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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



*CWS President Bob & Mrs. Lois Wallace.*

**Let the Games begin!** That's the phrase already heard around some of our southern tier states, although Mother Nature doesn't seem too interested in helping out. The Central Florida Games went off in mid-January, convened for Clan Wallace Society by John R. Wallace (Capt., USCG, Ret.). He reported that attendance was down due to weather somewhat chillier than might have been expected.

One month later, over the Presidents Day holiday weekend, the Queen Mary Games in Long Beach, California, suffered a similar fate. Cold wind and rain blew in Friday evening, with occasional showers coming in on Saturday. This was our first visit to that event, so we're not sure at the moment whether attendance was average, up or down. (Convener Ed Ries and his wife were vacationing in New Zealand for the month, happening to be in Christchurch when the earthquake struck in February. Based on email messages between Kevin Michaels, and myself Ed and his wife were only slightly bruised and were headed back from Australia. Convening duties were taken over by CWS Life member Sarah Tipton, Ed's son Kevin Michaels, and Jennifer Rose.)

At month's end (this is being written on February 28 while on the road near Kingman, AZ), the Arizona Highland Games put up with a similar weather scenario: rain Saturday night, leaving puddles in

various places around the Clan tents, a near-quagmire in the area where vendors set up, yet nowhere near as bad as last year's foot-deep water following an overnight microburst. The temperature on Saturday was okay for Arizona standards until the wind came in, lowering the temperature quite quickly by mid-afternoon. Sunday was simply cold, as snow fell during the night hours near Scottsdale!

As of March 1 and beyond, we can only hope for better weather for Games and Festivals coming up. Our conveners are doing an excellent job of keeping Jim "Bowie" Wallace, Webmaster, and Jean Wallace, Convener chair, advised of upcoming dates. A quick check of our website this evening (again, February 28) finds three Games with Wallace as the Honored Clan: Batesville, Arkansas, April 8-10; Greensboro, North Carolina, April 29-30; and Mint Hill, North Carolina, May 6 and 7. Unfortunately, at least two Games were noted as being cancelled for this year's season.

The previous issue of our newsletter came up with a large number of bounced email messages used to forward the newsletter to those who have requested it be delivered via electronic means. Some 60 email addresses failed, requiring an extensive amount of time for research, the sending of post cards and/or making phone calls in an effort to locate "lost" members.

We have put in some amount of effort over the past several years to make it as easy as possible for members to inform us when they change Internet Service Providers (ISPs), the website including a link that will post a message to our membership chairman when your Internet email address is changed. In a similar vein, moving from one physical location to another also means posting a message or sending a letter to advise us of your change of address. Remember that it's

your responsibility to advise the membership chairman when you change either email or snail mail address, and when appropriate, both addresses!

Be sure to read through this and future issues for details about our next Gathering being put together by Bill J. Wallace and his committee, with information being published in the newsletter and on our website as details become available. Conveners already have a page for display at their tents to advise members and others of this event in Calgary over the Labor Day weekend in 2012, only 17 months down the road. We plan to be there, and hope to see you there as well.

*Bob.*

Robert B. Wallace, President

## Ciad Mile Fàilte! Welcome to the CWSW.

On behalf of Ian Francis Wallace of that Ilk, 35th Chief of Clan Wallace, the President and Board of Directors welcome the individuals listed below to the fellowship of our Society. Fàilte!

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Willie Frank Wallace,  
*San Diego, CA*

Joe Keith Wallace,  
*San Diego, CA*

### NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Jacquelyn K. Wallace-McAdams,  
*Albuquerque, NM*

Keith Schultz,  
*Walkersville, MD*

William L. Wallace,  
*Carmel Valley, CA*

### UPGRADE TO LIFE

Erin Statia Greiner &  
J. Blayne Greiner,  
*Jensen Beach, FL*

## SAFEGUARDING OUR SOCIETY'S HISTORY: THE ARCHIVES OF THE CWS

By Wayne Jones and Marcus "Jim" Wallace

In 2001, we took action to protect and safeguard Clan Wallace Society - Worldwide (CWS) records of historical value. Jim



The late Ellen Payne Odom, Genealogist and Scotophile.

made arrangements with the Ellen Payne Odom Library in Moultrie, GA, to be CWS's repository for records. The Odom Library was chosen because of its dedication to genealogy, and is the library of choice of other Clan Societies for their records safeguarding. The National Archives and Records Administration's Schedule 23, Records Common to Most Offices (Within Agencies), was used as the guideline for retention periods. General office records and correspondence, are retained by the Secretary for 3-years. All Annual Directors Meeting (ADM) records and records used to make decisions or resolve issues were submitted to the Odom Library and designated as "permanent".

To ensure no CWS records were omitted, a review was conducted on all records retrieved from several sources. Those provided by Anne Marie Wallace, wife of co-founder Joe P. Wallace, represented the first installment. Included were minutes of the first (ADM); Articles of Incorporation; By-Laws; writings of founder Charles B. Wallace; the four books of Wallace; and one copy each of other Wallace related books. Because of a letter written by a previous Secretary, it was believed that several years of ADM minutes were missing. After review of these records, all ADM minutes were found except 1981, 1982, 1983, and 1984.

All records in the possession of the Secretary were also retrieved and reviewed. This collection contained a large volume of "general correspondence" received following the release of the movie "Braveheart." They contained general inquiries about Sir William Wallace and the Clan Wallace Society. They contained no data of historical value, and were not included in records submitted to Odom Library. All members submitting requests for genealogy assistance were sent a postcard informing them of the Genealogy Handbook available on the Clan Wallace website. Copies of the newsletter from 1986 forward were also included in the records selection.

A box of records more recently received from Past President Thomas B. Wallace III contained the original filing requesting Tax Exempt status for the Society. It also contained a folder of materials to the Lord Lyon for the Matriculation of Arms for the Society; an envelope transmitting Charles B's gratitude for the work Tom B. did in revising the book, *The Clan Wallace* (by Charles B. Wallace) to produce the 3rd Edition in 1989; iterations of the Articles of Incorporation showing the history of its development; iterations of the Chief's crest; folders of pictures of Elderslie Monument and the Wallace Monument at Abby Craig; and a folder with the presentation of the plaques at Elderslie. Jim conducted a preliminary review of the box and we collaborated on recommendations via email. No final decisions were made on the contents of this box at that time.

After the October 2010 ADM, we visited the Odom Library to conduct a joint review of the box of records from Tom B. Wallace, III and all records submitted to the library to date. We eliminated materials with no historical value and general correspondence that related to inquiries about membership and genealogy. Materials involving decision-making processes and issue resolutions were retained.



Since 2001, the CWS, including 100+ other Scottish societies, archives its documents at the Moultrie-Colquitt County Library in Georgia.

The Ellen (Ashby) Payne Odom Genealogical Library was made possible by a bequest from Ellen Ashby Payne Odom. Mrs. Odom was a trustee of the Moultrie Colquitt County Library and very interested in genealogy. She was an accomplished musician as well as an active leader in the 4-H

to the library for the purpose of building a genealogy library in Moultrie.

The present Odom Library was constructed in 1988-1989. Today, the library operates on the interest from her estate. A Moultrie banking firm manages the endowment.

Program and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Her interest in genealogy lead to her membership in the Huguenot Society and the UDC. She coauthored two books: *A History of the Moultrie-Colquitt County Library* and *Colquitt County Confederate Soldiers*. At her death, it was revealed that she had bequeathed the proceeds of the sale of her land and home

The Odom Library is governed by a Board of Trustees and is widely is regarded as one of the three libraries in Georgia that reign as "the Georgia public library system's genealogical crown jewels."

The library is perhaps most famous for its collection concerning Scottish genealogy. The Odom Library is the archival home for more that 130 Scottish clan organizations, and houses many rare books including the original edition of *Scottish Peerage*, as well as *The Highland Papers*, and several Gaelic Bibles. Genealogist Irene Goodwin continues to expand the library's already extensive collection.

Thanks to the assistance from Director Melody Jenkins and Librarian Ann Glass, the Clan Wallace Society - Worldwide historical records have now been added to this great collection.

**Moultrie-Colquitt County Library**  
204 5th St SE, Moultrie, GA 31768

[www.colquitt.k12.ga.us/public\\_lib/](http://www.colquitt.k12.ga.us/public_lib/)  
Tel: (229) 985-6540





L to R: Ian Wallace, Laurie Wallace, Anna Conklin, Tim Wallace, Sue Wallace and William Wallace.

## Burns Night in Mesa, AZ

By Sue Wallace

On January 29th, CWS members attended the Caledonia Society of Arizona's "Robert Burns Dinner" in Mesa, which was attended by 112 people.

The evening featured traditional Burns festivities including the Address to the Haggis, toasts, and recitations, and the Immortal Memory speech. Entertainment was provided by the Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band, Arizona Academy of Highland Dance, and was followed by dancing to the music of "Kilted Spirit".

Ian wore his kilt for the first time. William Wallace as a Trustee of the CSAZ, and Tim Wallace as its Vice President.

## 34th Annual Central Florida Scottish Highland Games

By John R. Wallace

This year's Central Florida Scottish Highland Games were held in Winter Springs, Florida during the 14 through 16 of January 2011. It commenced with a Whisky Tasting and Sponsor's Reception on Friday Night and ended with full Games and Festival activities on Sunday. Forty-six Clans and Societies were in attendance this year and the tent area was bustling with Tartans. Past President Captain John Wallace convened the Clan Wallace Tent this year, and during the weekend about 50 Wallaces were present to chat and pass the time. Many were new to the Games, but many were long time members of the Society who we see each year.

One regular at this event was the ever-popular "Santa Wally" Cady, Life Member. "Santa" assisted Captain John in manning the tent and greeting all who came. Wally always draws a crowd. This year he was in his new red Clan Wallace Kilt. Annual Member (1403) Bonnie Greiner was also present with her daughter Erin, Annual Member (1451), and her son Blayne, Annual Member (1452). For Christmas Bonnie gave both of her children upgrades to Life Membership in The Clan Wallace Society - Worldwide, which was gladly processed at the tent. As always the event was alive and bold and interesting - well worth attending if you live in Florida, or are just visiting the area. Across from the Wallace Tent was a tent space hosting representatives of the American Gaelic Society. They drew a large crowd during the weekend - an interesting educational experience. The

Honored Clan for 2011 was Clan Henderson, represented by David Henderson. Ever present on the field and always working was another longtime Wallace Friend, Chip Crawford, who is the President and Field Marshall for these Games. The weather was great and the Games were one of the best. What a great way to start a long and enjoyable Scottish Festival season. Hope to see you all there next year.



"Santa Wally" Cady and P-Pres. John R. Wallace

## ATTENTION!

**Have you recently moved? Do we have your new address? Do we have your new e-mail?**

Please do not forget that it's the member's responsibility to keep CWS Membership Department informed of home address or e-mail changes so the database can be kept current. Don't forget to tell us!

**When any of your personal contact information changes:**

- Go to [www.clanwallace.org](http://www.clanwallace.org)
- Left-click on the Clan Crest
- Left-click on CWS Change-of-address-Form
- Make the corrections and submit

Failure to make these corrections will result in you not receiving the Newsletter or any special, forthcoming announcements.

**E-mail any changes to:**

**editor@  
clanwallace.org**

## THE WALLACE MONUMENT AT ELDERSLIE

By Marcus "Jim" Wallace and Wayne Jones

In the winter 2011 issue of the newsletter, we reported on the events leading up to placement of the plaques for the Wallace Monument marking the 40th anniversary of the rededication of the Wallace Monument at Elderslie in 1970. Founder and President Charles B. Wallace's speech was included. In this issue, we review other restoration plans that were discussed at that time.

Following the rededication, a great deal of work remained to be done on the surrounding premises, which would have taken considerable funds. The Laird of Elderslie, Major D. Crichton Maitland, Houston House, Renfrewshire, created the Wallace Buildings Trust.

The Trust was formed to undertake the rehabilitation of the Wallace Buildings and to insure their future preservation. It was the intention of the Trustees to "restore the 16th century building containing Wallace's Kitchen and the Dovecot to its original condition; and to convert the inside of the 18th century byre and stable wing for an appropriate use, possibly commercial, while retaining a suitable external appearance to make the house habitable." These proposals had the approval of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland and of the National Trust for Scotland.

The Clan Wallace Society (CWS) pledged itself to assist in the improvement of the surrounding grounds, and it was the hope of our organization that we could assist in the remodeling and equipping of the reception room, caretakers living quarters, rest room facilities, the first of which might have been used as the International Headquarters of our Society. CWS awaited opportunity.

In the interim, some unfortunate news was received in a letter from Major D. Crichton Maitland dated April 20, 1971 to President Charles B. Wallace. The Major stated that

he was unable to find a firm or organization that could use the buildings and secure their future. He found this most disappointing, particularly since vandals had done damage there, though he was glad to say that the Memorial and its plaques have not attracted their attentions.



*The Wallace Yew survived vandals' matches in 2005. The CWS donated to the gates which now protect this venerable and venerated tree.*

There was enough money in the Trusts funds to consider asking a start on the renovations of the house, to get someone living there to cut down on the vandalism. The cost of restoring the house in 1971 alone would have been £5,000. At the time of the letter, the Trust had £4,000, and the Major asked if there was a chance of the Clan Wallace Society being able to help in the event of a crisis to make up the difference if additional funds could not be raised.

No response to Maitland's letter from Charles B. Wallace could be found. It is unclear what happened after the April 1971 letter from Major Maitland. What we do know is that the vandals have done their worst. During the Wallace Gathering in Scotland in 2005, we saw first hand that there were no buildings remaining above ground, just remnants of building foundations.

In a trip to Scotland in 2006, Past President John R. Wallace saw that conservation and rejuvenation of the Wallace Yew Tree at Elderslie had begun. The tree had been damaged by vandalism and lightning. The Clan Wallace Society - Worldwide reached out and made a donation to assist with the project.

Two years later, following a return trip to Scotland, John R. Wallace reported back to the CWS that Wallace Yew Tree Project had been completed, having been dedicated on Wallace Day 2006. The protected tree is pictured above.

## CONVENOR'S CORNER

By Jean R. Wallace



It is time for looking ahead and getting ready for our 2011 festivals. I have sent my list in for this year, have you? Please send your list to the Webmaster and me so that he can post your information. Remember to post the name of the festival, date, and website for the festival if there is one. Inventory all your materials to see if you need to make more copies, clean your chairs and tent, and be ready to set up and go. Double check your festival dates early in the year. One of ours scheduled in April has been moved back two weekends, and I just caught it when I was getting my information sent to Jim "Bowie" Wallace to post on the website.

If you know any members who would like to become Conveners and represent Clan Wallace at Celtic events, please have them notify me. Remind them that we have a Convenor Kit that contains many items at no cost to make it easy for them to get started, and many other items they can purchase to save them time in shopping for the same items.

Enjoy this year and let us all help visitors and members learn more about their Scottish Heritage. Remember, the April issue of Highlander is a good one to have on display at your tent, because it contains a lot of information about other clans and how to contact them.





## FLOWERS O' THE FOREST: ROGER WILLIAM WALLACE



### Roger William Wallace 1923—2010

by Marcus "Jim" Wallace

I have known Roger and his family since 1996. He was very proud of his Scottish heritage. His grandfather emigrated to

New Mexico from Scotland. He was proud of his family and especially his daughters, Sandra and Patricia.

Roger was a Director of the Clan Wallace Society 2000 – 2002. He was very appreciative of the policy which allowed anyone with an interest in Scottish history, its influence on America, and a belief in the principles of this society to become a member. He enrolled many members of his family as Council Members.

Roger served for 5 years in the European Theater during WWII. He was a truck driver and participated in the "Red Ball Express." After the war he was an organizer for the Teamsters Union. He started in the Western Conference and then was promoted to Director - Food Processing and Cannery Central Division. He re-

mained a consultant for the Teamsters Union after his retirement.

He is missed by all who knew him. Although his health prevented him from traveling to games the past few years, he remained an enthusiastic supporter of the activities of Clan Wallace Society.

*Editor's Note: Roger William Wallace was born on June 14, 1923 in Las Vegas, New Mexico and passed away on December 19, 2010 in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area. Roger's family thanks their many friends and relatives whose sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered and deeply appreciated.*



## UPDATE ON THE CWS REWARDS PROGRAM

By John R. Wallace, Past President

I am pleased to inform you that since the last issue of *The Guardian*, the Rewards Program has been quite active with donations received totaling \$903.66. The following is a recap of these donations:

### The Circle of the Knight Russell Harper (CM) of Lewisville, North Carolina

A donation of an additional \$120 received this period brings his total giving to \$1,100. The Certificate and Medals recognizing this elevation for Russell were presented at the Northeast Florida Scottish Games on 26 February 2011 at the Clan Wallace Tent. Congratulations and thanks from the Board for his continued support. Executive Vice President Lawrence Slight (right) and I (left) make the presentation to Russ (center) in photo at right.

### The Circle of the Cross James B. Dewey (LM) of Seattle, Washington

James' recent donation of \$150 to the Program qualifies him for his second level circle reward. During this period donations have also been received from several others and their generous contributions are listed herein. An additional donation of \$120 was received in January 2011 from Circle

of the Knight Marcia Harper of Lewisville, NC bringing her total giving to \$1700.

An additional donation of \$344.52 from Circle of the Knight Robert Wayne Jones of Ranson, WV in February 2011 brings his total giving to \$2,020.42.

Circle of the Knight James L. Wallace of Bowie, MD made an additional contribution in February 2011 of \$139.14, thus boosting his total giving to \$1,818.34.

And finally, a non-member, Jane McMurray of Lovettsville, VA, made a much appreciated donation of \$30 to the Rewards Pro-

gram. It should be noted that Ms McMurray is the mother of Life Member Kevin Holder.

All donations are Tax Exempt. See elsewhere in this issue for a follow on article on the Wallace Yew tree at Elderslie Scotland, where CWSW donation funds contributed significantly to the saving and restoration of this ancient tree located at the Wallace Monument there. I encourage you to be a part of this important work! Pro Liberate!

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## PILLAR STONES AND STONE CROSSES OF THE ANCIENT CELTIC WORLD

By Dorothy Knight

Long before the days of Christianity, in the Celtic West, there were sacred stones. These standing stones or "pillar" stones are very relevant, for they symbolize the Axis Mundi or world-axis, the pole or link between Heaven and Earth. The oldest symbol of the world-axis is the sacred tree or Tree of Life. Pillar stones began to replace sacred trees when nomadic people settled and cleared the land for agriculture.

Some early writers assumed the stone market crosses had replaced wooden ecclesiastical crosses erected by saints in the early days of Christianity and that they had gradually lost their Christian symbolism and became secular or civic monuments. If this were so, there would be no Celtic connection. Market Crosses, or Mercat crosses, can be found in many towns and cities in the United Kingdom. The basic symbolism of these market crosses, like the pillar stones, is the link between Heaven and Earth.



The Dupplin Cross, of Pictish origins, dates from 820 A.D.

The ancient traditional world-view recognizes 3 worlds. 1) Spiritual, symbolizing the sky with sun as divine light; 2) Corporeal, by earth, and; 3) Psychic, or immediate world by air, or

space between Heaven and Earth. The sphere on top of the cross can represent Heaven—a sphere being the most fluid form; it can also represent the sun. Its shaft represents the world-axis, pole or spiritual bridge between Heaven and Earth. The octagonal exterior of the shaft represents the directions of space, air, the immediate space between Heaven and Earth, and corresponds with psychic states. The square base represents the fixed earth. Some market crosses incorporate a sundial near the top.

The "may pole" has something in common with the form of the market cross. Those dancing, the maypole dance are dancing in a circle around the world-axis. The church

found that the people clung to the worship of these stones, even after they were ordered to destroy them. Their broken shafts were repaired and a cross mounted on the top.

Market crosses were situated at crossroads and became meeting places, proclamations were read out, justice and punishment dispensed - a court of law almost. Although this is a sacred site, in the ancient world, treatment of criminals was intended as a curative as well as a punishment. And it could alter him or her from something more severe after death. The Celts used the birch for corporal punishment, believing the tree to have a property to drive out evil.

The earliest historical record of a church in Britain was 314 AD. Christians in Ireland dated before St. Patrick in 440 AD. St. Ninian in the 5<sup>th</sup> century converted the Picts. St. Columba, on Iona in 563 AD. The Celtic church differed from the Roman form of Christianity as they celebrated Easter at a different time, a difference in baptism, and an ordination of bishops and consecration of churches. Celtic churches became extinct around the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> century due to Saxon invasions and the beginning of the Anglo-Saxon church. The fish became the first and oldest Christian symbol. It is thought, that it originated because the letters of the Greek word for fish, are the same as the first of each word in the phrase "Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and Saviour in Greek.

Celtic stone monuments depicting Christ as a fish are rare, but sculptured stones in Scotland have fish on them (salmon). Many of the stones have the monogram Chi-Rho on them, depicting the name of Christ in Greek. Celtic crosses show characteristic types of Celtic ornamentation, whether they are inscribed on rough blocks of stone, recumbent or erect stone slabs. Celtic crosses are made with



Standing stones like these remain common across Scotland & Ireland.

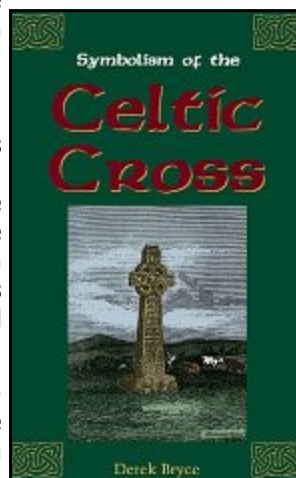
much ornamentation; knot-work, plait work, swastikas, key patterns, spiral, animal, and plant designs, figures of people, scriptural and hunting scenes. As we look at the beautiful Celtic crosses from the pagan Mercat crosses to the emerging Christian crosses, our thoughts wander back to ancient times and admire the precise art work and imagination it takes to work on these stone pieces. It really is a shame so many were ruined or destroyed. At the Reformation, Protestants threw over 200 crosses into the sea.

In Ireland, there are a large number of crosses and related stones in the Celtic realms. These, like everything in the landscape, are subject to the elements of destruction.

When we visit a Celtic cross we should do it with reverence. Crosses should be treated with respect and we should always bear in mind that each Celtic cross is sacred, bearing witness to the universal human recognition of the divine powers that lie beyond human understanding.

Members of the CWS wishing to learn more about the symbolisms of Celtic crosses may purchase books written by Derek Bryce on the subject.

Two recommended are: *Symbolism of the Celtic Cross* (1995); and, *About the Celtic Cross: Croes Celtaidd* (2002). Paperback versions of these books can be purchased from Barnes and Nobel for \$12.30 and \$17.05, respectively.





**MY WEE SCOTS BEARS**

or, "An Introduction to Cross-stitching"  
By Dorothy Wallace Knight

I am not a person to be idle for too long. My hands must be doing something. So I took up the art of counted cross-stitching. Counted cross-stitching is very precise and an exact craft, not at all like the art of painting, as I've done in the past. If you goof-up your art strokes, it can be remedied with a flower, leaf, or even a wee mouse or bunny rabbit, depending on your project. Oh no, but not your stitching. If you miss one stitch you might as well redo it, as your pattern will be lost forever.

I started cross-stitching about 10 years ago when I was looking for something different for a wedding gift for my nephew. I chose a Celtic Wedding Prayer with lots of knots and intricate designs, almost too hard for a beginner! But I persevered. I guess the prayer didn't work as they are now separated!

With that finished, I then began working on pictures for my three children and their significant others. Six grandchildren and quite a few friends...all of various themes from winter scenes, wolves, cats, butterflies, and then on to my wee Scots bears. It amounted to a total of 21 projects.

You know, we have the quietest house in the country. My husband is an avid sports fan. He watches hockey, football, and baseball, whatever is in season. And with the sound turned off no less (can't stand the announcers), I am stitching and stitching and counting and counting. The only verbal communication I hear is, "That's a stupid play," or "There goes the game!" His most popular remark is, "Is it time for coffee yet?" No wonder we have been married for 60 years this summer!

Now getting back to the wee bears. We were to be 1st time great grandparents, so



Dorothy thoroughly enjoys cross-stitching. Pictured above is some of her handiwork, especially the "Wee Scottish Bears" that recently adorned an afghan. Should you wish to trade patterns, please contact Dorothy via email at [dknight@mnis.net](mailto:dknight@mnis.net).

this afghan with bears is to be "the gift". Surely no one would duplicate it! Needless to say it was a hit. Well now, it seems that great-grandchildren are the order of the day as we had another on the way! So another afghan was in order.

I finished it just in time to welcome the arrival of Lauren Pauline on December 20th, 8lbs and 6oz. Fashionably late I must say. Great-Grandma decided then and there she had better be prepared for the next one before her wrists give out just to have on hand! Having finished the 3rd one, I incorporated two Scotty bears into the piece, along with thirteen other bears, each doing their own thing. One bear was in a Wallace kilt and the other in a Douglas kilt, as Heather married into Clan Douglas. She doesn't know about the afghan yet but she will soon.

There are still two more grand daughters to go. I wonder if my wrists will hold up? I know the games will still go on, and I will keep busy creating something...and the house will be quiet again!

Sure, aye!

**WANTED!**

**CWSW Newsletter Editor**

The Board of Directors is accepting expressions of interest for a new permanent Editor for the CWSW Newsletter, *The Guardian*. *The Guardian* is an international award-winning newsletter, published three (possibly four) times annually.

Applicants must possess excellent grammar and spelling, as well as proficiency with the following software: MS-Publisher2007, MS Word, e-mail/Outlook and Adobe PDF. Email your expression of interest to:

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## "FLOW GENTLY, SWEET AFTON": BURNS NIGHT ON A RIVER-BOAT



**Above:** The Willamette Queen berthed at Salem, Oregon.

**Below:** Susan Vollmer, Norma Wallace & Jill Farren at the wheel during the Oregon Scottish Society's Burns Night event.

**Left:** The Willamette Queen's dining hall, during Haggis Address.



By Bill and Norma Wallace

Yes! In Salem Oregon, the Robert Burns dinner was held on The "Willamette Queen." It was designed as a scaled down likeness of the former Mississippi and Yukon Territory riverboats, with a stern paddle wheel that really does propel them. She was built in 1990 in Newport, Oregon. Why a Burns Dinner in a riverboat? Because Karen Grant, of the Oregon Scottish Society, thought it would be different and nice venue. She created a very successful evening.

The dinner was the traditional Robert Burns dinner with the Haggis being piped in by Wylie McKinnon, and Vern Gold re-

cited the "Address to the Haggis." We were entertained by Red McWilliams, an American proud of his Scottish heritage. Besides singing, he recited Robert Burns' poem "A Red, Red Rose," which he dedicated to his wife. It was beautiful and moving.

There is a connection between Robert Burns and boats. During Burns' lifetime, paddle boats were being designed and enthusiastically experimented within naval architecture. Although Robert Burns might not have been thinking of paddle boats when he

wrote poems, he did write poems relating to boats.

*Editor's Note: "Afton Water" immediately comes to mind there, Bill. —TEW.*



## Burns Night in Red Deer, AB

By John and Debbie Wallace

On January 22nd, Clan Wallace was represented at the 2011 Robert Burns' Supper held at the Red Deer (Alberta) Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, Canada. More than 100 "Burnsians" gathered to celebrate the 252nd birthday of Scotland's "national bard." The evening began with the haggis being piped-in and toasted by all. The meal was "roastit bubbly jock wi' stuffin' intilt, champit tatties, and mashed 'neeps, followed with a delicious dessert of apple pie. The entertainment was superb, highlighting Scottish culture: Highland dancers, fabulous music by the Red Deer Legion Pipe Band, and many stories that memorialized the tumultuous life of Scotland's poet laureate. Indeed, a great time was had by all!





## High Desert Celtic Society Burns Birthday Dinner

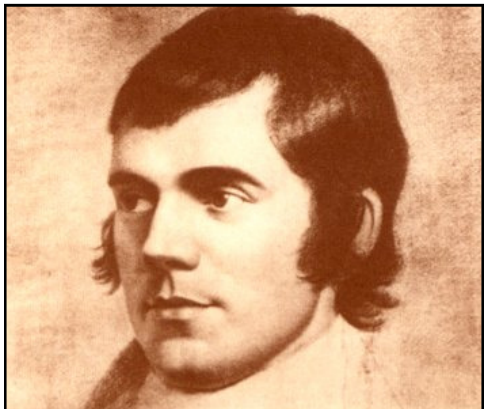
By Norma Wallace

The High Desert Celtic Society of Central Oregon outdid itself with this year's Burns Dinner, held in the luxurious Oxford Hotel, Bend's newest lodging establishment.

Everything was top notch, food, service, entertainment, single malt whisky, and the program.

The recently formed pipe band of the Bend Fire Department, wearing the McKay tartan, entertained guests and put on an informal exhibition outside the hotel after dinner.

The band's piping instructor, Susan Jenkins, piped in the haggis and entertained with her excellent pipe music, as did the group *Scottish Heart*, who are well known in the NW. The High Desert Scottish Country Dancers wearing the Oregon Tartan showcased their talent. Guests gave the Burns event rave reviews and anxiously await next year's dinner.



## The Triad Highland Games

By Russ and Marcia Harper

After a two-year absence the Triad Highland Games are back and will be held on April 30 at Bryan Park, Greensboro, NC.

Clan Wallace will be the Honored Clan. Russ and Marcia Harper will host the Clan Wallace tent. So come one come all and show your support and enjoy the Scottish Southern Hospitality of the Harpers.

[www.triadhIGHLANDGAMES.org](http://www.triadhIGHLANDGAMES.org)

If you can't make the Triad Highland Games you have another opportunity to join the Harpers at the Mint Hill Highland Games on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Clan Wallace will also be the Honored Clan there this year.

See you soon in North Carolina!



Color Guard of the Scottish American Military Society Post 1775, regulars at Triad.



**BRAVE-HEARTH: CELEBRATING OUR "INNER-LEPRECHAUN"**



*By Lisa Donant*

This month, we're celebrating the Irish in all of us!!!

Erin Gu Brath!

**Easy Irish Cream Chocolate Mousse**

- 2 3.9-oz. Pkgs. Instant Chocolate Pudding Mix
- 3 cups Half & Half or Light Cream
- ½ cup Irish Cream Liqueur
- ½ cup Heavy Whipping Cream



Combine all ingredients in large mixing bowl and beat with mixer until thoroughly mixed. Spoon or pipe mixture into serving dish or individual dishes and chill for at least 2 hours prior to serving. Serve topped with whipped cream and shaved chocolate for garnish if desired. Makes 4 cups.



**Guinness Brownie Bites with Irish Cream Frosting**

- 1 box Favorite Brownie Mix
- 1 bottle Guinness Beer, room temperature
- 6 oz. Cream Cheese
- 1 ½ Tbsp. Heavy Cream
- ¾ cup Confectioners Sugar
- 2 Tbsp. Irish Cream Liqueur
- Green Food Coloring (optional)

Preheat oven 350 and grease or line mini muffin pans.

Prepare brownie mix according to instructions replacing the amount of water required with Guinness. Fill wells 2/3 full and bake for 15-20 minutes or tests done with cake tester. Allow cooling in pan for 5 minutes before removing to wire rack to cool completely. In a medium size bowl, beat cream cheese and heavy cream together until smooth. Gradually add in the powdered sugar, adding the Irish cream (and food coloring) last.

Frost or pipe icing onto cooled cupcakes.



**Frozen Black Irish**

Makes 1 serving

- 1 part coffee Liqueur
- 1 part Irish Cream
- 1 part vodka
- 1 to 2 scoops chocolate ice cream

Mix ingredients in a blender and then add ice. Blend until smooth. Blasda! (tasty).



**Front:** Jennifer Rose & Sarah Tipton  
**Back:** Pres. Bob Wallace & Kevin Michaels

**Queen Mary Games, Long Beach**

Over the weekend of February 19th, Scottish Games were held aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA, The "tables only" were scattered about one of the decks. Vendors were also on decks, and food vendors were located near the Pipe Band and Drum Major competition off ship. The Heavy Athletics events took place nearly a half-mile from the ship in a park set aside for this purpose. Alex Beaton, and The Men of Worth provided entertainment. There was also a Pipe Band playing throughout the tent area on deck.

Kevin Michaels and Jennifer Rose, Clan Rose, graciously attended the Wallace table for Con- vener Ed Ries and his wife, who were on vaca- tion. The Queen Mary was a great venue for a Scottish event.



**Bob and Lois Wallace**

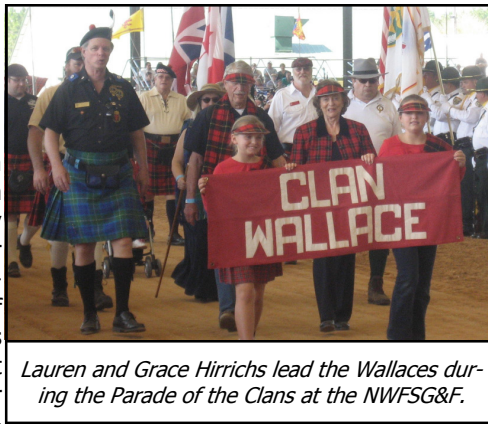
*The side of Bob & Lois Wallace's fifth-wheel... Showing Scottish pride and looking great!*



## Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival

By Captain John Wallace

The 16th Annual Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival was held this year on 25-26 February 2011 at the Clay County Fairgrounds near Jacksonville, Florida. Over 40 Clan and Society Heritage Setups surrounded the main arena where much of the Festival Ceremony and Heavy Athletics were conducted. But this large event spread itself out to encompass a major portion of the Fairgrounds, including a major Children's Area, Piping, Drumming, and Dancing competitions, Sheepherding demonstrations, Fiddles, Harps, Archery, Axe Throwing, and Gaelic workshops. There were loads of good Celtic entertainment, a large contingent of ethnic food vendors, and lots of shopping.



Lauren and Grace Hirrichs lead the Wallaces during the Parade of the Clans at the NWFSG&F.

CWSW Board Member Charles Wallace and his wife Karen hosted for Clan Wallace, who are the Conveners for this annual event. In addition to the large number of local Florida Wallaces who attended the Festival was CWSW Board Member Jim "Bowie" Wallace and his wife, Nancy, from

Maryland, plus CWSW Board Member and Society Executive Vice President Larry Slight and his wife, Judy, from St Augustine, Florida, and CWSW Board Member Russell Harper and his wife, Marcia, from North Carolina. Also in Attendance was Clan Wallace Society Past President John R. Wallace from South Carolina, who came down to present The Society's *Circle of the Knight* Reward to Russ Harper.

The Parade of Clans featured Clan Hamilton as Honored Clan this year. The Wallace contingent was led by Grace and Lauren Hirrichs, Wallaces from the Jacksonville, Florida area.

A good time was had by all. Come join the Wallaces at this great event in 2012.



## Combining Scottish with...

By Bob Wallace

For several number of months, we have been working on combining western wear with our Scottish heritage. A fair amount of thinking went into this project as time could be found. When Lois was able to locate some Wallace dress red tartan, she discussed an idea with a local seamstress in our area who is exceptionally talented when it comes to putting clothing articles together.

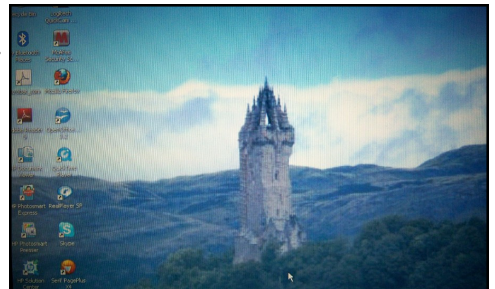
Since I'm partial to the western style shirt, what we had in mind was to overlay some portion of our western shirts with the Wallace red. The Wallace green could also be easily used on a black shirt, but to get

started we went with the Wallace red. Modifying the shirts was not a problem for our local seamstress, as you will see from the accompanying picture. Wearing it to the Nevada Scots monthly meeting got the attention of attendees that evening, and some number of them are considering doing something similar with their tartan placed on western shirt wear.

Rather than take each shirt apart and replace parts with the Wallace dress red, the seamstress simply cut the tartan to fit over the shoulders, and cuffs at the end of the long sleeves. Another possibility might have been to include the tops of our shirt pockets, but that might have meant taking out the snaps and then replacing them. It was far easier to simply do the shoulders and cuffs.

Taking this idea a step further, not with clothing but with my laptop computer, the "wallpaper" (the screen background) supplied by the software maker is usually whatever ideas get put together by Microsoft, Mac, or Linux-based machines. Use of a dual-boot laptop means finding the right picture, then getting the computer to put it in place of the typical background.

Given our Scottish background, a quick look for the Wallace National Monument near Stirling, Scotland, found a picture that would fill the screen background, and, for a Windows startup, place the monument in the center of the display, the typical arrangement of program icons on the left, leaving the Wallace National Monument prominently displayed at the center of the screen as the attached picture will show.



There may be more that might be done with our Scottish heritage. Lois and I enjoy taking our fifth-wheel trailer on the road. So why not apply a decal to the trailer that shows our Clan Wallace connection? Bill and Ada Wallace of Gresham, Oregon, were kind enough to provide the decal for us; it was simply a matter of finding a local sign shop to apply the decal. Putting this decal on the trailer was not about to be done by me. Get it done right the first time! It's been placed on the right front side of the trailer, as you'll see in the photo on the lower right of Page 10.

Might there be more? We recently upgraded our cell phones, so now it's time to start thinking about which background to put on each of our phones. First step might be to see if one of the pictures already on my computer can be moved to the phone, or will it be necessary to use the cell phone service provider's way of acquiring some other picture to use. Going with the service provider's method will likely incur a monthly cost, so the alternative is to find some way of getting one of my favorite pictures moved to the phone and used as desired.





## The 2012 Clan Wallace International Gathering at Calgary & Canmore, Alberta

Mark your calendars now for August 30th – September 3rd, 2012, and plan to attend the 2012 Clan Wallace Society -Worldwide International Gathering in Alberta, Canada. Alberta is characterized by frontier spirit and urban sophistication with the Canadian Rocky Mountains as a backdrop, and will serve as a spectacular setting for our 2012 International Gathering.

This event will be in conjunction with the Calgary Highland Games and the Canmore Highland Games. Calgary's reputation as both a modern big city and a friendly, wild western town allows us to experience the best of both worlds. Canmore is located just east of the world famous Banff National Park and about 70 miles west of Calgary. From its humble beginnings as a coal-mining town, picturesque Canmore is now a popular year-round vacation travel and resort destination.



*"The Three Sisters", as seen from Canmore, Alberta. These views await us in the Canadian Rockies.*

Both the Calgary and Canmore Highland Games are one-day events, Saturday and Sunday respectively, and offer Clan Tents, Vendors, Piping and Drumming, Highland Dancing, Heavy Sports and much more. The cost of the Games and their events are separate from the Gathering, and will be paid for by attendees. Please check their websites [www.calgaryhighlandgames.org](http://www.calgaryhighlandgames.org) and [www.canmorehighlandgames.ca](http://www.canmorehighlandgames.ca) for event information and pricing.

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

If you want to receive hotel, Gathering and other pertinent information, send your full name(s), ages if youth, address, phone number and email address, and mail to Lisa Donant, CWSW Treasurer, 7454 Plum Rose Court, Mechanicsville, VA 23111, or email to [lisa7454@verizon.net](mailto:lisa7454@verizon.net).

Persons responding will be placed on a Priority List for the 2012 Gathering. All required information for attendance will be mailed in early 2012.

Please address any questions to Lisa Donant at the email address above, or by calling (804) 730.5580. Alternatively, you can contact Bill J. Wallace, [billandnorma@gmail.com](mailto:billandnorma@gmail.com) or telephone at(541) 633-7685.

We look forward to seeing you in the Canadian Rockies of Alberta in 2012!

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