



THE HUNTER'S HORN

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MESSAGE FROM MADAM PAULINE

CLAN HUNTER GATHERING 2017

Hailing all Hunters,

I wish to invite you to join us at our **International Clan Gathering at Hunterston Castle** over the weekend of 28th, 29th and 30th July 2017. Clan Hunter Gatherings are arranged for all those with Hunter ancestry who wish to connect with their roots and their Clan Seat, Hunterston Castle. Our Clan Seat is one of the best preserved original Pele Towers (family castles) in Scotland. In visiting Hunterston you will have the chance to connect with other Hunters from far and wide, make new Hunter friends from around the world and enjoy Scotland knowing that you have strong cultural and ancestral links through being a Hunter sharing your common heritage and ancestry. We have a varied programme for you all including:

By special arrangement, a talk given by,
Dr Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon.
<http://www.lyon-court.com>

Archery with The Ancient Society
of Kilwinning Archers
<http://www.kilwinningarchers.com>

Local Scottish stories from Tattie Toon Tales
<https://www.facebook.com/tattietoontales>

The Clan Hunter Pipe Band
<http://iocpb.org>

A trip to the Burns Birthplace Museum
burnsmuseum.org.uk

I am also trying to arrange a tour of part of Hunterston House. There will be a small charge to cover costs for guides. This will be confirmed later.

CLAN HUNTER GATHERING 2017

Friday July 28th, Saturday July 29th
and Sunday July 30th

Charges are £40 per person plus meal costs. Children up to the age of 5 years old will not be charged for the Gathering and half price for meals. Children up to the age of 14 pay half price (£20) plus meals.

FRIDAY 28TH JULY 2017

11am – Tour of Hunterston Castle by Madam Pauline, Clan Chief
Clan Shop Open during the Gathering from 11 am.

Buffet Lunch in the Marquee at Hunterston Castle £ 9.00 per person followed by Tattie Toon Tales.

Tour of Hunterston Castle by Madam Pauline.

Supper £9.00 per person
Isle of Cumbrae Pipe Band

SATURDAY 29TH JULY 2017

Dr Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon to give a talk, subject to be announced

Archery – Try your hand at archery under the supervision of ASKA in the field in front of Hunterston House. After Lord Lyon's talk, will continue the rest of the day.

Clan Dinner at the West Kilbride Masonic Hall including entertainment. Cost £15.00 per person. Clan Shop open during the day from midday.

SUNDAY 30TH JULY 2017

Coach trip from Hunterston Castle to the Burns Birthplace Museum. burnsmuseum.org.uk
[facebook.com/RobertBurnsBirthplaceMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/RobertBurnsBirthplaceMuseum)
Cost per person for Coach £10.

Admission for Museum not included. Time to be arranged.

Supper in Marquee at Hunterston Castle £10.00 per person.

CLOSE OF GATHERING

CLAN HUNTER GATHERING TOURS

Clan Hunter USA member, Carol Hunter Sullivan, a travel agent with Global Travel International has put together a Scottish Dream Tour and an option for flights and accommodations for the gathering. And for those of you who play golf, she has included a tour for you too with golfing arranged at two of Ayrshire's prestigious golf courses. Experience the uniqueness of golfing in the country of the game's origin. For details and questions about the tours, please contact Carol directly at carolhuntersullivan@gmail.com.

– Madam Pauline Hunter

After all plans for the gathering have been completed, a booking form will be included on the UK website: clanhunter.org.uk.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CLAN HUNTER

Dear All,

One of the greatest opportunities Clan Hunter has ever received is an invitation to be a featured clan at the 2017 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. I have requested participation at the 7th August performance as this fits with the Scottish Dream Tour, and hopefully the schedule of others planning to attend the gathering at Hunterston.

Clan Chiefs have been invited to attend as special guests, march into the performance at the head of his or her clansmen, and take part in the opening ceremony as individual clan tartans are projected onto Edinburgh Castle. Tickets will be available before they go on sale to the general public so that clansmen can attend in numbers.

Clan Hunter will benefit from the publicity and those of us who attend will have a special experience. When our being part of the Edinburgh Tattoo is confirmed, I will announce it on Facebook and our website.

Yours aye,
Madam Pauline

ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

Before our 1997 trip to Scotland, Pat and I did some research on the Edinburgh tattoo and decided we had to fit one of the annual performances into our schedule. We



ordered tickets in advance and with over 8,000 other people, attended that special, spectacular event on August 4th. It began with massed pipe bands marching in from many directions and ended with one lone piper playing from high on the ramparts of the castle. The performance took place after dark on the esplanade of the castle. With the floodlit castle in the background, we enjoyed beautiful music, a military raid on the castle which was defended by the Queen's Special Forces, many of whom rappelled down the wall of the castle, and special effects of canons and other weapons firing. The Queen's forces successfully defended the castle.

The tattoo, which takes place annually throughout August, is the headline event of the Edinburgh Festival. There are 25 tattoo performances (each sold out in advance) with a cast of more than 1,000 performers from many parts of the world. Information on the tattoo can be found at www.edintatto.co.uk.

Attending the Edinburgh Tattoo in 1997, which we still talk about, was one of the highlights of our trips to Scotland. Taking pride in Clan Hunter by marching into the event next August with Madam Pauline would be a special experience.

– Mel Hunter

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

The 61st Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans brought hundreds of multi-colored tartans and the unique sound of half a dozen bagpipe bands to the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina, just north of Linville, July 7 -10, 2016. Greg and Margaret Slaton of Atlanta, Georgia, set up and hosted the Clan Hunter tent at MacRae Meadows. A special thanks to Clan members Chuck Hunt and Jack Mobley who helped greet members and guests over the weekend at the Clan Hunter tent.

The Highland games began Thursday, July 7, with a sheep dog demonstration, Celtic entertainment and the running of "The Bear". The Honored Guest for the 2016 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games was Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine and his wife, Maida, Lady MacLaren.

The opening ceremonies began at dusk with a torchlight ceremony where representatives of all participating clans are invited to announce their family's participation in the gathering. This "raising of the clans"



Honored Guests

proclaims that they have once again come together at Grandfather Mountain to celebrate their heritage. Greg Slaton participated in this ritual, representing Clan Hunter. Prior to the torchlight ceremony, several hundred runners participated in a 5-mile footrace call "The Bear" that climbs 1568 feet in elevation from the town of Linville to the summit of Grandfather Mountain.

Beginning on Friday and continuing through Sunday, thousands of guests enjoyed a taste of our Scottish heritage through music concerts, food, athletic competition, and dance. Adjacent to the parade ground, on MacRae Meadows, were merchants selling Gaelic and tartan gift items, and booths that were filled with offerings of meat pies and sweets to give guests a taste of the Highlands. A tent was available to help guests trace their Scottish roots and explore their heritage. For just the second year, the games continued the Annual Scottish Cultural Village. This Village featured a close-up look to many facets of Scottish culture. Every 30 minutes, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, invited experts from Scotland and the United States were on the Village's Center Stage to discuss or demonstrate skills such as blacksmithing, weaving, spinning, athletics, piping & drumming and dancing. Discussions and lectures were also presented on aspects of Scottish life such as edged weaponry, period firearms, men's and women's ancient dress, clan life & politics. There was a topic for everyone!



Greg Slaton & Chuck Hunt

Saturday evening, combined concerts were enjoyed. The Celtic Rock Concert was canceled on Friday due to high winds and storms in the area, but all tickets were honored the following evening at the Celtic Music Jam at MacRae Meadows.

Scottish families and guests enjoyed the spectacular North Carolina Blue Ridge Mountains that are so reminiscent of Scotland. As it has been said before, "The Grandfather Games are considered America's grandest Games because of the spectacular mountain setting that is so reminiscent of Scotland. The deep blue peaks of 6,000-foot Grandfather Mountain tower above a meadow ringed by 130 red, blue, yellow and green striped tents. The color is augmented by thousands of Scots decked out in their finest tartan plaids, and the energy is amplified by the sounds of bagpipes and kettledrums echoing across the moor."

- Greg and Margaret Slaton

MYRTLE BEACH HIGHLAND GAMES

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, Clan Hunter USA was represented at the highland games held at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Jill Hunter Powell, Scott Powell and Carl Hunter had a wonderful time setting up the display and serving as hosts. Rain was in the forecast but we were lucky that it came on Sunday. In spite of the forecast, the games were well attended and we had the pleasure of greeting several members of the Hunter family. One visitor, Ruth Lohmeyer, of Myrtle Beach joined Clan Hunter USA during the festival.

- Jill Hunter Powell



MOORHEAD CELTIC FESTIVAL

Randy Knight represented Clan Hunter USA at the annual Celtic Festival held at Moorhead, MN March 12, 2016. The festival was held in the Hjemkomst Center, a nice building for this event. The festival was a good one and the food was excellent. I met a lot of interesting people including one person who was interested in joining Clan Hunter USA.

- Randy Knight

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM

September, 2014, was my third trip to Scotland. My traveling companions may have been different with each visit, but the one constant was an appointment to tour Hunterston Castle. Once a date was confirmed with Pauline Fraser, the Castle tour guide, we booked our accommodations at the Tigh na Ligh guesthouse in Largs, a short drive from Hunterston. And, considering the size of our van (small), the number of passengers (7), and pieces of luggage (more than 7), we were happy that Glasgow International Airport is not far from Largs!

Largs is a small town nestled between the Firth of Clyde and the sloping Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park. After unloading ourselves and our luggage from the van to our rooms at the guesthouse, we enjoyed stretching our limbs with a walk along the lovely promenade and greenspace along the Clyde. There was quite a stiff breeze as well, which was refreshing to our jet-lagged selves. We had no destination in mind, just a walk around to get a feel for the town. Along the way we took note of The George, a traditional pub on Main Street, where we decided to stop in for drinks and supper. On the menu was fried haggis balls served with a whisky sauce, which the brave among us shared. Delicious!! The pub wasn't crowded at first, but eventually folks started to drift in. Unlike here in the States where strangers don't join your table, an empty space was an invitation for anyone to sit down. This practice lends itself to making new friends, and we made several as the evening wore on. The conversation eventually turned to the recent vote on separation. Most said they were against it out of concern for their pensions. (I learned later that Largs is a retirement destination.) Nonetheless, there was still a large blue "Yes" sign bobbing and spinning on a buoy in the middle of the Firth. And, I picked up some remaining "Yes" vote swag at a nearby shop as souvenirs.

Our appointment at the Castle was for Noon Saturday. Our GPS took us on the scenic route to Hunterston, which we learned on our way back how quick and direct the route really is. The approach to the Castle is a long, winding avenue, lined on either side by trees and woodland. Then, a clearing and suddenly, there it is, an ancient sandstone pele tower surrounded by a

lush green lawn. One of the first things I noted was that the Chief's flag was flying from the pole atop the tower, which typically means that Madam Pauline is present. Not wanting to be overly optimistic, I considered perhaps it simply hadn't yet been taken down after some event. Much to my absolute delight, Ms. Fraser told us that Madam Pauline, and Graham, were indeed there! I regretted that I had not packed my kilt.



Ms. Fraser gave a very informative tour of the Castle that was especially beneficial to our first-timers and a great treat to us who had been before. As many of you know, the modern entrance to the Castle is through a large wooden door fitted with metal studs and opened by a very large key, leading to a cellar now paved over with concrete. However, one can still see a darker circle in the concrete where the ancient well used to be. In the vaulted ceiling above is a hatchway, the original entrance, from which a ladder would be drawn up or let down, depending on your intentions. Up the stone circular stairs to the next level brings you to the living room on the left and the great hall on your right. The living room's most prominent furniture, brought back from a honeymoon in Bavaria by prior laird, is a round table having an ivory inlay of a hunting scene at its center and a set of chairs made from antlers. The chairs are, of course, upholstered in Hunter tartan. Another flight of stairs leads up to the one and only bedroom, in which the family and their attendants and guests would all have slept in former times. It is presently outfitted with a bed that may have been typical of the period when the Castle was built. It's a pretty small room, but that would have made it cozy during the damp nights. The stairs to



L – R: Aaron Childs, Paul Rattelle, Wendy Dumphy, Christine Childs, Madam Pauline, Don Childs, Edith Childs, Pauline Fraser, Jeanie Rattelle, Graham

the next level up brings us to the topmost room, which was likely used as quarters by the guards and later on as a multi-purpose room for spinning and weaving, and other household activities. Some, or most, of the hand-hewn rafters and wall pieces supporting them are original to the Castle! From that room, a thick wooden door leads out to the parapets, lending a commanding view of the area, including of the Clyde, where a lookout could readily spot an enemy approach.

After our tour, we met Madam Pauline and Graham in the great hall. Various replica medieval armaments and gear have been added to complement the ambiance, but the original charter granting the lands to the Hunters is on display. In that same case is a replica of the famous Hunterston brooch, which is quite large, found during excavations in the 1830s. Placed on the trestle table is a very impressive wooden scale model of the Castle, made by Jim Miller a few years ago. It must have taken him quite some time to build it! After formal introductions, Madam Pauline explained that she and Graham were there filming a promo for a new version of "Stramash," a classic game of strategy (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZeszmzCfWc0E>). Meanwhile, they were extremely gracious while we took probably a hundred pictures of various combinations of them and with us, both inside and outside. After our formal tour of the Castle was completed, we were invited to take our time and visit the large walled garden. Much work has been done in recent years, but still standing proud and tall remains the historic yew tree, from which our ancestors' bows and arrows were hewn.

After we said our good-byes, we drove to the village of West Kilbride for lunch. We were delighted to find still open a wonderful pastry shop we remembered from our last visit, where we bought some tasty meat pies and bridies. Back to Largs and more walking about to soak up just being in Scotland. Since we had enjoyed The George so much the night before, we stopped in again. It was quite crowded, but our new friends were there and made room for us to join them. I have found that one of the many advantages of travel is meeting so many friendly people, who are just as interested in learning about us as we are about them. Next time you travel, make it a point to go off the beaten path and mingle with the locals, especially at a pub. Believe me, it will add greatly to your enjoyment of your trip!

The next morning it was time to depart for the Trossachs, for the next leg of our journey. It was quite a scene, much to our hosts' amusement, as we packed ourselves and our luggage into the van again. It was a logistical tour de force!

Our travels took us to many of Scotland's must-sees: mid-country to Bannockburn and the Wallace Monument, Stirling Castle, and Edinburgh, and to distillery tours, the Jacobite train, the Cairngorms, Culloden and Glencoe in the Highlands. Remarkable improvements had been made to many of the historic sites since our last visit. The visitors' center at Bannockburn now has interactive exhibits, including a battle room where groups of visitors role-play different parts on both sides of the field. (The end result is probably the same each time: the Scots take the day!) The royal chambers at Stirling Castle have been completely restored to what they may have looked like during King James V's reign, and the kitchen now has mannequins and food props to display the work-a-day life in a royal household. Finally, the Culloden visitors' center now has an expanded museum and interpretive displays with participants' accounts, and in the theater an immersion film puts you on the field in the midst of the battle.

As we drove through Greenock from Largs on the way to the rest of our adventure, I couldn't help but think of our own Hunter forebears, who left Greenock so many years ago to begin their own adventure in the New World. I know they never returned, but I hope that by our returning, and honoring our heritage, that they in some small measure have.

– Wendy Dumphy



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Calvin Hunter lost his almost 101-year-old mother, **Hilda Hunter**, on January 22 of this year. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on March 9, 1915. Her family farmed in Hamilton, Ohio, then she and her husband farmed in Cincinnati until his death in 2000. When the family farm was sold to a developer, the residential streets were named for Hunterston and other parts of Scotland.

We extend our sincere sympathy to her extended family, and especially to our members Calvin and Cathy Hunter.

HUNTERSTON HAPPENINGS

by Donna Hunter

Still available! Mail a check for \$15 each + \$5 (to cover shipping for up to 3 copies) made out to:

**Clan Hunter USA
Pat Hunter
21360 Faceville Lane
Summerdale, AL 36580**

You will enjoy this beautifully illustrated book, and it would make a wonderful gift for your child or grandchild.

The books have been donated to Clan Hunter USA, and the organization will retain all the proceeds.

Thanks again, Donna!

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CLAN HUNTER USA TREASURER REPORT

Beginning Balance 12/31/2015	\$ 16,673
Cash Receipts	6,489
Cash Disbursements:	
Hunterston Castle Preservation.....	(2,910)
Newsletters, Postage, New Member Packets, Supplies	(1,887)
Highland Games	(290)
Website	(69)
Ending Balance 06/30/2015	\$ 18,006

Please send in your tax deductible 2016 annual dues of \$25 to Brad Hunter, Treasurer, Clan Hunter USA, 2501 Macy Drive, Roswell, Georgia 30076, if you haven't already. You can also pay online at www.clanhunterusa.org. Thank you for your support of Clan Hunter USA.

For those representing Clan Hunter USA at Highland Games, you can deduct all of your out-of-pocket expenses such as meals, lodging, travel, and sponsorship fees on your tax return as charitable contributions since Clan Hunter USA is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization.

– Brad Hunter, Treasurer, Clan Hunter USA

CLAN HUNTER USA COMING EVENTS!

CELTIC FAIRE & GAMES

Aberdeen, SD
Sept. 16 – 17, 2016
Host: Randy Knight
www.nesdcelticfaire.com



CHARLESTON SCOTTISH GAMES

Boone Hall Plantation
Charleston, SC
Sept. 17, 2016
Hosts: Jill & Scott Powell & Carl Hunter
www.charlestonscots.org

NIAGARA CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

Krull Park, Olcott Beach, NY
Sept. 17 – 18, 2016
Host: William Hunter
www.niagaraceltic.com

LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES

Ligonier, Pennsylvania
Sept. 24, 2016
Hostess: Virginia Hunter Bouchard
www.ligonierhighlandgames.org

STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Stone Mountain, GA (Atlanta area)
Oct. 14 – 16, 2016
Hosts: Brad Hunter & Greg Slaton
www.smhg.org

SCOTS ON THE ROCKS

(Red Rocks, that is!)
Moab, Utah
November 4 – 6
Host: Dr. Denis Hunter
www.scotsontherocksmoab.com

ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK

Alexandria, VA
Dec. 2 – 4, 2016
Host: Virginia Hunter Bouchard
www.scottishchristmaswalk.org

POTENTIAL CLAN MEMBERS

Calvin and Cathy Hunter are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, **Cade Alexander Hunter Eken**, born September 18, 2015. His parents are Mindy and Phil Eken. Welcome to this world, Cade, and we hope to welcome you into Clan Hunter USA when you become a little older!

Clan members Charles and Margaret Hunter III welcomed a new granddaughter into their family on August 15, 2015! This little lassie is named **Caroline Elizabeth Hunter** and lives with her parents in Gainesville, Florida. She will make a beautiful addition to Clan Hunter USA in the future!

A NOTABLE QUOTE

John Muir, April 21, 1838, – December 24, 1914, was a Scottish environmentalist, naturalist, and founder of The Sierra Club. During his extensive travels in the United States, he was in contact with then president Teddy Roosevelt. These two men of like mind agreed that much of the vast beautiful resources ought to be preserved and set aside for the general public to enjoy. He was instrumental in getting our National Park System started. As this is the 100th anniversary of The National Park System, we thought it appropriate to include one of his famous quotes. It illustrates how much he enjoyed and appreciated our great outdoors!

“Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.”

– John Muir

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100,000 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Lawrence Hunter & Lake Perry
Cazadero, CA

Gary & Anne O'Connell
Charlottesville, VA

Stephen & Laura Hans
Albany, NY

Glen & Barbara Gregory
Mexico, MO

Kem & Etta Hunter
Index, WA

James & Martha Akrop
Reno, NV

Virginia Hunter Bassett
Richmond, MO

Gerald & Lisa Pohlmeier
Georgetown, TX

Joel Lake Hunter
Cave Spring, GA

John & Betty Hunter
Lebanon, MO

Alana M. Murphy
Gloucester, MA

Travis & Ashley Hunter
West Sacramento, CA

Michelle Kelley
Chelmsford, MA

Thomas & Caitlin O'Connell
Lynnfield, MA

Shane & Debbie Hunter
Omaha, NE

Carson & Jocelyn Hunter
Jenner, CA

Robert & Elizabeth O'Connell
Boulder, CO

Dr. Charles & Shannon Hunter
Panama City, FL

Cheryl Ann Bond Blycker
Murray, UT

John & Amanda O'Connell
Richmond, VA

Naomi Hunter McAdow
Halstead, KS

Georgia A. Hunter Patrie
Phillips, WI

Bradley C. Hunter
Wichita, KS

Sheila Murphy
Gloucester, MA

Ruth E. Lohmeyer
Myrtle Beach, SC

Charles & Margaret Hunter III
Gainesville, FL

NEW ADDRESS?

If your mailing address changes, **please** make it a priority to inform us so that you won't miss an issue of *The Hunter's Horn*! If you are SNOWBIRDS, please notify us of your winter and summer addresses. When contacting us about address changes, please give us your old and new addresses. Sometimes there are several members with the same name! Just email us at melandpat@gulftel.com or call us at 251-989-2881, and we will change your address(es) on our roll. It will only take a few minutes, and we will be able to keep our roster current.

Thanks so much!

Pat Hunter, Secretary, Clan Hunter USA

WE HAVE MOVED

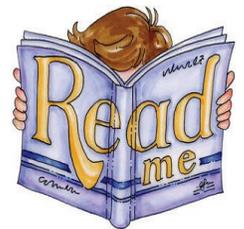


SCOTTISH BOOK REVIEW

Always Room for One More

By Sorche Nic Leodhas

Illustrated by Nonny Hogrogian



This charming wee children's story was adapted from a popular Scottish song which was preserved by oral tradition. Though directed at children, it has a very practical application as well – HOSPITALITY! (of which the Scots are masters)

The title pretty much tells the tale – though there are a couple of wonderful surprises! Your child or grandchild will enjoy it and have as much fun hearing it (and singing it) as you will have reading it aloud (preferably in a Scottish accent).

Always Room for One More is a Caldecott Medal winner, and I believe it will be a winner with your family too!

– Pat Hunter