a few have been able to come close to the boundaries of this concept.

It is a known fact that to be happy, one needs to learn how to give and receive love. Also, expression is very necessary to show our feelings and emotions.

In Scotland, on 14th February every year, people of all age groups come together to honor and celebrate this unique human emotion. This is the day when people, irrespective of their religious beliefs and regional boundaries, profess their undying love for their partner.

The entire region of Scotland looks like a fairytale land – a dream during the occasion of Valentine's Day. Every nook and corner of the place is decorated with beautiful glistening lights, colorful decorations are hung in the different malls and shopping complexes.

Read on to get a better idea of the Valentine's Day traditions in the exotic country called Scotland.

Valentine's Day Celebrations in Scotland

Very few people know that the remains of St Valentine, who is deeply associated with Valentine's Day, still rest in a church of Blessed St John Duns Scotus, in Glasgow city of Scotland.

This fact has, over the years, led to the gradual conversion of the city as the 'City of Love'.

It is but natural that the festival of Valentine's Day is celebrated with much zeal and enthusiasm all over. Moreover, the entire country is dotted with beautiful

and exquisite romantic locales. So well known is the region for its romantic venues that every year, particularly during Valentine's Day, young couples and lovers make a bee-line to this region, to enjoy the festival in its true sense.

The small village of Gretna Green, located over the Scottish border, on the passage from England to Glasgow, is especially regarded as a 'Lover's Paradise' and is in fact, very famous for its romantic weddings.

The village is also known for being a place where young couples used to elope at a very tender age. As per the English Law, young couples were not allowed to marry before they reach the age of 18 whereas in Scotland, this age limit is 16.

So, young couples used to run away to get married. A Valentine's Day without cards and flowers to profess and express one's love is definitely not complete! The same holds true in Scotland as well.

Love cards and greetings are popularly known as Valentines in Scotland and come in different shapes and patterns.

Sending beautiful cards has almost become like a tradition and even the teenagers and the young folks join in to impress the boy or girl that they are interested in.

Some even take this to the extent of writing romantic poems for their sweetheart and delivering it by post. Part of the tradition was that you are not supposed to sign or indicate your name. It was entirely up to the person who you sent to, to make a guess about the sender. Some people even decide to get engaged and tie the knot on this day.

Many of these traditions continue till now!





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