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GREETINGS FROM CALGARY!



Clan Wallace poses for a photo. "Hey, everybody! Look at our spiffy white hats!"

The 2012 Gathering in Calgary over the Labor Day weekend could not have been improved upon! All the hours put in by chairman William J. Wallace of Bend, Oregon on telephone and computer worked out so well, we nearly voted at the Monday morning brunch to stay an extra week and do it all over again! Society members also taking part in the Gathering planning included committee members Lisa Donant, Treasurer; John and Deb Wallace, hosts; Dorothy Wallace Knight, Raffle; and C.J. Wallace, Scotch tasting events on Thursday evening. On behalf of the Society, thank you all! Each of you contributed to a most delightful weekend.

From the Thursday sign-in, the weekend's schedule was outstanding. Our host hotel did a magnificent job of

making our stay most enjoyable. The Games on the outskirts of Calgary on Saturday and those in Canmore on Sunday could not have had better weather for our visit! A brief shower, including small hail, did catch us somewhat by surprise on Saturday just after the welcoming ceremony, some of us who were given VIP badges took shelter in the hospitality tent that just happened to be offering a Scotch tasting, and others took shelter at the Wallace village. I believe those temperatures were just what most of us expected, in the mid -70's.

Bob.

Robert (Bob) Wallace
Immediate Past President
Clan Wallace Society Worldwide

Message from the Chair of the Gathering

The Clan Wallace Society has been holding its gatherings since 1999 in places throughout the World, such as Halifax, Nova Scotia; Fergus, Ontario; Reno, NV; Scotland; Williamsburg, VA; and Estes Park CO. Clan Wallace Society - Worldwide (CWS) carried on the Society's tradition and standards in grand style with its 7th Gathering in Calgary, Alberta, because it offered two game venues in the urban Calgary area and the spectacular mountainous setting of Canmore, all in one week-end. Calgary also provided a jumping off point to explore the spectacular Canadian Rockies.

Thursday afternoon on September 27th was clearly the beginning of a spectacular weekend. From the very start there were plenty of unique items at the silent auction to bid upon. Cynthia, an official Calgary Stampede Cowgirl, presented Past President Marcus "Jim" Wallace with an official white Calgary Stampede Cowboy hat, making him an honorary Calgarian.

Bill

William J. Wallace, Past President
Chair, 2012 International Gathering
Clan Wallace Society Worldwide

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SUMMER 2014!**

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THE GATHERING BEGINS



John and Deb Wallace acted as our hosts for the Calgary-Canmore Wallace Gathering.



Norma and Bill J. Wallace (Chair) and President Bob B. and Lois Wallace arrive.

THANKS, DIANNE!

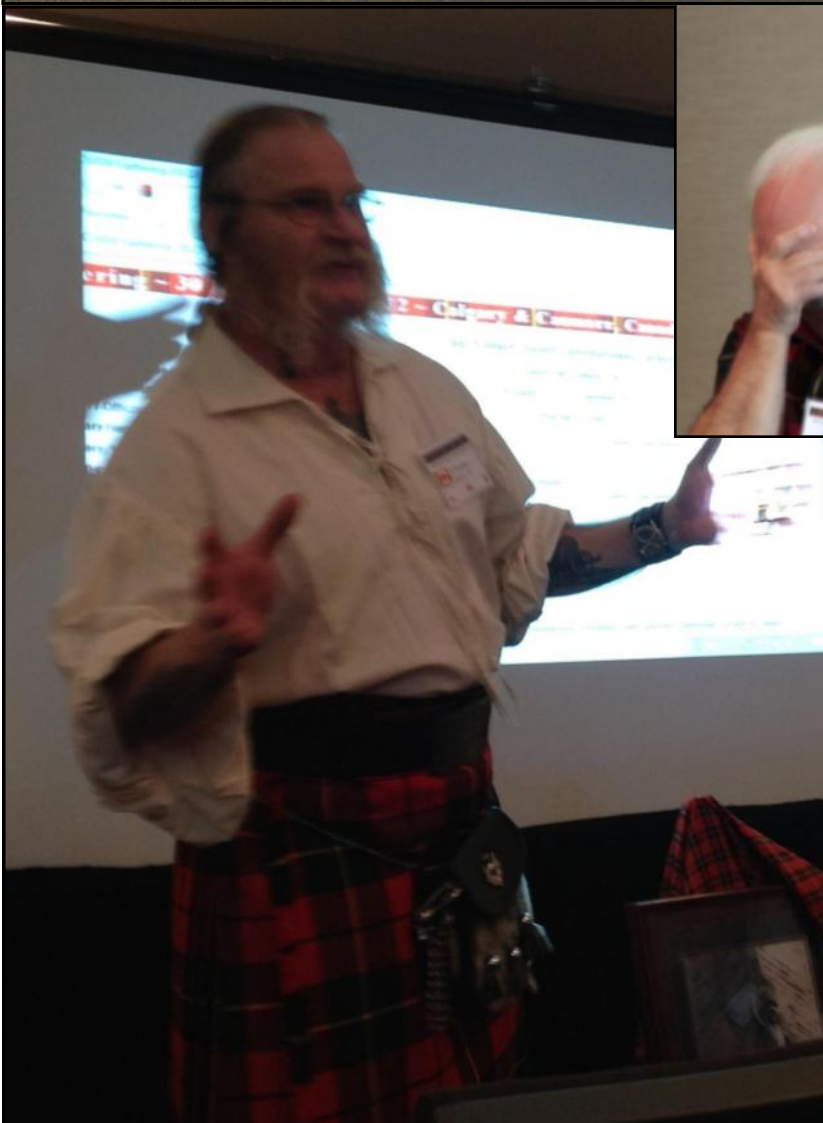


This Gathering Newsletter could not have been published without the incredible pictures, the majority of which were taken by "our" photographer, Dianne Wallace of Glendale, AZ. She diligently documented all the activities of the Gathering, and as a result of her devoted efforts, we have these memories to remind us of the great time we had in Calgary and Canmore and the opportunity to share them with CWS members who may aspire to attend future Gatherings. She graciously sent many photos to us while concurrently recovering from surgery. Thanks for all that you do, Dianne!

THURSDAY EVENING WHISKY TASTING



C.J. Wallace set the stage with a hilarious video on Scotch tasting followed by the song, The Scotsman. The Thursday evening Whisky tasting provided a variety of regional Scotch Whisky. Everyone enjoyed tasting something they may have never experienced before.



THURSDAY EVENING WHISKY TASTING



Above: Official Calgary Stampede Cowgirl, Cynthia, presented Past President Marcus Jim Wallace with the Calgary Stampede "White Hat." Upper Right: The Gathering's Colors. Lower Left: Co-chairs Norma and Bill J. Wallace greet registrants.



Above: Deb Wallace pours samples for the tasting. Below: Part of the multi-media presentation on whisky.



CAMERADERIE AT HENRY'S PUB

Following the Thursday Whisky tasting and all through the weekend, there was camaraderie time in Henry's Pub.



SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE



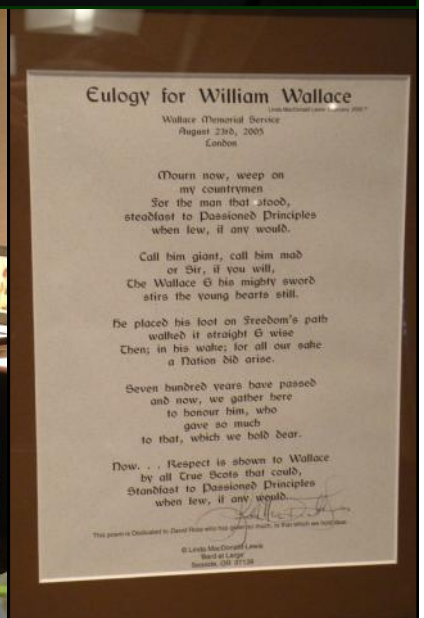
President Bob B. Wallace presents Dorothy Knight with an award of appreciation for all her tremendous work and efforts on the silent auction and raffle. Well done, Dorothy!

Dorothy Knight was the chairperson for the Silent Auction and Raffle. Her tireless efforts in soliciting, collecting and storing donation items for the Silent Auction and Raffle helped make the Calgary Gathering a great success.

To ensure that events success, Dorothy personally made 17 of the items placed up for bid, and hand-painted 150 river rocks with countryside images for the Banquet and Farewell Brunch dining tables for attendees to take home as mementos of the Gathering. Samples are pictured on Page 10.

Her wonderful artistic talents and collaborating efforts left a great impression on all Gathering attendees.

Dorothy is a true champion!



Eulogy for William Wallace

Wallace Memorial Service
August 23rd, 2005
London

Mourn now, weep on
my countrymen
For the man that stood,
steadfast to Passioned Principles
when few, if any would.

Call him giant, call him mad
or Sir, if you will,
The Wallace & his mighty sword
stirs the young hearts still.

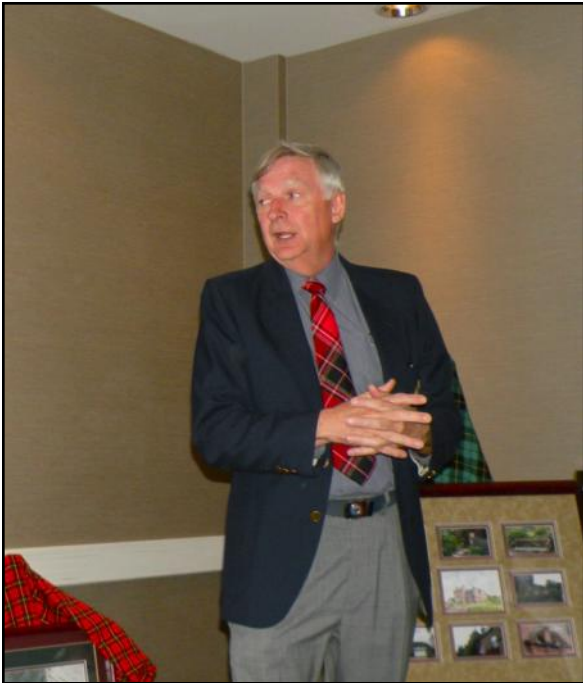
He placed his foot on Freedom's path
walked it straight & wise
Then, in his woe, for all our aches
a Nation did arise.

Seven hundred years have passed
and now, we gather here
to honour him, who
gave so much
to that, which we hold dear.

Now... Respect is shown to Wallace
by all True Scots that could,
steadfast to Passioned Principles
when few, if any would.

William Wallace
This poem is Dedicated to David Paine who has given so much to the cause we support.
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ROBERT HENDERSON'S PRESENTATION



On Friday morning, Robert Henderson, President of the St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary gave a presentation on "The Scottish Fur Trade in Canada" from the year 1700 to the present.

Everyone learned so much. Robert had a great sense of humor that made the subject even more interesting. History came alive! The second hour he discussed "The History and Making of Tartans."



FRIDAY EVENING WHISKY TASTING



Wayne Jones — "Slainte mhath!"



Left: Tom & Suzanne Wallace. Right: Jeannine and Steve Wallace



Tim and Sue Wallace



Left: Darrell Wallace (right) regaling Bob Wallace and Jeannine and Steve Wallace at the Friday Tasting. Glenmorangie sponsored a Scotch Whisky tasting, with a variety of five of their great cask offerings. Right: Lois samples the goods.



Penny and Dick Wallace, with Norma Wallace



Cody Wallace with his very proud parents, Debbie and John Wallace



Grandson Johnathan, Granddad Marcus Jim and Dad David Wallace



Left: Michael Jones at the sampling table. Above: Bill J. Wallace, C.J. Wallace and Dawn Wallace speaking with John and Mrs. Clarke.

THE BANQUET



Jason Erhardt, Heidi and Jorge Aviles (seated), with Norma and Bill Wallace (standing)



These beautiful painted stones, by Dorothy Knight, were given out as mementos.



Bob Wason and Teletha & Moses Elossais



Our piper for the evening, Don Walls



John Clarke chats with Lois Wallace and Darrell Wallace at the Banquet. President-Elect Lawrence Slight can be seen over Lois' shoulder.

THE BANQUET



Right: Anna Conklin with some admirers. Right: President Bob presents Co-chairs Bill J. and Norma with tokens of appreciation.



The Circle of Friendship during the singing of "Auld Lang Syne"



Left: Judy & President-Elect Larry Slight with Ralph Wallace and Teresa Lahm. Right: Russ Harper and Joyce Jones snapping photos.

THE BANQUET



Left: C.J. Wallace receiving a "Letter of Appreciation" from Bob Wallace. Right: Co-Chair Bill J. Wallace offers his remarks



Left: Marcus Jim, son David Wallace with Wayne Jones (standing) with Johnathan Wallace and Don and Shirley Walls (seated). Right: Bob and Lois (standing) with Bob Wason and Dianne Wallace with Teletha and Moses Elossais (seated)



Left: Bob and Wayne Jones discussing important Society business. Right: The Friendship Circle brings the Gathering to a close.

THE BANQUET



Hosts John and Debbie Wallace address the assembly during the banquet. What a spectacular evening it was.



Left: Accompanist Jason Erhardt with soloist Jorge Aviles. Right: Debbie poses with Shirley Walls of Pennsylvania.

CALGARY HIGHLAND GAMES



*Above: The Official Portrait of the Calgary-Canmore International Gathering of Clan Wallace
Lower Left: Highland Dance competitors stop by the Wallace Tents to pose for a group photo. Lower Right: Flags in the sunshine.*



Saturday morning was beautiful at the Calgary Highland Games. Arriving at the Calgary Games we were warmly greeted with hugs from host Deb Wallace. John, Deb, and family and friends went earlier to set up a Wallace village complete with hot drinks and snacks.

We scattered to see the normal activities. At the opening ceremony Clan Wallace marched in having the largest number of clansman that had been at these games. Ten members were selected to be honorary Calgarians and receive White "Calgary Stampede" Cowboy Hats.

Then the rains came. Thanks to C.J. Wallace we had Haggis on the table; thanks to Deb Wallace we had a beautiful and delicious Wallace cake. Although some departed, the hardy stayed and won the tug of war. Clan Wallace is proud of their winning team.

CALGARY HIGHLAND GAMES



Above: The Cochrane "Men of Vision" Pipe Band from Cochrane, Alberta. These photos hint at why the Province of Alberta is known as "big sky country." Lower Left: Opening Ceremonies. Lower Right: John and Deb Wallace cut the cake at the Wallace Tents.



CALGARY HIGHLAND GAMES



Some of the dancers performing the Massed Highland Fling



Left and Upper Left: 18th Century Highland Re-enactors. Right: President Bob and Lois Wallace

CALGARY HIGHLAND GAMES



Above: some of the crowds at Calgary. Below: the Parade of the Clans



Left: Young Highland Dancers receiving their medals. Center: MacGodzilla? Right: Sheep Dog Show Trials

CANMORE HIGHLAND GAMES



Debbie and John Wallace



The Massed Bands at the spectacular Canmore Highland Games



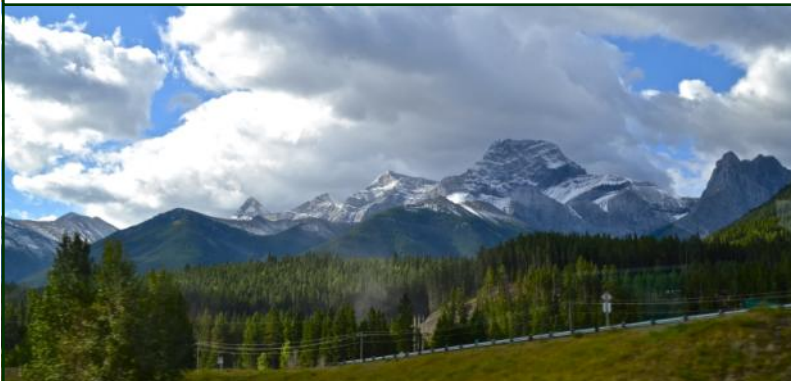
CANMORE HIGHLAND GAMES



Bob Wason and Wayne Jones at the Wallace Tents



The Pipe Major at the Massed Bands



The majestic and natural beauty of Canmore, Alberta



Our hosts: Cody, Debbie, John and Austin Wallace



18th Century Highlander Musketry Display



Kathy Murray and Ben Howard

CANMORE HIGHLAND GAMES

On Sunday we took a delightful 60 mile drive to Canmore that included a narrated tour of parts of Calgary thanks to our bus driver. We arrived to see the inviting village set up and waiting. We were met with hugs from Deb. There were once again five tents with coffee and goodies, a sure welcome sight. It was a slightly chilly but sun-soaked morning and afternoon filled with heavy sports such as the sheaf toss, colorful regalia worn by highland dancers and pipe and drum bands from across Western Canada.

Band and individual pipe competitions were right in front of the Wallace Village. The Mounted Police Color Guard (unfortunately without their mounts) was a special treat to see and hear. The final massed pipes and drums portion of the annual event featured a record 17 bands. The setting in Canmore, surrounded by the Rocky Mountains was breathtaking. You almost felt like you were being caressed by them.

A full day of Scottish events and fellowship was followed by the ride home with a stop in Calgary to see the statue of Robert the Bruce (far right).



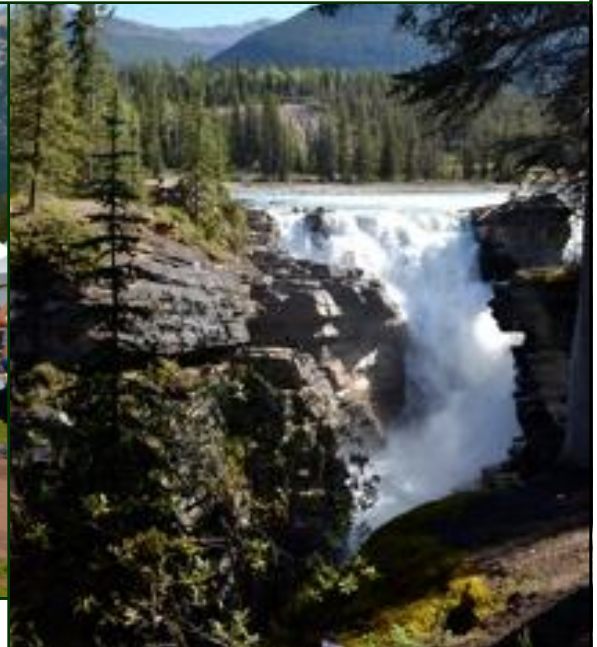
President Bob, President Robert Henderson of SACSOC with Bill J. and Debbie



Below: Natural beauty near Canmore. Right: Statue of Robert the Bruce in Calgary.



Barbara Cullicott and Mary Wallace Kelsey proudly showing off CWS colors.



MONDAY MORNING FAREWELL BRUNCH

Monday morning's brunch was delicious with a wide variety of goodies. However, it was bitter sweet as after cheering for the tug of war team, we had to depart. Some folks took advantage of being in Calgary to explore the Canadian Rockies before and after the Gathering.



Left: Larry Slight, CWS President-Elect. Above: President Bob makes his remarks.



Left: Our Host Family during the 2013 Gathering. Thank you, thank you, thank you, all! Right: Don Walls, our piper-in-residence.



Teresa Lahm & Ralph Wallace



John with a claymore



Bob Wason and Dianne Wallace at the Farewell Brunch



Marcus Jim Wallace says, "Just too many choices at brunch..."



Debbie Wallace, Joyce Jones, Marcia Harper and Brenda Wallace



Left: Austin and Cody Wallace celebrate victory in the Tug-o-War. Right: Wayne Jones and Jan Wallace, with Shirley looking on.





Co-chair Norma Wallace addresses the assembly



Suzanne, Debbie and Dianne pose for a final photo



Left: Everyone sitting at brunch. Right: A candid shot of our host family. Slainte, slainte, slainte!

TAE SCOTLAND IN SUMMER 2014!

Planning for the Bannockburn 700 historic events in 2014 continues. During November 2012 the Gathering plans in Scotland for both dates have already changed several times.

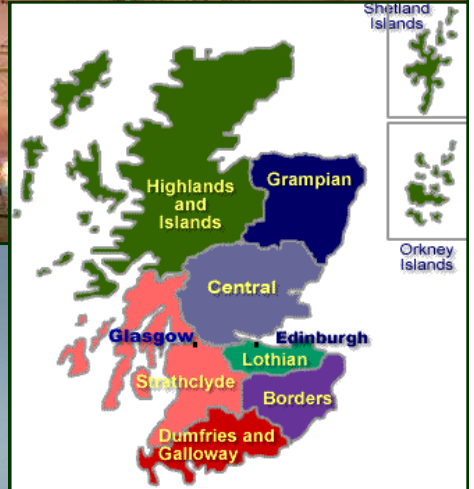
The first notice for 2014 stated that Bannockburn would be the last eight days of June, followed by the International Clan Gathering July 11–13, 2014. Unfortunately, those plans were dashed as quickly as announced! Shortly after that came the Scots Chiefs meeting at Stone Mountain GA where they were to announce the schedule for the 2014 event, but even that session did not produce definitive plans.

Those of us attempting to listen in via the Internet lost out completely when neither the video nor audio was received computers. Clearly, this is going to be one of those events that will require close monitoring over the coming months until plans in Scotland are set in stone.

Lois Wallace is chairing the committee for that 2014 event in Scotland, assisted by Lisa Donant and Marcia Harper. Lois has already found a very energetic tour packager in Scotland who seems to be on top of the changes being made and what will take place.

The dates are now set at the end of June in 2014. Every part of that event will be tied directly to the Bannockburn 700 celebration.

It's now a question as to **who** will be part of this most historic event.



Clan Wallace Society Worldwide International Gathering

June 24 – July 1, 2014
Edinburgh, Scotland

Scotland
2014
Clan Wallace
International
Gathering



700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn
Stirling Castle and the Wallace Monument
Gathering of the Clans Activities
Dean Castle Country Park
Dinner with our Acting Chief, Andrew Wallace,
as appointed by Ian Francis Wallace of that Ilk,
35th Chief of the Clan and Name of Wallace

Our tour will take part in these events and much more. Plans are to stay in Edinburgh and tour locations specifically designed and related to Sir. William Wallace. This tour will be a "one of a kind" experience that you won't want to miss. Keep reading *The Guardian* and <http://clanwallace.org> for more details.

We are currently in the process of securing hotel rooms and preparing a Gathering schedule and itinerary. Format and pricing will be made available in the future. Don't forget to check your passports to make sure they won't be expired or if you need to get one, go to www.travel.state.gov and click on appropriate first time applicant or renew passport link for process information.

Please fill out and return this form in order to be one of the first to receive all of the "2014 Clan Wallace Society Worldwide International Gathering in Scotland" information as it becomes available.

Tour space is limited so don't delay! Please return completed form below and mail it to:

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IT IS IN TRUTH
NOT FOR GLORY,
NOR RICHES,
NOR HONOURS
THAT WE ARE FIGHTING,
BUT FOR FREEDOM
- FOR THAT ALONE,
- FOR THAT ALONE,
WHICH NO HONEST MAN
GIVES UP BUT
WITH LIFE ITSELF.