



# THE HUNTER'S HORN

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## HUNTER CLAN GATHERING 2012

On behalf of Clan Hunter, USA, we would like to thank Madam Pauline and others who had a part in making the gathering such a big success! The activities were entertaining and educational, and the food was excellent. Prior to the gathering, Pat and I, my sister, Janice, and her husband, Larry, visited the Hunterian Museum (Glasgow University) where Dr. William Hunter's medical and other collections are displayed. Viewing the works of such a famous doctor of common ancestry reminded us of our proud Hunter heritage and the importance of preserving it. To me, that is what the gatherings at Hunterston are about.

Madam Pauline opened the gathering with a warm welcome and several presentations. She awarded Ian Hunter The Order of the Royal Huntsman for his contributions to The Hunter Clan, gave each clan officer's wife a beautiful brooch, and each family represented a colored print of the castle. Rev. Victor Hunter gave the invocation, and Peter Hunter, UK Webmaster/Secretary, made a very interesting talk on the history of the Hunters. After the opening, everyone enjoyed tours of the castle and walled garden, and meeting old friends and making new ones. The day ended with a delicious buffet supper prepared and served by a local caterer.

We arrived back at Hunterston on Saturday morning to find Sir Hugh and his Renaissance Troupe set up in the field before the castle. Male members of the group were attired in primitive battle dress and, like any good soldier, kept their weapons handy. Muskets, swords, pole arms, long bows, and cross bows were the weapons of choice. We gathered around them for a very interesting, educational, and entertaining presentation on the development and use of primitive weaponry. Smoke and noise from firing the muskets made it easy to vicariously place oneself on the battlefield. Hunter Clan members were invited to test their skill with the long bow. Bows were carefully loaded, drawn and aimed. Many spent arrows hit the target, proving the Hunters were able defenders of the castle.

Carol, a member of the troupe played the part of the queen's lady-in-waiting. She educated us on makeup and hair dye of the period, both of which included many toxic ingredients such as lead. Using UK Clan Hunter member, Louise Hunter, as a model, Carol demonstrated how the lady-in-waiting would have dressed the queen.

On Saturday evening everyone met at the Masonic Lodge in West Kilbride. After a delicious dinner, we were entertained with traditional Scottish music by local musicians. When they stopped playing and singing about 9:00 PM, we thought the party was over. Boy were we

wrong. . .it was just getting started! Volunteers cleared the middle of the floor of tables and chairs for Scottish Country Dancing, and everyone was invited to dance. I guess you could say a ceilidh broke out. One of the musicians gave brief instructions prior to each dance. Some dancers did not miss a step and were always willing to guide those with less experience. The main thing was that everyone who danced, young and mature (old) had fun, and the audience enjoyed watching. About 11:00 PM we held hands in a big circle and sang Auld Lang Syne.

On Sunday there were more castle tours, a nice lunch, and entertainment by the Isle of Cumbrae RBLs Pipe Band. We met in the tent for a church service conducted by Rev. Victor Hunter and a Scottish minister. After the service, Dr. Susen Hunter read the following poem..

### THE HUNTER OF HUNTERSTON

By Dr. Susen A. Hunter

I am blessed with a name ten hundred years old  
Yet HUNTER is not just a name but a way of life  
For a Hunter is first and foremost a seeker and a searcher  
Successful in their quest no matter what strife.  
I am blessed with a name that was called out by kings  
A name allied with honor, and courage, and heart  
The Hunters were there at the beginning dawn  
They helped to give Scotland her start  
I am blessed with a tartan whose colours grand  
Are deep Blue for the sky above and the sea beside  
With bright White for the stars that guided the night  
And lush green for the Scottish countryside  
Look at your kilts my Scottish kin  
The Gold thread is for crowns of Royalty  
Who called upon the Hunter Clan to serve  
And depended on their loyalty  
The last color is Red for Hunter blood  
That through our veins freely flows  
And calls us back to our sacred land  
No matter what current lands we know  
Like fish who must return to their place of birth  
We find ourselves drawn to Hunterston  
Some find it when they are in their youth,  
Others hear a call later in life to come.  
I am blessed with a castle in Scotland  
Whose name I proudly bear today  
For I have a history that I can trace  
And whose stories I can relay  
I can touch the castle walls and feel  
The heartbeat of the ages past  
The Hunters have come and gone  
The connections to them is unsurpassed  
I am blessed with a heart that carries on  
As I travel through this life I know  
That I will succeed, I will find my way

Without doubt, Cursum Perficio

## ARRAN BUS TOUR

We all owe our gratitude to Bill Hunter, former Hunterston tour guide, for planning a wonderful bus tour of Arran. Thank you Bill! We woke up Monday morning to the sound of rain and wind. In spite of the weather, 47 Clan Hunter members met at Hunterston at 8:00 AM for a bus ride to Ardrossan, where we boarded a ferry for the crossing to Arran. After arriving, we once again braved the rain, boarded our bus, and were on our way to Brodick Castle. Driving a tour bus on the narrow roads of Arran requires at least as much skill as a 747 pilot. We were all amazed that the driver could squeeze past other vehicles we met with inches to spare and maneuver through openings that looked barely wide enough for a horse-drawn buggy. We saw one overturned bus. That made us appreciate our driver even more. Brodick Castle, with seascape and mountain views, is located in one of the most beautiful settings in Scotland. The original fortified tower was built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century with other additions as late as the 16<sup>th</sup> century. As we made our way through the castle, guides in each room shared a wee bit of history and answered questions. One of the guides reluctantly allowed Dr. Susen Hunter to serenade our tour group on a grand piano. What an unexpected treat! We could have spent the entire day touring the castle, woodland, walled gardens, and nature trails. However, it was raining, and we were scheduled to visit the Arran Distillery located in Lochranza, a town on the north coast. Our distillery tour began with a presentation by our guide, a short video, and of course, an invitation to sample the finished product. We found the whisky making process to be interesting but more complicated than one would expect. Once again we were back on the bus and making our way down the beautiful west coast and across the island to Brodick for the ferry ride back to Ardrossan. On arrival at Hunterston, all 47 of us gathered around our bus for photos. There were mixed emotions and many hugs and handshakes as the Hunter Clan 2012 Gathering ended and we said goodbye to people we consider to be part of our family.

by Mel Hunter

## TEMPORARILY AWAY?

If you plan to be away for an extended length of time, please email us your mailing address so that you will still receive *The Hunters Horn*. We have noticed that many of you are gone from the colder climes, because each time we mail out a winter edition of the newsletter, we have a good number of them returned. The post office returns them without any forwarding address. We try our best to track down members' addresses, but in most cases we are unsuccessful. Along with the January/February edition, we send the annual dues statement. Since many of you don't receive this edition, your dues reminder isn't received either. In some cases dues are in arrears several years.

So, PLEASE send us your alternate addresses, because we don't want to lose any of our Clan Hunter, USA members! A simple email to [melandpat@gulftel.com](mailto:melandpat@gulftel.com) will work!

## ADDRESS CHANGES

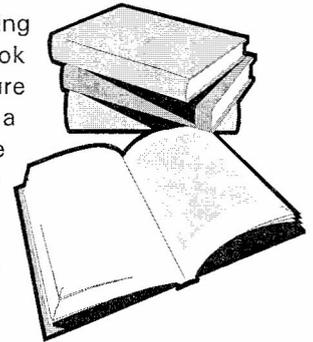
If you move from the address we have on file, please notify us! Each of our Clan Hunter, USA members is important to us, and we don't want to lose track of you! Email us at [melandpat@gulftel.com](mailto:melandpat@gulftel.com) or call us at 251-971-2881. Thanks!

## SCOTTISH BOOK REVIEW

My Heart's in the Highlands

Author: Melissa Wiley

Since we have been publishing *The Hunter's Horn*, all of our book reviews have been about literature geared toward adults. For a change of pace, we thought we would review a set of children's books with the thought that you may want to gift them to the children in your lives for Christmas or birthdays.



Many of you will be familiar with the "Little House on the Prairie" books by Laura Ingalls Wilder, but perhaps you didn't know that her great-grandmother, Martha Morse, was born and raised in Scotland!

Melissa Wiley has done a wonderful job of fleshing out Martha's story in her set of four books about "The Martha Years." *Little House in the Highlands* introduces Martha, a 6-year-old Scottish lass, in 1788. She is the daughter of Laird Glencaraid who lives in a stone house by a loch. Her adventures in *The Far Side of the Loch* continue the story of 7-year-old Martha. Her father and brothers are away from home a good bit, and her older sister is too busy to play with the bored and restless child, so she finds creative ways to fill her time. Next *Down to the Bonny Glen* finds Martha in adolescence, with a mother who has different expectations of her from those a few years before. This causes difficult choices for the rambunctious Miss Morse. In *Beyond the Heather Hills*, Martha does a bit of travel within Scotland, meets the boy who will eventually become her husband, and becomes an auntie.

Ms Wiley has provided children between the ages of 8 and 14 a wonderful way to learn about the customs and everyday life of 18<sup>th</sup> century Scotland. The books are entertaining enough for adults as well. I certainly enjoyed reading them myself!

The books are published by Harper Collins, and may be found at <http://www.harperchildrens.com> Be prepared to be thoroughly entertained!

by Pat Hunter

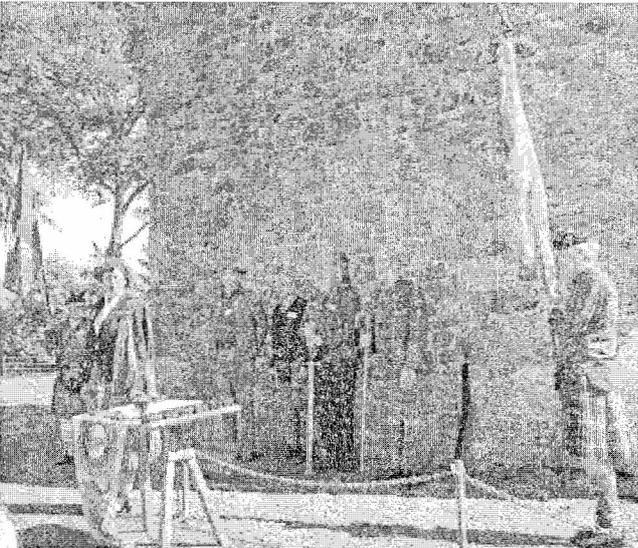
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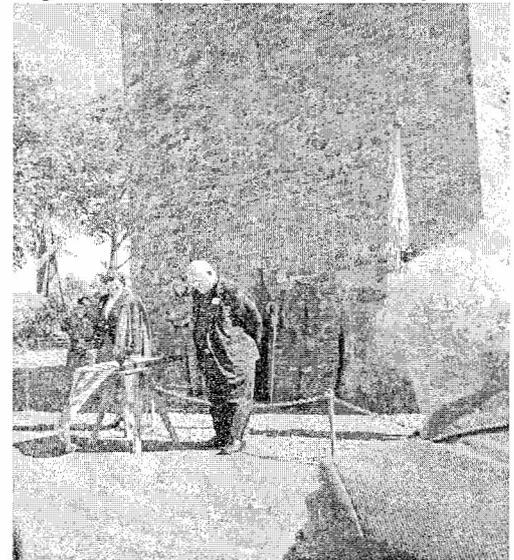
Getting reacquainted and meeting new friends.



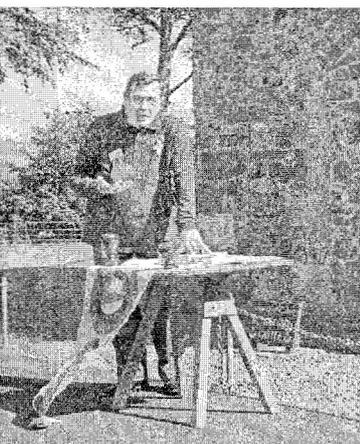
Assembling for the opening of The Gathering.



Madam Pauline Hunter offers a warm welcome, honors Ian Hunter with the Order of the Royal Huntsman award and presents lovely brooches to the wives of clan officers.



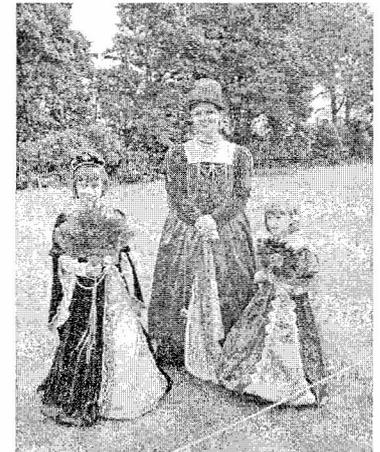
Invocation by Rev. Victor Hunter of Texas



History lesson on Hunter Clan by Peter Hunter, UK Webmaster was interesting and informative.



Dean and sons, Tate and Ethan, finish their meal while others in the tent enjoy fellowship.



Carol with Mary Queen of Scots (Torry) and her lady-in-waiting (Torry's sister, Isla).

## Grandfather Mountain Highland Games



Gary and Linda Hunter Schatz

The Hunter Clan was a sponsor for the 2nd year in a row at the 2012 Grandfather Mountain 57<sup>th</sup> annual Highland Games on July 12 – 15. It was a beautiful weekend except for a little rain, and we had 19 visitors sign in at our clan tent. Please welcome Delissa Parish from Tehuacana, TX, and Paige O'Shaughnessy from Virginia Beach, VA, who joined our clan during the games. Ms. O'Shaughnessy carried the Hunter tartan flag in the Parade of Tartans on Sunday. We had several free handouts at the Hunter tent regarding Hunter history, Hunterston Castle, the Hunterston Brooch, and a Hunter clan bookmark, which were well received by our visitors. We ran out of some materials by Sunday. We hope to provide these same handouts at the Stone Mountain Highland Games on October 19-21.

The 2013 Grandfather Mountain Games will be July 11-14, 2013. Come and celebrate your Scottish heritage!

*by Brad Hunter & Greg Slaton*



Cousins: Linda Schatz & Pat Houghton  
Brad Hunter (manning the tent)

## Charleston Scottish Games



Carl Hunter and Daughter, Jill Hunter Powell

For the first time in many years Clan Hunter was represented at The Charleston (SC) Scottish Games at Boone Hall Plantation. Jill and Scott Powell and her father, Carl Hunter, hosted the well-decorated tent on a hot September 15. Jill reported that Hunters from Columbia and other areas visited the tent. Carl is one of our newer members, and we appreciate his getting right to work for Clan Hunter, USA! Way to go, hard-working clan members!

For those of you who live in the area, The Charleston Scottish Games are always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September at Boone Hall Plantation in Charleston, SC. Plan to attend next year and introduce yourselves to Jill, Scott and Carl!



Scott Powell and wife, Jill Hunter Powell

## COMING EVENT

Stone Mountain Highland Games at Stone Mountain, GA,  
on October 19-21, 2012. Visit the Clan Hunter tent!

**CEUD MILE FAILTE  
100,000 WELCOMES  
79 NEW MEMBERS!**

Joel & Beverly Johnson  
Summerville, GA

Richard & Sheri Kilam  
Norcross, GA

Steve & Sara Wiles  
Lander, WY

Timothy John-Hunter  
& Annette Alrand  
Sturgeon Bay, WI

Richard & Sheri Hunter  
Marion, IL

William & Donna Hunter  
Midland, NC

Bryan & Lara Wolfe  
New Glarus, WI

Steven & Sonya Lane  
Las Vegas, NV

George & Patricia Theisen  
Crestline, CA

Trish Messer  
Richmond, VA

John & Jennifer Mulholland  
American Fork, UT

James & Michelle Hunter, IV  
Orlando, FL

Teddy & Caroline Hunter  
Jacksonville, FL

Daniel & Amanda Cliburn  
Covington, GA

Shane & Rachel Hunter  
Mountain City, TN

Steven & Tammy Taylor  
Xenia, OH

Samuel W. Hunter  
Arlington, VA

Robert Gene Fernandes  
& Leilani Torres  
Culver City, CA

Samuel & Erica Hunter  
Northridge, CA

Claude & Jo-Anne Hunter  
Bonney Lake, WA

Vernon & Ruth Bartels  
Baldwin City, KS

Scott & Jill Powell  
Mt. Pleasant, SC

Frank & Joan Hunter  
Lafayette, NJ

Nathan & Brooke Phillips  
Centerville, TN

Barry & Laura Hunter  
Superior, WI

Carl & Barbara Hunter  
Mt. Pleasant, SC

Jason & Amy Jo Hunter  
Denver, CO

Mark & Paige Boivin  
Social Circle, GA

Teddy & Avalyn Hunter  
Lake City, FL

Delissa Parish  
Tehuacana, TX

Paige O'Shaughnessy  
Virginia Beach, VA

Ramona Hunter  
Fresno, CA

Virginia Bouchard  
Springfield, VA

Patrick & Danielle Hunter  
Asheboro, NC

Allan & Suzanne Hunter  
Jenkintown, PA

Kenneth & Jean Hovey  
Decatur, AL

Kenan & Jeanne Hunter  
Dulles, TX

Woodrow W. Dew  
Ottawa, KS

Daniel & Elizabeth  
Wassman-Rattelle  
Northampton, MA

Bret & Tammy Caulder  
Lake Elsinore, CA

Russell & Sheila Hunter  
Saint David, AZ

Haven & Sandy Kicklighter  
Marietta, GA

**FLOWERS OF THE FOREST**

J. S. (Jake) Hunter, (born May 13, 1925,) died on November 16, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and two sons. He was preceded in death by another son, Philip. Jake attended The Clan Hunter Gathering in 1992, where he and former clan chief, Neil Hunter, swapped war stories from WWII. Jake will be missed by his extended family and a host of friends. Clan Hunter, USA, extends heartfelt sympathy to all who knew and loved him.



**GENEALOGY REQUEST**

Several Clan Hunter, USA, members have noted that the Scottish missionary, David Livingstone (born 3/19/1813, died 1/5/1873), was the son of Neil Livingstone (born 11/30/1788, died 2/10/1856) and Agnes Hunter (born 1782, died 6/18/1865). They lived not too far from Hunterston in Blantyre, Scotland. If any of you can supply information linking David Livingstone to the Hunters of Hunterston, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please email Pat Hunter at melandpat@gulftel.com

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance 1/1/2012	\$20,692
Cash Receipts	4,431
Cash Disbursements:	
Hunterston Castle preservation	(2,460)
Newsletters	(1,638)
Highland Games	( 864)
Website	( 70)
Ending Balance 6/30/2012	\$20,091

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