



THE HUNTER'S HORN

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Entrance to Hunterston Castle



Hunterston Castle

MEL'S MESSAGE

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the nice "warm" days of summer. When I checked Scotland's weather this afternoon, the temperature at Hunterston was 60 degrees Fahrenheit, about 35 degrees cooler than here on the US Gulf Coast. Next year we can enjoy some of those cool days together. Madam Pauline has invited all of us to join her at Hunterston for the Clan Hunter International Gathering which will be held Friday, July 20 through Sunday, July 22, 2012. The gatherings always provide opportunities for meeting and getting to know Hunters of common ancestry from many parts of the world. Madam Pauline and other members of the UK organization have planned a variety of interesting activities including storytelling, reenactments, pipe band music, buffet meals, and evening dinner with Scottish entertainment. In addition to the activities at Hunterston, a bus tour of the Isle of Arran has been arranged for July 23. The bus will leave from Hunterston at about 8:00 AM, sail to Arran via ferry and tour around the island stopping for lunch and places of interest. Speaking from experience, this is a trip worth taking, and the cost, twenty pounds per person, excluding food, is very reasonable. Hopefully Clan Hunter, USA, will be well represented at the gathering. It is not too early to start making plans and reservations. There is additional information and a booking form in this newsletter. If Pat or I can be of help, please free to contact us.

This year we have added fifty-eight new members to our roll! Thanks to those who have enrolled children and grandchildren, represented Clan Hunter, USA, at Scottish events, and maintained our website, and Madam Pauline, Bill Hunter, and Peter Hunter of Scotland for the new member referrals they have made. We also appreciate Bill Hunter's efforts in conducting tours of Hunterston for many of our clan members.

Thanks to our members who have well represented Clan Hunter at Scottish Festivals this year. Dave Brest represented us at the Ohio Scottish Games in Wellington, Jonathan Hunter Aldredge at Utah festivals in Lehi and Payson, and Brad Hunter and Greg Slaton at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. Other games scheduled this year are listed in the Coming Events section of this newsletter.

I look forward to meeting many of you in person at Hunterston next summer!

-Mel Hunter

2012 HUNTERSTON GATHERING

The next international gathering at Hunterston will be held July 20 – 22, 2012. Hopefully this information will be of help, especially to clan members who have never visited Hunterston.

BOOKING FORM

Complete the enclosed booking form and mail it with your payment to Madam Pauline Hunter. Currency exchange rates can be found on the web or at your local bank.

DAY TRIP TO ARRAN

In addition to the gathering activities at Hunterston, a day trip via bus and ferry to the Isle of Arran has been planned for Monday, July 23. The bus will leave Hunterston at 8:00AM, travel to Ardrossan, and board a ferry for Arran. Because of its variable landscapes, highland and lowland areas with beautiful shoreline, Arran is known as Scotland in miniature.

ACCOMODATIONS

Bed and Breakfasts, which are reasonably priced, and hotels, are found in nearby towns of Largs, West Kilbride, Fairlie, Seamill, and Ardrossan. Largs, located about six mi from Hunterston, offers the largest selection. We have had good results using the web to make reservations. The Scottish Tourist Board site is www.visitscotland.com or just GOOGLE Bed & Breakfast, Largs, UK, (or other town of choice). We found a book on Scottish B & B's at a local book store, and they may be available at your library. Booking as far in advance as possible is recommended. Summer Olympics, to be held in London, July 27 – Aug 12, 2012, may impact tourism in Scotland.

GETTING TO HUNTERSTON

FROM GLASGOW/PAISLEY AIRPORT BY CAR

Per Google Maps, go north on St. Andrews Dr for 154 ft., exit traffic circle onto White Cart Rd, go .1 mi to traffic circle and take 2nd exit onto Sanderling Rd, go .2 mi to traffic circle and take 1st exit onto ramp to Greenock/Linwood/ A740/ M8/M898, go .7 mi to traffic circle and take 2nd exit onto A737 ramp to Irvine, go .5 mi and merge onto A737, stay on A737 for 7.9 mi and at Roadhead Roundabout take 3rd exit onto A760, go 4.7 mi to traffic circle and take 3rd exit onto Church Rd S/A760, go .1 mi and turn left onto School Wynd/A760, go 8.6 mi and turn left onto Irvine Rd/A78 (coastal road), go 4 mi to Hunterston Roundabout and take 2nd exit, go about two mi and turn right at Hunterston entrance sign on right. Travel time is about 35 -40 minutes.

FROM THE AIRPORT VIA RAIL

Take bus (runs every 10 min.) from the airport to the Paisley Gilmour Street Train Station and take train to West Kilbride, which is about two mi from Hunterston. Rail travel time is about 35 min. except during weekday morning & evening peak times. Taxi service from West Kilbride to Hunterston is available.

FROM THE AIRPORT VIA BUS

Bus service is available in front of the airport terminal.

FROM GLASGOW CENTRAL STATION VIA RAIL

Service from Glasgow Central Station to West Kilbride is hourly and takes about 50 min. except during weekday morning and evening peak times.

SCOTTISH HERITAGE USA

Membership in this organization is inexpensive and has a lot to offer. Benefits include free admission to The National Trust for Scotland properties throughout Scotland and subscriptions to *The Highlander* and *Scotland in Trust* magazines. The dues are tax deductible except for the part that covers the price of the magazines. Trust properties close to Hunterston include the Bachelors' Club, Brodic Castle on Arran, Goatfell on Arran, Culzean Castle and Souter Johnnie's Cottage. To join go to www.scottishheritageusa.org

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Covers medical expenses, medical evacuation, lost baggage, delayed flight and is inexpensive.

HELP

If you have questions, please contact Mel or Pat at 251-971-2881 or melandpat@gulftel.com

U. S. CLAN MEMBERS AT HUNTERSTON



**Marjory Hunter Flowers on Castle Ramparts
A HUNTER'S EYE VIEW**

On a beautiful sunny spring afternoon I caught a "Hunter's Eye View" of our ancestral home. Daffodils swayed in a slight breeze, sheep munched on sweet new grass, sun dappled on the centuries-old stones of Hunterston, and in the stillness it was a perfect time to imagine figures from the past moving slowly along the pathways. My guide was the delightful Bill Hunter, a local gentleman who is a wonderful source of information, with a passion for all things "Hunter!" He is indeed a clan treasure, with a genuine love for what he does.

After climbing to the ramparts of the keep, walking in the walled garden reminiscing of times past, and traveling down the driveway to the magnificent family home, I was entranced! I have always loved history, and the ingenuity of the building, the sense of generations standing on that cold stone, and the awareness of the love and care that protects it now, made me feel that I truly belonged. If you have any thought of seeing "the homeland", of setting foot on ancestral soil, if you have ever wondered about your heritage, I urge you to take the next step and start planning now to visit Hunterston for the Clan Gathering of 2012 - July 20-22. It will be an unforgettable weekend, you will "grow" your roots, you will meet clan members (family you didn't know you had), and you will have the opportunity to visit other beautiful and interesting parts of Scotland. One thing is certain - you will certainly receive "ceud mille failte" - a hundred thousand welcomes!

-Marjory Hunter Flowers

A GOLFER'S DREAM

Sam and Dixie Hunter Saunders, who make their home in Buckeye, Arizona, recently made a stop at Hunterston on their way to St. Andrews. Dixie said, "I would like to thank William Hunter for showing us Hunterston Castle. It was beautiful. There was a lot more rain than we are used to, but we always had our umbrellas handy."

Sam won the trip to Scotland by participating in the Annual Fiesta Bowl Million Dollar Hole-in-One contest. Thirty-four golfers qualified for the contest during two weeks of preliminaries at the Arizona Biltmore Country

Club. No one won the million dollar prize. However, Sam finished second and selected as his prize three nights at Fairmont, St. Andrews and the opportunity to play the Old Course. Congratulations Sam and Dixie. Sam, we hope you win the million dollar prize next year.



Dixie Saunders at Hunterston Castle



Sam Saunders at St. Andrews

HUNTERSTON TOUR

During a recent trip to Scotland, Ric and Jan Hunter from Burnsville, NC and Ric's brother, Dr. John S. Hunter, from Washington, D. C. enjoyed a tour of Hunterston Castle and Manor House conducted by Richard Hunter. Thank you for sharing your pictures.



Jan Hunter



Dr. John Hunter, Jan Hunter, Richard Hunter



Ric Hunter



Bill Hunter

**WELCOME TO
HUNTERSTON CASTLE!**

Hello, my name is Bill Hunter, and I would love to show you around Hunterston! Some Clan Hunter members have been disappointed when they attempted to tour Hunterston but had not made previous arrangements. It is not complicated; just write me a note or an email and we will set up an appointment! My address is:

Mr. William Hunter, o.r.h.
Overton Crescent
West Kilbride
KA23 9HG
UK

Email address: w.hunter889@btinternet.com



Archers at Hunterston



**Greg Slaton, Jack Mobley, Laura (Julia's daughter)
Julia Stephens, Brad Hunter**



**Front: Greg Slaton, Brad Hunter,
Back: Andrew Dauphinee, Laura (Julia's daughter)**

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GAMES

Clan Hunter returned to the Grandfather Mountain Games for the first time in ten years for the 56th annual games on July 7-10, 2011. The games were held at MacRae Meadows in the shadow of beautiful Grandfather Mountain in western North Carolina. All of the clan tents were located around the athletic field where most of the events took place. There were many amateur events with much participation such as pole vault, wrestling, long jump, high jump, and running contests like a five-mile race to the summit of Grandfather Mountain and back called the "Bear." Greg Slaton well represented Clan Hunter in the opening torchlight ceremony on Thursday night. We also attended the sponsors' reception and gala on Friday night and the Celtic rock concert on Saturday night. Believe it or not, it was really cold at night up on Grandfather Mountain.

We had 21 people sign in at our tent and six new members join. They are Michael and Juliann Hunter from Cutler Bay, FL, Andrew Dauphinee from Trussville, AL, Linda and Gary Schatz from Fort Mill, SC, and Charles Hunt, Jr. from Arcadia, SC. We also welcomed Jack Mobley and Julia Stephens who had previously hosted the Clan Hunter tent at Grandfather Mountain. Julia's daughter, Laura, carried the Hunter tartan in the parade of tartans on Sunday, and Andrew Dauphinee carried his grandfather's Scottish regimental banner from WWII.

We had a great time and hope to see more Hunter clan members at future games.

-Brad Hunter & Greg Slaton

CLAN HUNTER IN THE BEEHIVE STATE

Representation was present at two Scottish events in Utah this summer. First, at the Utah Scottish Festival in Lehi and second at the Payson Scottish Festival. My wife Karlie and I have enjoyed our first booth-hosting experience. Both events provided venues for highland games, bagpipe competitions and performances, dance performances and a display from many of the Caledonian clans.

The Lehi event is the largest of its kind in Utah. It was held on July 10-11, 2011 at Thanksgiving Point. The event included the largest gathering of clans in the state.

Clan Hunter was once again among them. A bold step into the future was integrated into the display. For the first time to my knowledge, QR codes were utilized to provide additional information associated with the clan display. Using a mobile phone enabled to read the code, links to websites and information can be provided without having to enter in the entire address. Many visitors stopped to look, beginning with their interest in the funny looking images. The opening ceremony was held at dusk incorporating a parade of clans and a unifying torch-lighting ceremony. It was a pleasant event with a few inquiring minds and visitors along with some support from family and new friends.

The Payson event is much more intimate in scale and character. It was held on July 8-9, 2011. The main venue filled the city park in the town of Payson, which is populated with many beautiful large trees. Fewer clans were present, but the support for first time booth hosts at both events was enthusiastic and plentiful. The festival began with a parade down Main street with clan representatives interspaced between the various pipe bands. Clan Hunter followed after the Wasatch and District pipe band led by Pipe Major Douglas Hunter, a member of Clan Hunter. He was present at both events performing and competing with his band and, when time permitted, visited the clan booth.

We are glad for the opportunity we have to be associated with Clan Hunter and to be present here in our home state. Many thanks to Mel and Pat Hunter and Dennis Hunter for their support and assistance in providing ideas and some materials for establishing our booth.

-Jonathan Hunter Alldredge



Clan Hunter Tent - Utah Scottish Festival



Jonathan Hunter Alldredge and Wife Karlie

**CEUD MILLE FAILTE
100,000 WELCOMES TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

Paul Russell Hunter
Federal Way, WA

Margaret Jane Heath
Palo Alto, CA

Scott & Andrea Flowers
Lee's Summit, Mo

Robert & Manressa Hunter
Bellvue, NE

T.J. Peter Hunter
Indianapolis, IN

Steven & Caroline Hunter
Old Greenwich, CT

Andrew J. Hunter
Arlington, VA

Jill M. Hunter
South Bend, IN

Charles A. Hunter
Mount Laurel, NJ

Stephen A. & Kerrie L. Turner
Sugar Hill, GA

Roger & Sandra Hunter
Bedford, IN

Quinn Hunter Grisanti
Charleston, SC

Dr. John S. Hunter
Washington, DC

Ric & Janice Hunter
Burnsville, NC

David & Margie Hunter
Sparta, TN

Gary & Linda Schatz
Ft. Mill, SC

John L. & Katherine E. Adams
Stapleton, GA

Gregory & Kimberly Martin
Smyrna, GA

Russell & Kathy Flowers
Navarre, FL

Ryan G. Hunter
Wrentham, MA

John E. & Donna Hunter
Myrtle Creek, OR

Thomas W.J. Hunter
New Bern, NC

Charles E. & Cynthia Hunter
Ashburn, VA

David S. & Heidi Hunter
Winter Springs, FL

Heidi M. Leerkamp

East Sydney, IL

Sam & Dixie Saunders
Buckeye, AZ

Christopher & Barbara Snow
Summerton, SC

Douglas L. Hunter
Salt Lake City, UT

Christopher R. Hunter
Baytown, TX

Donald C. Hunter
Schaumburg, IL

Charles W. Hunt, Jr.
Arcadia, SC

Michael & Juliann Hunter
Cutler Bay, FL

Andrew Dauphinee
Trussville, AL

Michael J Hannan
Gales Ferry, CT

Donovan Lyman
Tacoma, Washington

David R. & Judith D. Murray
Ann Arbor, MI

Jeffery D. & Jill E. Hunter
Johns Creek, GA

2011 OHIO SCOTTISH GAMES

On the weekend of June 24-25, 2011, we again raised the banner of Clan Hunter at the Ohio Scottish Games in Wellington, Ohio. For the seventh year, we erected the Clan Hunter tent, festooned with flags and the walls displaying facts about our Clan's history, both ancient and modern. In addition, there were pictures of the Clan seat at Hunterston. On our table there was more information, as well as our "Clan Sheep", a small stuffed animal, wearing a swatch of Hunter tartan, for the "reiving game" that was being played by the children visitors to the Games. We also had applications for the Clan Hunter USA, and many passers-by who enquired about our Clan, with conversations and connection/contacts in regard to genealogy.

Although general attendance was down from last year because of impending bad weather and fuel prices, we were able to muster 35 Clans (only two fewer than last year), and had 13 pipe and drum bands in the massed-bands performance. One special bright spot was the traditional visit to our Clan tent by the representative of Clan Muirhead. He extended the *Hand of Fellowship* in recognition of the historic bonds between our two Clans, and in accordance with the expressed wishes of our respective Clan Chiefs. While there we both recounted the story to all within earshot of how our Chiefs had stood and died together at Flodden, and of how Clan Hunter has opened our Clan Seat in Scotland to Clan Muirhead in friendship, as Muirhead is currently without an ancestral home. In addition to the Hand of Friendship, they also

brought a dozen great-tasting home-made scones !!!

Our youngest member this year was my 10-month-old granddaughter, Alexandra, who heard her very first pipe band, and then gleefully watched the Highland dancing. She thoroughly enjoyed every sound and moment, and has committed (?) to take Highland dance lessons as soon as she can enroll !! She is well on her way to becoming true Hunter and imbued in our rich heritage.

We proudly took part in the torch-light Gathering of the Clans, on Friday night, and the Parade of Tartans on Saturday. I am happy to say that Clan Hunter is a well-known and active participant in the Clan activities of the Ohio Games, and we will continue to do our best to honour our fellow Hunters into the future.

-Dave Brest

SCOTTISH BOOK REVIEW

A DANCE CALLED AMERICA

Author: James Hunter

Angus MacDonald was born in Torridon in Wester Ross, Scotland, and in 1839, at the age of twenty-three, became an apprentice clerk for The Hudson's Bay Company where the city of Colville, Washington, now stands. "He was a rather good-looking man, wrote one of Angus Macdonald's fur-trading acquaintances, about six feet in height, straight and slim, but said to be wiry and strong. He had a dark complexion, with long jet-black hair reaching to his shoulders, and a thick, long and very black moustache. He wore a dressed deerskin shirt and pants, a regattor or roving shirt, and had a black silk handkerchief tied loosely around his neck. He read a great deal and was well up in the politics of the day. His native language was Gaelic and he was very fond of singing or chanting Gaelic songs or verses he improvised. He was excessively fond of the life of Native Americans and would rather live in a tent or lodge than in a house. He could talk several Indian languages and lived a long time among the Indians." In 1842, while stationed at Fort Hall, in what is now Montana, Angus met and married Catherine, a woman belonging to the Nez Perce tribe. In *A Dance Called America*, James Hunter provides interesting accounts of Angus MacDonald and the thousands of other Scottish Highlanders who emigrated to The United States and Canada during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Hunter, who lives on the Isle of Skye, is a journalist, historian, broadcaster and award-winning author. As an authority on the Highlands and Islands of Scotland he explains various issues that caused the emigration of so many Highlanders to North America. Some left their home country, with money, in search of better opportunities. Sadly, because of the clearances and other unfavorable conditions, many of them were forced to leave with little more than the clothes they wore. Some did not survive the voyage, and many were left stranded on remote coastlines in the middle of winter. Others wrote home with a glowing account of life in North America encouraging others to join them.

Detailed research, which included many North American publications and correspondence from family archives, carried him to many parts of The United States and Canada. He tells about the achievements of the Highlanders and the significant part they played in shaping North America. He tells about the hardships they endured, the businesses and

communities they started and the actual experiences of explorers, farmers fur traders, soldiers and lumberjacks. The story of North America's past was brought alive as I read about the descendants of Highland emigrants who still live on the lands their ancestors settled. I highly recommend this book, which is more than a history lesson, to anyone of Scottish decent. You will not be bored with statistics.

-Mel Hunter

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Clinton Popham, Sr., grandson of Oscar & Anna Hunter died on July 10, 2011 in Kentucky.

Florence C. Hunter of Elizabeth, NJ, passed away in April of 2010.

Merry B. Flanagan of Corvallis, OR, a former Clan Hunter member, died. Our condolences to the families of these dear ones.

FUTURE MEMBERS

Quinn Hunter Grisanti was born on April 1, 2011. She is the granddaughter of Christopher & Barb Snow, new Clan Hunter members. They have gifted Quinn with Clan Hunter membership, making her our youngest member! Welcome Quinn, and congratulation to her parents and grandparents! Enjoy wearing the Hunter tartan ribbon in your hair, Quinn!

Alexandra Faith Justice arrived on August 23, 2010. Her grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Dave Brest. Dave, who plays the bagpipes, represents Clan Hunter, USA, at the Ohio games. The baby's parents are JJ & Kim Justice. We understand that Alexandra is already pointing her toes and keeping time with the bagpipe in preparation for participation in Highland Dancing! Dave says she has it in her DNA! Way to go, Alexandra!

TREASURER'S REPORT

2011 dues of \$25 were due in January. Please pay your dues if you haven't already. You can send a check to me at 2501 Macy Dr., Roswell, GA 30076 or pay online at our website www.clanhunterusa.org I sent a check for \$1,880, representing one-half of our 2011 collected dues, on April 25 to our Clan Chief to help support Hunterston Castle in Scotland. The balance in our bank account at 7/15/2011 is \$21,687. Some of you who joined in the early years of Clan Hunter, USA were given certificates indicating that you were a life member of the clan. It was never the intent that this meant you do not have to pay annual dues. We can't survive as an organization if we don't receive funds every year from the membership. Thank you for your support.

-Brad Hunter, Treasurer



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Clan Hunter, USA member **Michael J. Hannan** of Gales Ferry, CT, is researching his family roots and would appreciate genealogy information on his maternal grandmother, Susan Batterberry nee Hunter, of Castletownroche, County Cork, Ireland. If you have information on Michael's ancestors, please contact him at mhannan23@tvccconnect.net

GENEALOGY REQUEST

Clan Hunter Gathering
Hunterston, West Kilbride, Scotland
July 20-22, 2012
Host: Madam Pauline of Hunterston

Stone Mountain Highland Games
Stone Mtn, Ga (Atlanta area)
Oct. 14-16, 2011
Hosts: Brad Hunter & Greg Slaton

Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Festival
Estes Park, CO
Sept. 8-11, 2011
Host: Dennis Hunter

COMING EVENTS

Homecoming Scotland 2014
Locations to be announced
Dates to be announced
Search Homecoming Scotland on the web

Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk
Alexandria, VA
Dec. 3, 2011

Niagara Celtic Heritage & Highland Games
Olcott, NY
Sept. 17-18, 2011
Host: Jay Bradway
To help, contact: jaybradway@yahoo.com



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