



THE HUNTER'S HORN

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MADAM PAULINE'S MESSAGE

Greetings Clansfolk,
My very best wishes to you.

To those of you who have undertaken to promote Clan Hunter at games and events my heartfelt thanks to you. However enjoyable going to games and event are, I really appreciate the hard work you put in to promoting the Hunters far and wide, thank you all.



Ron Bogart, our Clan Genealogist has sadly had to retire and I would like to thank him for his wonderful work in assisting with Hunter Genealogies and wish him well in the future. Ron has very kindly found another Clan Hunter Genealogist and I am very happy to welcome Steven James Wilson as our official Clan Hunter Genealogist. He will be happy to help. He has more than 20 years of experience and is a

professional genealogist. Steven can be contacted by email at: clanhuntergenealogy@gmail.com.

This year I was asked to open the Largs Viking Festival, one of Scotland's most prestigious events. We led the march through Largs to the promenade where the Viking Village was encamped for the 10 days of the Festival. The Viking village is so interesting with re-enactors displaying how they lived. There were demonstrations of cooking, music, weaving, fortune telling amongst the many aspects of Viking life displayed. At the end of the event a re-enactment of the Battle of Largs is held with Vikings from all over the world attending, this is followed by a wonderful firework display. There is an album of photos from the event on the Clan Hunter UK Facebook page. Clan Hunter has been invited to take part in the Parade next year and we shall be proudly marching with our Clan Standard. The Largs Viking Festival is held from the last weekend of August and finishing on the first weekend of September with the Battle and Firework display.

This year we had a Clan Open day on the first weekend of September. On Saturday we had two speakers; Isabel Garrett gave an in depth talk on the Hunterston Brooch and the latest findings about the brooch. The second speaker was Dane Love an expert on the Covenanting period. His knowledge is extensive on this period and he

is a very talented speaker and we all enjoyed his overview of the Covenanters and some of the Hunters involved with this cause. On Sunday we visited Portencross Castle and Dundonald Castle. The weekend was very well attended by Clan members.

Our Clan Shop at www.clanhunterscotland.com is now stocking several new items and we have some special offers for Christmas. Following many requests we have found someone to make high quality replicas of the Hunterston Brooch in solid silver. They will come in two sizes. You can see me wearing the larger version on our Facebook page at Clan Hunter UK in the Largs Viking Festival Album. The larger version shows the Viking runes on the back.

I am delighted to announce that the next Clan Gathering will be held in 2017 on Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July. We look forward to meeting you then.

– Madam Pauline Hunter

MEL'S MESSAGE

Thanks to the support received from Madam Pauline Hunter and our many members, 2015 was a very successful year for the US branch of The Hunter Clan. Thanks to those who served as hosts/hostesses representing Clan Hunter at fourteen Scottish festivals throughout the US, and to those who supported them with their attendance. We had the privilege of welcoming ninety-six new members! Some of our members gifted their children with membership; what a great way to help ensure the future of our clan. Thanks to those of you who paid annual dues, which enabled us to pay expenses, and send \$3,433 to Scotland to help support Hunterston Castle, our family seat. Many thanks to those who contributed articles for *The Hunters Horn*, and to our secretary and treasurer for the time and other resources they donated to Clan Hunter.

– Mel Hunter

CLAN GATHERING

The Dates Have Been Set!

The Next International Clan Hunter Gathering
At Hunterston Will Be Held Friday, July 28
through Sunday, July 30, 2017.

Detailed Information Will Be Forthcoming

LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES 2015

The 57th Ligonier Highland Games at Idlewild Park in Pennsylvania were held on September 26th, and Clan Hunter was there passing out clan information and showing off the new banner which Pat Hunter so lovingly made. Bob and I hosted the clan tent and greeted quite a few Hunters living in the area. A tradition of the games is giving children "passports" to collect stamps at each clan tent. Quite a few were delighted with the crossbow drawn on their passports at the Hunter Tent. In the evening after the closing ceremonies, we attended the Ceilidh in Greensburg, where the meal was delicious and the entertainment was provided by several of the performers who played earlier in the day. We're looking forward to seeing more Hunters there next year.



Virginia With The New Banner

– Virginia Hunter Bouchard

ALEXANDRIA CHRISTMAS WALK 2015

Christmas in Alexandria, Virginia, is always a cheery time, and this year was no exception. The streets and sidewalks are filled with the colors, smells, and sounds of Christmas, and revelers don the clan tartans in numbers worthy of the home country!

Clan Hunter's numbers grew this year too despite recuperating Kennedys who were unable to attend; we missed you. Get well soon for next year when we expect you back. Representing Clan Hunter in the Walk were Matthew and Chenoa Hyson, Michelle Hyson, Barry Priest, Bob and Virginia Bouchard, Virginia's brother, John Hunter and wife Nancy from Orlando, Bouchard's daughter, Laura and husband Dennis Bustillo, Joseph Bouchard and family friend, John Grant, and all our grandchildren/children: Liam, Leslie, and Caleb Hyson, Alexander and Hunter Priest, and Daniel and Donovan Bustillo. How many is that? 19?

We dined at the Columbia Fire Hall after the parade where a cozy fire and spirits were a perfect ending for the day. Come join us next year. There's always room for more Hunters!

– Virginia Hunter Bouchard



Liam & Alexander Lead the Way



Hunters & Friends

SCOTTISH FESTIVALS IN NEW YORK STATE – 2015

Bill Hunter hosted four Clan Hunter tents in the State of New York in 2015; **Finger Lakes Festival** in Farmington, the **Allegany County Festival** in Belmont, the Jamestown Regional Festival on the southwest shore of Chautauqua in Mayville, and the **Niagara Regional Festival** at Krull Park on the shore of Lake Ontario in Olcott, NY.

UTAH SCOTTISH FESTIVALS 2015



Jonathan, Karlie & baby Clara with attendees

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES 2015



Greg & Margaret Slaton & Dan & Sarah Pate

We were able to attend 3 Utah festivals this year - The Utah Scottish Festival, Payson Scottish Festival, and the Moab Celtic Festival. This was our first festival season with our newborn daughter, and that provided some unique experiences. We had to find a way to get all three of us and our display materials into our small car. As a solution, I constructed a trailer. It functioned without incident for all three festivals this year.

The **Utah Scottish Festival** is the largest in the state and brings entertainers and athletes of the highest caliber. It is currently the site for multiple event world records, with 3 set this year. It is a two-day festival held in Lehi, Utah.

Payson Scottish Festival is a more intimate festival set in the main park in the city with some of the trees planted over 100 years ago. Two athletic records were also set here. The parade and opening ceremonies were simplified this year for the two-day festival.

This is the second year for the **Moab Celtic Festival** and our first year attending. It is a very unique festival held in the beautiful red rocks of southern Utah. The opening night Ceilidh featured a presentation of locally bred Gypsy Vanner horses, a special breed of light draft horse first brought to the United States in the early 1990's. The same breed was also used recently in the Hobbit films. The horses have long full manes and tails and are very beautiful animals. One of these horses was also used during the opening ceremonies in an unusual fashion. A wedding held during the opening ceremonies of the festival allowed the bride to ride down the aisle of assembled clans on one of the Gypsy Vanner's!

It is always an honor to represent Clan Hunter USA!

– Jonathan Aildredge

The 60th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games were held July 9-12, 2015 in Linville, NC. This year Greg and Margaret Slaton of Atlanta, GA, hosted the Clan Hunter tent. Thanks to members Chuck Hunt and Jill & Scott Powell for taking a turn in the tent as hosts. Events began on Thursday afternoon with a picnic, piping contest, sheep herding exhibition, The Running of the Bear, and opening ceremonies. For the next 4 days, thousands of guests enjoyed another weekend of our Scottish heritage through music, food, athletic competition, and dance. Adjacent to the parade grounds, 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.

New this year was the addition of a spirits sponsor, and the First Annual Scottish Culture Village. The village featured a close-up look at many facets of Scottish culture. Every 30 minutes on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, invited experts from Scotland and the US 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 & women's ancient dress, clan life, and politics. There was a topic for everyone!

Glenmorangie and Ardbeg, two premier single malt distillers, joined The Games as corporate partners, both at MacRae Meadows and the Sponsors' Reception. Their teams included experts who conducted tastings, consulted on fine whisky, and educated visitors and patrons on "the water of life" featuring some of the best single malt

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Scotch on the planet. There was a Whisky Tent on the field and drams were available for purchase. For beer options, Highland Brewery of Asheville, NC, also joined as a corporate partner. There was also a Beer Tent on the field serving beer in 16 oz. cups or commemorative glasses.

Scottish families and guests enjoyed the spectacular North Carolina mountain setting that is so reminiscent of Scotland. This connection makes the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games one of America's grandest annual Scottish gatherings.

– Margaret Slaton

STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES 2015



A Few of the Hunter Contingent of Over Fifty

The Hunter Clan was a sponsor again at the 2015 Stone Mountain 45th Annual Highland Games on a beautiful fall weekend in October. Greg Slaton and I were the sponsors again with at least 50 people visiting our tent. Agnes Dauphinee treated all of us with her delicious homemade Scottish shortbread. YUM! Ron Dauphinee brought his kilted puppet and entertained the children with it. It was so much fun!

Along with the normal activities such as piping & drumming, Highland and Scottish Country Dance, Caber (telephone pole) Toss, and sheepdog demonstrations, there was a special area for Children's Activities. Children of all ages enjoyed such activities as face painting, archery, golf, salmon fishing and caber toss. Mel & Pat Hunter's grandson, 7-year-old Henry Hunter, actually made a perfect score on his second attempt at tossing the kid-sized caber! He hopes to participate in the kilted mile next year representing Clan Hunter. The Hunter Clan looked sharp at the Parade of Tartans on Sunday with about 16 marching. I hope to see you next year on the third full weekend in October. Come and bring your entire family to celebrate our proud family heritage.

– Brad Hunter

CHARLESTON SCOTTISH GAMES 2015



Scott, Hunter & Jill Powell & Carl Hunter

The 2015 Scottish Games held at Boone Hall Plantation, located in the Charleston, SC, lowcountry, have come and gone. More than 6000 people in attendance enjoyed various Scottish activities and featured events for all ages. Children enjoyed many activities including games designed after the heavy athletics, and enjoyed going to clan tents to get their passport books stamped. Visitors to our tent included two members of the Hunter family.

This year, in addition to the Charleston Games, we plan to host a Clan Hunter tent at the Myrtle Beach Highland Games which will be held on March 19, 2016. We would love to meet you there.

– Jill Hunter Powell

SCOTS ON THE ROCKS FESTIVAL

Clan Hunter is participating in a new Celtic Festival in Moab Utah that calls itself "Scots on the Rocks". The three-day gathering is an annual event that takes place during the first week of November. Activities include a massed band performance as well as competitions in highland dance, traditional athletics and, of course, piping. There is an enthusiastic Clan Row, a robust compliment of vendors, and an evening of riveting entertainment. Along with a few Irish cousins, Scottish heritage and ancestry is being well represented and honored.

Moab is located in Western Utah near the two major natural parks of Arches and Canyonlands. This is high desert, red-rock country, cradled near the Colorado River and the forest covered La Sal Mountains which reach close to 13,000 feet above sea level. Almost everyone

has seen the iconic majestic spires, mesas, vistas and natural rock formations in a multitude of western and contemporary movies and television commercials. It is a popular tourist and adventure destination and the perfect venue for a Scottish Frolicking.

And by the way, if you happen to visit Arches National Monument you may just hear the halcyon drones of a lone Clan Hunter piper serenading the pilgrims that come to visit the sacred sites.

– Dr. Denis Hunter



Dr. Denis Hunter



Scots on the Rocks Celtic Festival – Moab, Utah

CLAN HUNTER GENEALOGIST RETIREMENT

Clan Hunter Genealogist Ron Bogart had to resign due to poor health. On behalf of Clan Hunter, USA, we thank Ron for all of his hard work, and wish him the best regarding his health issues.

NEW CLAN HUNTER GENEALOGIST

We would like to welcome, Steven Wilson, our new Clan Hunter Genealogist. Steven, a professional genealogist from Seymour, Indiana, with over twenty years of experience, was recommended by Ron Bogart. He can be contacted by email at clanhuntergenealogy@gmail.com.

Thank you, Steven, for your help!

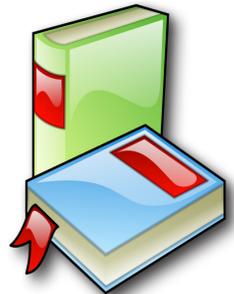
FUTURE CLAN MEMBER

On June 21, 2015, long time clan members, Owen & Wendy Dunphy, were blessed with a new grandson! Their daughter, Erin, gave birth to Ethan Peter Ross, and she and husband, Earl, are enjoying their role as parents. We wish them the very best, AND, get that boy interested in all things Scottish as soon as possible!

SCOTTISH BOOK REVIEW

ANGEL HARP/ HEATHER SONG

By Michael Phillips



Michael Phillips is one of my favorite authors, perhaps because he spends half of every year in Scotland! He has a true understanding of Scots in general and a gift for bringing them to life in his novels.

These two novels are wonderful examples of his obvious respect for and love of Scots and their (our) amazing land! Set on the upper east coast of Scotland in a wee fishing village, this modern-day story is part romance, part mystery, and part introduction into the every-day life of a small community of humble Scots.

The story begins with Marie Buchan, a young American harpist who has always dreamed of playing her harp on a remote Scottish cliff overlooking the sea. Finding herself in the doldrums after her husband's death, she begins to re-imagine herself fulfilling her Scottish wish.

Her impromptu trip leads her on an amazing series of events, a longer stay in a tiny village with a secret, and an eclectic host of new friends as well as a few frightful enemies. Her harp playing touches more than a few hearts including the widowed laird of the local clan.

You won't regret spending time with Marie in these two volumes unless it is because you'll find it difficult to get anything else done besides reading!

– Pat Hunter



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Jill Hunter Powell on the death of her mother, **Barbara Cantey Hunter** on December 14, 2015. Our hearts go out to the entire family, but especially to Jill, because we know how hard it is to lose one's mother!

Jill and husband Scott as well as her dad, Carl Hunter, represent Clan Hunter USA at several events each year. We are so grateful for their hard work and dedication.

We were saddened to learn of the death of long-time Clan Hunter member **Ben Bird Moore** of Charleston, MO, who passed away on July 7, 2015. We are sure that not only his family but his church, Charleston Methodist Church mourn his loss. He faithfully served as bell ringer of the church for over 50 years.

Gayle Anderson informed us of her husband, **Neil Anderson's** death on September 28, 2014. He was a member of Clan Hunter USA and relished his Scottish and Irish heritage. He had visited Hunterston Castle, and his work carried him all over the world as an architect/project manager of large commercial projects. Our thoughts go out to Gayle and their daughters, Laura and Kathryn as well as the grandchildren.

Please inform us by email (melandpat@gulftel.com) of deaths in your family of Clan Hunter members. We would be honored to acknowledge them in the next issue of *The Hunter's Horn*.

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!



CLAN HUNTER USA TREASURER REPORT

Beginning Balance 06/30/2015..... \$ 21,776

Cash Receipts..... 1,553

Cash Disbursements:

Hunterston Castle Preservation (3,433)

Hunter Tartan & Highlander
Magazine Ad (265)

Newsletters, Postage, New
Member Packets, Supplies..... (2,042)

Highland Games (839)

Website (77)

Ending Balance 12/31/2015..... \$ 16,673

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.

Please send in your tax deductible 2016 annual dues of \$25 in the envelope provided. You can also pay online at clanhunterusa.org by paypal. Thank you for your support of Clan Hunter USA!

- Brad Hunter, Treasurer, Clan Hunter USA

A GAELIC SAYING

*“Maireann la’ go ruaig ach
maireann an gra’ go huaigh.”*

*“A day lasts until it’s chased away,
but love lasts until the grave.”*

CLAN HUNTER USA COMING EVENTS!

CELTIC FESTIVAL

Moorhead, MN
March 12, 2016
Host: Randy Knight
www.cityofMoorhead.com

MYRTLE BEACH HIGHLAND GAMES

Myrtle Beach, SC
March 19, 2016
Hosts: Jill & Scott Powell & Carl Hunter
www.myrtlebeachhighlandgames.com

FINGER LAKES CELTIC FESTIVAL

Farmington, NY
May 21, 2016
Host: Bill Hunter
www.flceltic.org

ALLEGANY COUNTY CELTIC FESTIVAL

Belmont, NY
June 4, 2016
Host: Bill Hunter
www.alleganycountyceltic.com

UTAH SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Lehi, Utah
June 10 – 11, 2016
Hosts: Jonathan & Karlie Alldredge
www.utahscots.org

OHIO SCOTTISH GAMES

Wellington, OH
June 25, 2016
Host: Dave Brest
www.ohioscottishgames.com

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Linville, NC
July 7 – 10, 2016
Host: Greg & Margaret Slaton
www.GMHG.org

PAYSON SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Payson, Utah
July 8 – 9, 2016
Hosts: Jonathan & Karlie Alldredge
www.paysonscottishfestival.org

JAMESTOWN REGIONAL CELTIC FESTIVAL

August 20, 2016
Mayville, NY
Host: Bill Hunter
www.96thhighlanders.com

LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH/IRISH FESTIVAL

Estes Park, CO
Sept. 8 – 11, 2016
Host: Dr. Denis Hunter
www.scotfest.com

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

CLAN HUNTER TARTAN IS NOW AVAILABLE!

(HUNTER OF HUNTERSTON)

Medium weight, 13 ounce, Clan Hunter Tartan (Hunter of Hunterston) is now available for purchase from the Clan Hunter Shop at Hunterston Castle. The fabric is 57 inches wide and is sold by the meter.

Order online, directly from the
CLAN HUNTER SHOP
www.clanhunterscotland.com



CEUD MILLE FAILTE 100,000 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Nicholas Klop
Oakton, VA

David & Lisa Hyson
Rockville, MD

Brandon L. Hunter-Alrand
Green Bay, WI

Paul & Gail Haddow
Hartland, MI

Jeff & Angela Hunter
Battlefield, MO

Brent & Linda Hunter
Edmonds, WA

Frederick & Mary Hunter
Deltona, FL

Marquita Hunter Still
Mendon, MO

Bruce & Linda Gamache
Newfane, NY

Bernard & Cari Hunter-Cushing
Campbell, CA

Matthew A. Sindoni
Bayville, NJ

Janis Hunter Palmer
Royston, GA

Tim & Larisa Hunter
San Jose, CA

Glen & Bethany Hunter
Perkasie, PA

Andrew & Justine Hunter
Manhattan Beach, CA

Russell & Wilma Hunter
Garrett, IN

George Porter Hunter
Panama City, FL

Thomas & Carol Hunter
Tampa, FL

Adam C. Hunter
Johnson City, NY

Mary K. Averett
Lonoke, AR

Andrew & Laura Weber
Monongahela, PA

Samuel & Rebecca Bahun
New Castle, OH

Michael Hunter
Reston, VA

Jeff & Jeanne Becker
Oregon City, OR

Richard & Susanne De Fedele
Johnson, RI

Richard Buckley, Jr.
Lincoln, RI

Delores Hunter Taylor
Elkview, WV

HUNTER CREST COUNTED CROSS STITCH PATTERN

Since we have so many new Clan Hunter USA members, we thought that we would offer this counted cross stitch pattern again. The pattern comes on grid paper with DMC floss colors listed and simple instructions. It is offered to those who request it by mail and insert a SASE for its return to you. Send your request to:



Pat Hunter
21360 Faceville Lane
Summerdale, AL 36580

These are beautiful framed. Happy stitching!

A NOTE TO THE WISE

Since many of our Scottish ancestors came to the USA by way of Ireland (some who settled for a while in The Ulster Plantation System of Northern Ireland), we thought it fitting to remind you to wear something green on March 17 in honor of St. Patrick's Day, and so that you don't suffer unnecessary pinching due to ignoring this reminder!



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

