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February 24, 2024

Welcome to the Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival!

Scottish heritage has long been a part of our state's history and culture. In my role as Florida's Secretary of State, I also serve as Chief Cultural Officer and my office has the distinct honor of preserving the various cultures that have helped to make our state the great place that it is today. Historical markers throughout Florida demonstrate the impact that Scottish influence has had on Florida's history, and according to the 2020 census, over three hundred thousand Floridians reported Scottish ancestry, including myself.

Scots began emigrating to America in the 1700s, many attracted by the opportunities in North America. As the Scots arrived, they brought with them their culture and traditions. When Scottish immigrant John Gillespie established his homestead in Sarasota in 1886, he brought his passion for the emerging game of golf with him and constructed a practice course consisting of two greens and one long fairway behind his home. This two-hole golf "course" became the origin of golfing in Florida and one of the first recorded in the nation. There are many such stories of Scots sharing – and inviting others to join – their games, music, and other cultural traditions when they arrived in Florida.

Those traditions and invitations are still honored today with events such as these games which serve as the beacon on the hill summoning all to this gathering place to celebrate Scottish heritage – its music, its agriculture and its games that are as ancient as the homeland.

Enjoy your time in Florida and "Haste Ye Back!"



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February, 2024

On behalf of the Clay County Board of County Commissioners, welcome to the 29th year of the NE Florida Scottish Highland Games and the 21st year of holding it in beautiful Clay County! We appreciate the opportunity to showcase our unique county through an event that is both nationally and internationally recognized. We are happy to welcome over 20,000 people who will attend the event, including 30-40 different clans with their many world class athletes.

The Scottish Highland Games arrive in February of each year to create a bit of Scotland in Clay County. We are delighted to celebrate Scottish heritage, arts, culture, and competitive sports with our residents and visitors. The Games will, of course, include the well-known caber toss amongst the competitions for the athletes. Families will be able to enjoy the Band and Solo Piping (bagpipes) Competition, some traditional dances of Scotland, or even visit with a highland cow when taking a break from the games. Vendors, food, and performances by international band Albannach and Celtic bands Syr and Poehemia will round out the musical entertainment. The day will not be complete until the fireworks go off after Albannach's final performance!

We are certain you will enjoy your visit to Clay County and hope you take time to explore the many treasures of Clay County beyond the NE Florida Scottish Highland Games. Natural resources and waterways abound for visitors to enjoy. If locally owned shopping and dining are more appealing to you, there are no shortage of options available to you. We invite you to request a Visitors Guide (found on ExploreClay.com) or utilize the website to help you as you explore Clay County. QR codes are provided below.

We hope you enjoy the 2024 Games and look forward to you exploring all that Clay County has to offer throughout the year. Small Towns. Big Passions.

Sincerely,

JB Renninger, Chairman
Clay County Board of County Commissioners



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WELCOME

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Fàilte (welcome) to the 29th Annual Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival.

We will be welcoming back Albannach to the stage, plus SYR and a new band Poehemia for your Scottish rock concerts. Make sure that you check out our concert stage. Also this year following the evening concert we will be hosting a fireworks display presented by North Florida Pyrotechnics, so stick around for a bang up ending of a great day.

We hope that you and your family have a wonderful time experiencing the Scottish culture and heritage that we present. We Scots are proud of our heritage and love to share it. Make sure you stay for our Celtic Rock Concert in the evening. Your ticket stub will get you into the concert.

This year we have the return of noted historian John Miles to talk about Scottish involvement in American history and Culture. John is the author of a riveting novel titled Magnus' Saga Beyond Vinland.

We hope that you have as much fun enjoying and learning about our culture as we do presenting it.



Audie Gibson

President,
Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival



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Drumming Grade I.....Dawn M. Dilauro
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 Tenor - Grade 1Clan Hope of Craighall
 Tenor - Grade 2.....Audie Gibson, In Loving Memory of Hoot Gibson
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Piping

Piping Grade I.....Moreau Estes for Clan Macleod
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Welcome guests to the 29th Annual Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival. In order to provide the best and most convenient experience to our attendees, the NEFL Games and the Clay County Fairgrounds have provided several common guest services. Notably among these are information areas, restrooms and trash cans, ATM, medical personnel (on site if needed), and food and drink vendors and tables. Most of these stations and areas are clearly marked, however, if you are unable to locate an area via the map or the area signage, please feel free to ask one of the games committee members or simply head to the information tent.

Guests of the games will also hear loud speaker announcements of upcoming events or changes to times or venues. Your program, and in some cases the venues themselves, have times and schedules for events. There is much to do here at the games and we hope you will explore the grounds and the many events, activities and opportunities. We enjoy bringing you a "Wee Bit of Scotland", and hope you have a good time. Thank you for coming.

WELCOME

Clay County Chamber of Commerce and the Clay County Tourist Development Council Welcome the Scottish Games



RESTROOMS



Restrooms are located in several areas throughout the Clay County Fairgrounds (including the front near the entrance). Check your map or ask a games committee member if you have trouble finding them or have need of restroom supplies.

MEDICAL AND ATM



First Aid and emergency medical assistance will be provided if needed.

There are two **ATM's** on the games grounds. Many vendors also have the ability to take credit cards.



PET SITTING

Pets are not allowed in the fairgrounds unless those animals are service animals. For those who may need to have their pets watched while they take in the games experience, the Clay County Humane Society will be providing pet sitting services

FOOD AND DRINK



Several vendors are available at the games for those attendees interested in full course meals or just snacks. Most are located in a large area near the athletic field. These vendors deliver the food in the quickest and easiest way possible, but we recommend visiting them in the off times. There may be lines during these peak times so plan accordingly. Space for eating can be found on several picnic tables nearby or on the ground near the fields. Please dispose of your trash in the nearby trash cans.

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In support of the "Auld Alliance" with France, the Scottish Army invaded England. King James IV and the "flower" of the Scottish nobility were slain at the Battle of Flodden on September 9, 1513, one of the greatest disasters to befall the country. The pipe tune Flowers of the Forest is a soulful lament during where we take a moment to remember members of our family who have gone before us.

The Northeast Florida Scottish Games & Festival would like to express our deepest sympathies to the families of the following members of the Scottish Community who passed away in 2023 and 2024. We honour them and their contributions.

Flowers of the Forest 2023/2024:

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On Sunday, February 18, 2024 the congregation and visitors at St Giles Presbyterian Church, located at 116 Foxridge Road in Orange Park, celebrated our Scottish heritage with a special Kirkin o' the Tartan service. St Giles dedicates this particular kirkin service to our Games each year on the Sunday before our event. We hope you'll join us for this special service in 2024!

"Kirk" is a Scottish word meaning church, during the Kirking, which uses some of the Scottish Church form, a display of clan tartans is presented for blessing. Swatches of individual clan tartans are offered to rededicate to God's service, the clan members identified by the particular tartan. The "Kirkin' of the Tartan" has spread across The United State and Canada. Currently, a Kirking is celebrated on the Sunday after most Highland Games and around St. Andrews Day. The Kirking will be held at St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Orange Park. You will enjoy this service of rededication to our heritage and historical faith in God.

The Service is led by Pastor Jake Young assisted by Scottish Games Committee members and featuring the First Coast Highlanders, the St. Giles Chancel Choir, and the blessing (Kirkin') of the clan tartans. A reception with sweets and savories of Scotland will follow. Discount tickets for the following weekend's Highland Games will be available for purchase. Additional information can be found by visiting the church website at www.stgilesfl.org and clicking on our Facebook link. Go to photos, then albums, and scroll down to Scottish Heritage Sunday to view photos from last year's event. Pastor Young will also be blessing the games on the Saturday of the event.



FIRST COAST HIGHLANDERS (Host Band)

Based in Clay County, Florida, the First Coast Highlanders is Clay County's premiere bagpipe and drum band. We are a performance and entertainment band, a teaching organization, and a cultural group. We promote Celtic culture through music.

The band encourages and supports the Celtic culture in our community by providing instruction to anyone interested in learning the great highland bagpipe or highland drums. Lessons are provided free of charge to anyone willing to commit the time and self-discipline to learn.

The First Coast Highlanders is under the musical direction of Pipe Major Will Wheeler. We are the host band for the Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival, and the St. Augustine Celtic Festival. In June 2022, the band made its second trip to Scotland. Performances were at Stirling Castle, Inverary Castle and University of Sterling. We are a 501(c) (3), non-profit charitable corporation and accept donations which are tax deductible. Funds are used to further the education and awareness of bagpipes and drums.

Website: www.firstcoasthighlanders.com

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HIGHLAND GAMES HISTORY

The history of the Highland Games can be traced back for well over a thousand years. The biggest gatherings were those of the military where the commanding officers, like the Clan Chiefs of old, saw the advantages of encouraging sports and pastimes which kept their men fit, agile, and strong for war. Piping and dancing in particular were practiced as a form of relaxation wherever the regiments went. To this day some of the best pipe bands can be found in the armed forces. Our games began over 29 years ago and we are proud to continue to give our attendees a taste of a wee bit of Scotland, its history, and a preview of many of the things that makes us proud to be Scots.

HERITAGE

At the NEFL Games, we are committed to honoring the cultural heritage of Scotland through our Highland games, events, and exhibits. We offer many informative displays and speakers, as well as a range of traditional games and competitions that are sure to delight and entertain. Whether you're a member of a Scottish clan or simply interested in learning more about Scottish heritage, we welcome you to join us and experience the fun and excitement of the Scottish Games.

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Clan Saying: "Do Well and let them say ... A Gordon! A Gordon!"

Celebrate Scottish heritage with us in appreciating this year's honored clan, House of Gordon. Gordon Tartan from Huntly, home of the Clan Gordon: The modern Gordon tartan colors are dark green, navy blue, black and yellow. The Gordon ancient tartan is light green, light blue, black and yellow. The popular Gordon dress tartan colors are forest green, navy blue, white, yellow, black and royal blue, and the colors of the Gordon weathered tartan are khaki, slate grey-blue, weathered black and muted yellow.

The Gordon tartan is the regimental tartan of the famous Gordon Highlanders and was selected by the Alexander, the 4th Duke from a choice of three submitted by William Forsyth, a weaver and outfitter from the town of Huntly. Forsyth wrote on 15th April 1793 'When I had the honor of communing with His Grace the Duke of Gordon, he was desirous to have patterns of the 42nd Regiment plaid with a small yellow stripe properly placed. I imagine the yellow stripes will appear very lively.' A Gordon website claims that the Duke offered the other two Forsyth samples to Gordon Branch or Cadet Families. The Gordons of Hallhead and Esslemont selected the tartan with three yellow lines and the Gordon-Cumming of Altyre and Gordonstoun chose the tartan with two yellow lines. The earliest known date from a list compiled by D.C. Stewart from Wilsons of Bannockburn letters is 1798.



Ruins of Castle at Huntly

House of Gordon Clan History:

The name emerges in Scotland in late 12th century from the Parish of Gordon in Berwickshire. Richer de Gordun was lord of the Barony of Gordon in the Merse and between 1150 and 1160 granted a piece of land and the church of St Michael to the monks at Kelso. Sir Adam de Gordon was a Warden of the Marches in 1300 and, a supporter of Robert I, was sent to Rome to petition the Pope for Bruce's excommunication to be lifted. For his services, he was granted the lands of Strathbogie in Aberdeenshire.

The 4th Earl of Huntly gained the nickname "Cock o' the North" for his lavish receptions, a name which is still used for the current clan chief. The Gordons were advisors to Mary of Guise when she ruled in the absence of Mary Queen of Scots.

Surname distribution in Scotland:

The highest concentrations of the Gordon name occur in Aberdeenshire (includes all of the historic counties of Aberdeenshire, Kincardineshire and part of Banffshire), Aberdeen City, Moray (including most of historic Banffshire), Highland (includes the historic counties of Caithness, Inverness-shire, Nairnshire, Ross and Cromarty and Sutherland), Perth and Kinross (Perthshire and Kinross-shire) and Dumfries and Galloway (Dumfriesshire, Kirkcudbrightshire and Wigtownshire).

Associated family names (Septs):

Adam, Adams, Adamson, Addie, Addison, Adie, Aitchison, Aiken, Aitken, Atkin, Atkins, Atkinson, Barrie, Brander, Cannon, Craig, Cromb, Crombie, Cullen, Darg, Dargie, Dorward, Duff, Durward, Eadie, Eddie, Edie, Edison, Esslemont, Gardiner, Gardner, Garioch, Garrick, Garriock, Geddes, Gerrie, Huntly, Jessiman, Jopp, Jupp, Laing, Lang, Laurie, Lawrie, Leng, Marr, Maver, Mavor, Meldrum, Mill, Mills, Miln, Milne, Milnes, Moir, More, Morrice, Morris, Muir, Mylne, Tod, Todd, Troup.

Jennifer Mills Martin of Alabama *President House of Gordon USA*

Jennifer has been involved with the House of Gordon USA, Clan Gordon of North America, since 2015, serving in many different ways and roles.

She's helped maintain the House social media pages since early 2015 and has helped convene for the House since November of 2015-present. Then, in May 2018, she joined the Board of Directors as the National Membership Secretary alongside her husband, David, who served as the National Treasurer. In July of 2021, Jennifer was elected President of the House of Gordon USA. As President, she's working diligently to help the House grow and evolve. She is always striving to ensure all Board members, Conveners, and all members have a voice and feel heard/appreciated.

During her Presidency, the House of Gordon USA has given thousands of dollars in scholarships to worthy applicants in these categories; Celtic Dancers, Pipers, Drummers, Scottish Heavy Athletics, and Gaelic Language Studies. They've also given thousands of dollars to the Gordon Highlanders Museum to support their efforts to educate and maintain their facility which is such a huge part of the Gordon legacy. Another fascinating venture that the House of Gordon USA has been involved in during Jennifer's Presidency is a DNA research project with Strathclyde University in Scotland. They have been making efforts to better trace the Gordon clan through history with DNA and historical records. The House has come a long way since July 2021 in no small part due to a new, collaborative, team oriented, strong Board of Directors.

A little about her personally, Jennifer and her husband were born and raised and have raised their family (children Lanay-34, Rob-32*special needs adult, and Payne-12) in southeast Alabama minus the years they traveled while her husband, Dave was in the Army. Jennifer is a former Firefighter/EMT, Medical Secretary-Urology/Nephrology, and now is a stay-at-home mom and she homeschools their youngest, Payne. Jennifer counts herself lucky to be of Gordon lineage via multiple steps; Mills, Moore, and Adams.

An advertisement for Walkers biscuits. The background is a red and black tartan pattern. On the left, a large tartan ribbon with a gold border curves across the frame. In the center, the text "PRODUCT OF SCOTLAND" is written in a gold, curved font above the word "Walkers" in a large, bold, white font with a gold outline. Below "Walkers" is the text "ESTABLISHED 1898" in a smaller, gold font. To the right of the text, there is a tray of various Walkers biscuits, including round shortbread and rectangular oatcakes. On the left side of the ribbon, there is a circular inset showing a historical illustration of a man and a woman in 18th-century attire.

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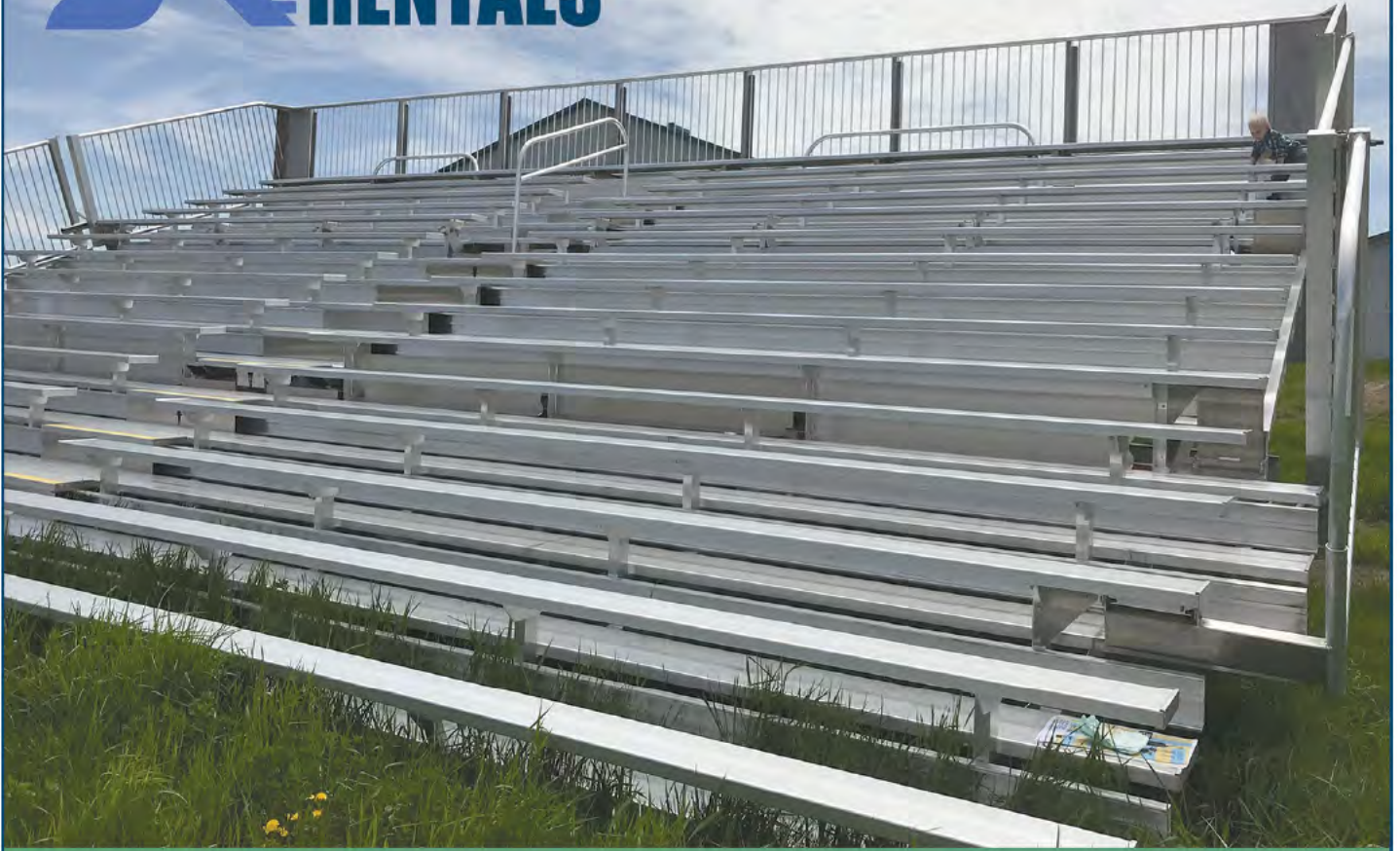
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PASSPORT TO SCOTLAND

BIG COUNTRY - LOTS OF CHARACTER



Scotland (*Gaelic: Alba*) is a nation of just over five million people occupying the northern third of the island of Great Britain, off the north west coast of mainland Europe; and is one of the four constituent countries of the United Kingdom.. In 1707 Scotland joined with England, and the entire island became a single king-



dom. Within this border

territory the Scots fought many battles to keep their independence. As a result the Scots remain a distinct and proud people with a long history and ties that extend virtually worldwide. Large scale emigration in the past means that at least 20 million people outside the country trace their origins to Scotland, including over 9 million living in the United States, over 4 million living in Canada, and large numbers in just about every other corner of the globe: including, approximately, 250,000 in Russia. For a small country (by population the 113th largest in the world) Scotland has a history and a sense of identity that gives it an enormously powerful and positive image worldwide. Scotland has always

been seen as an idyllic land, where ancient castles nestle amidst majestic mountains; where world-class heritage sites come alive with a rich, turbulent history. The soul-stirring landscapes of the Highlands give way to a rugged coastline, and beyond to Scotland's magical isles.

This is, after all, the nation that gave the world golf; scotch whisky; tartan; the kilt; bagpipes; haggis; a remarkable number of advances in science and engineering; and a poet, Robert Burns, whose birthday, on 25 January, each year is said to be the second most celebrated birthday worldwide.

Of course, this romantic, heather-hued backdrop exists, but it does so alongside a vibrant, contemporary new voice. Edinburgh inspires with its imperious castle and International Festival and Fringe, the world's biggest arts festival. Glasgow's Victorian cityscape is quite remarkable, as are its 19 public museums where entry is free. Year round both cities are host to world-class festivals and events which celebrate Scotland's traditional and contemporary culture.

To experience Scotland is to dance an eightsome reel with the locals in a fast-paced ceilidh; to sample melt-in-the-mouth smoked salmon; to savour a dram of a rare single malt. Above all, what makes a Scotland visit complete, is the legendary warm welcome you get from the down-to-earth Scots.

Scotland's location and topography are critical elements in shaping it's history and character. The coast of Scotland is deeply pierced by inlets from the sea. The larger inlets are called firths. Long, narrow inlets are called sea lochs. On the rugged west coast the sea lochs are framed by great cliffs and resemble the fjords of Norway.

Numerous islands line the coast. In the north are two large groups, the Orkney Islands and the Shetland Islands. Close to the west coast are the Inner and Outer Hebrides

groups, and the islands of Arran and Bute.

THE LAND

The land may be divided into three regions: the Highlands in the north, the Central Lowlands and the Southern Uplands.



Highlands are wild and picturesque. Their rocky, barren summits were chiseled by Ice Age glaciers and the rainfall of many centuries. Purple heather clothes the lower slopes in late summer. The valleys are usually steep-sided glens, with a long, narrow loch at the bottom. A long valley called Glenmore crosses the Highlands from southwest to northeast. The Caledonian Canal links this valley's lochs to form a waterway from the Firth of Lorne to Moray Firth.

The Central Lowlands run from southwest to northeast, and the greatest length is nearly 90 miles (145 kilometres). They are only 30



(145 kilometres). They are only 30 miles (48 kilometres) across the narrow waist of Scotland--from the head of the Firth of Clyde in the west to the Firth of Forth in the east. These firths provide valuable outlets to the sea but in the past constricted communications from north to south into the waist. The soil is fertile, and four coalfields underlie the area. Here is

In the Southern Uplands the hills are generally less than 2,000 feet (600 metres) high. Their rounded or flat tops are often capped with dark peat. The slopes are covered with grass as well as heather. Along this border England and Scotland meet. In the west the boundary runs from the Solway Firth across the crest of the Cheviot Hills. In



the east it follows the River Tweed almost to its mouth. The Tweed Valley is the chief gateway into England.



Scotland's chief farming district and also its largest cities. In the east is Edinburgh, Scotland's historic capital. In the west is Glasgow, hub of a great metropolitan area. Almost 90 percent of Scotland's population live in the Lowlands.

*O Scotia!
my dear, my native
soil! For whom my
warmest wish to
heaven is sent;
Long may thy
hardy sons of rustic
toil Be blest with
health, and peace,
and sweet content.*

—Robert Burns:

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For more detailed information about Scotland, it's people and symbols, please visit our wonderful vendors areas, and the Tartan and Genealogy displays.

SYMBOLS OF SCOTLAND

RED LION RAMPANT

In 1165 AD, William succeeded his brother Malcolm, III as King of the Scots. He was called William the Lion and he went into battle with a standard consisting of a red lion rampant on a yellow field. The red lion rampant on a yellow field was adopted as Scotland's royal standard



THE FLAG OF SCOTLAND

The Flag of Scotland, known as the Saltire or St. Andrew's Cross, it is considered the oldest national flag still in use. The Saltire now also forms part of the design of the Union Flag.

FLOWER OF SCOTLAND

Flower of Scotland is popularly held to be the National Anthem of Scotland, and is played at events such as football or rugby matches involving the Scotland national team. However, since devolution, more serious discussion of the issue has led to this being disputed. Other candidates include Scots Wha Hae, Scotland the Brave and A Man's A Man for A' That.

THE THISTLE

In 1263 AD, Haakon of Norway sent a fleet, the largest armada of ships, filled with troops, ever to be gathered together by the Vikings. He wanted to solidify his claim to the Hebrides, the Western Isles, Orkney, and the Shetlands.



During the stormy landing many ships foundered or ran aground. In the night, as the survivors struggled ashore, legend has it that a soldier stepped on a thistle alerting a sentry.

History records that on October 2, near Largs, Alexander III, King of the Scots, and his small army, drove the Vikings back into the sea. The battle ended 200 years of Viking raids into Scotland. The thistle was adopted as the national flower of Scotland.



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SCOTLAND

GAELIC / SCOTS HISTORY / GENEALOGY

GAELIC



Donna Chouinard

After learning about the declining numbers of Gaelic speakers in 2008, Donna made an immediate decision to become involved in the preservation and promotion of the language. Since then, she has completed three years of Gaelic study at the Atlantic Gaelic Academy through the Advanced Level. She is also the Gulf Coast

Regional Representative for the American Gaelic Society striving to assist others in their Gaelic endeavors. She aspires to bring the Ulpan Gaelic teaching method to the U.S. through her involvement with the American Gaelic Society so that Gaelic teachers in America may become certified, further increasing the position of the Gaelic language in the U.S.

SCOTTISH HISTORY

John Miles

John is a retired US Marine and former college professor that now delivers lectures on Scottish history and other historical topics to groups. Subjects include; Reasons for Scottish Immigration to North America, Viking Colonization of Scotland, The Galloglass (Scottish Mercenaries in Ireland), the



Jacobite rebellions and Captain Kidd, Scottish sailor and pirate. Organizations that lectures have been presented to or are scheduled for; Scottish American Society Palm Beach, FL, Scottish American Military Society (SAMS), The Highland Society of Harford Country, MD, The St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore, MD, the Carolina Caledonian Fest, and the NEFL Highland Games.

He holds or has held membership in the following organizations; Clan Gillean USA, The Scottish American Military Society (SAMS), Scottish American Society Palm Beach, FL, the St. Andrew's Society of Albany, NY, and the Scottish American Society of Tidewater, VA.

John volunteered as a guest history lecturer at the VT Veterans' Home. He served as the 2014 guest speaker at the Wounded Military Heroes Ski Weekend with the adaptive ski program at the Bart Center at Bromley Mountain Ski Resort and spoke to the Vermont Governor's Veterans Education Committee (GVEC).

He received his MA's degree in Military Studies from American Military University and his BA's degree in Anthropology with a minor in History from Texas A&M University.

John is a six-time published author in Marine Corps Gazette, the professional journal of the Marine Corps and has been accepted for publication by Scot's Heritage Magazine.

SCOTTISH GENEALOGY

Dick Cardell

The ever-popular Genealogy table will be maintained once again by Dick Cardell, a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Jacksonville Florida and several genealogical and historical societies.

Dick is on the speaker's bureau of the Florida State Genealogical Society and gives talks about Scots, German and Internet Genealogy. His other major hobby is photography. He wears a Stewart kilt and a Ross name badge. Come by and learn how to research your family.



JOIN THE SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF JACKSONVILLE

Meet us today at our table in the clan area or on all social media platforms to find out more information, events or to join.

"Celebrating and promoting Scottish Heritage and Culture since 1977" The Saint Andrew's Society of Jacksonville is a cultural, educational and benevolent organization devoted to studying, preserving, and promoting Scottish Heritage and Culture, including Scotland's history, music, literature, crafts, and all the arts of Scotland. Membership is open to any person, regardless of age, national origin or religious belief, and who has a passion for Scottish heritage.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEFL Scottish Games and Festival- last weekend in February
St. Augustine Celtic Festival- weekend before St. Patrick's Day
Tartan Day Celebration- First weekend in April
SHED (Scottish Heritage Education Day)- in September
Kirkins, Evensongs, Pub Nights, and Ceilidhs through-out the year



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SCOTLAND

GREAT SCOTS / DAR / RE-ENACTORS



GREAT SCOTS/SCOTTISH INVENTIONS

The Scottish Games are proud to once again present the "Great Scot!" area. In this space visitors can follow the historical timeline of the Scots and learn the events that shaped the past, present, and future of Scotland. Games attendees can also discover some of the greatest scots that ever lived (real or fictional) and perhaps take a few pictures with some of their likenesses. If that's not enough, this area also details the ingenious and extensive contributions made by the Scots in a variety of scientific fields including medicine, transportation, communication, athletics and many more. In fact native Scots or those descended directly from them have been the recipients of some 11% of all the Nobel Prizes that have been awarded. Learn about a few and pose for a few shots with some humorous oversize examples

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



The Daughters of the American Revolution will be available to detail the rich history of the Scots helping to establish this great nation. DAR is an organization with a deeply rich history while also being truly relevant in today's world. More than 1,000,000 women have joined the organization since it was founded over 125 years ago. They became members to honor their heritage as well as make a difference in their communities across the country and the world. They are happy to connect with anyone interested in their group and are proud to be at this year's Scottish Games.



RE-ENACTORS

This Regiment was the first of the Highland Regiments to be formed for the British Army. It was originally comprised of several highland independent companies of men guarding, or watching, the English/Scottish border in 1739. The uniform included the now famous Black Watch plaid, which was a government design so that no Highland clan would be associated with the men.

The 42nd has a long history with the Americas. One of its highest moments of valor occurred during the battle at Fort Ticonderoga (New York) against the French in 1759, The Regiment also fought bravely in the Caribbean and played a major role in the English conquest of Cuba in 1762. Even later, the Regiment took part in the relief of Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) from the Indians and protected the American western frontier for several years.

When fighting broke out forming the American Rebellion the Regiment returned to the colonies and participated in the battles of Brooklyn, Princeton and Charleston.

Over thirty men and women have come together to re-create the Regiment during this period of the Rebellion to represent the loyalty of Florida to the British Crown. We take great pleasure in sharing our hobby of portraying military and civilian life of over two hundred years ago.



42ND ROYAL HIGHLAND REGIMENT OF FOOT
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SCOTLAND

WEAVING / CLANS / TARTANS

WEAVING



In the same area as our Great Scots and Scottish History exhibits, this year we are excited to have an area to demonstrate how weaving is done. Games attendees can see how fabrics were woven in the early days of the Scots. They can also learn how techniques from back then reflect on how they are worked today for more modern textiles and garments.

THE SCOTTISH CLANS AND THE TARTAN

THE CLANS AND FAMILY SOCIETIES

The clan system which arose in Scotland around the 11th century was a complex society. The clan family was headed by a Chief. While many of the clansmen were likely to be blood relations others might be tenants of the clan lands; smaller families or clans (septs) would put themselves under the protection of the larger clan. A "sept" moved into a region or moved out of a region and changed allegiances. As a result some "septs" are allied with more than one clan family. The clan system was based on the economics of the times and functioned, for better or worse, much like a family business. The word clan is from the Gaelic and means "children." Originally each clan was made up of the descendants of one man and his children. The clan names which are in use today have come down from the founders of the royal dynasties of the Picts, the Scots and the Vikings in the Highlands as well as the noble families of the Britons, Flemish, Normans, Angles, and Saxons in the Lowlands and Borders.

These royal dynasties are the ancestors of the Scots. Our family tree grew horizontally as well as vertically. While the king, queen, or heir apparent of a dynastic family was often married "across the water" to someone of comparable royal rank and the heir to a noble title was married "across country" to ensure peace or secure property, their other children generally married locally. The surname of the dynastic family spread slowly, but through intermarriage gradually everyone in the region was absorbed. It is this brotherhood, beyond rank, sex, religion, success, or failure, which links the Scots together. We are all one interrelated family; the branches of the family are the family names, clan, and septs. As a result, all bearers of Scottish names share in the rich pageantry and experiences of our common ancestors. Visit the clan area and meet your family.

THE UNDERLYING SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TARTAN

The underlying significance of the tartan today is as a means of clan or family allegiance, but just when and how this became a part of Scottish culture is hotly debated. There is no clearer symbol of Scottish identity than tartan, especially when worn in the form of a kilt. One factor that has been decisive about the history of the development of the modern system of identification has been the influence of the tartan manufacturer. They were responsible for developing early catalogs and order books. It was soon accepted that the authority for stating what was the correct tartan for a clan must be its chief. In 1815, the Highland Society of London began its collection of approved tartans; and the first book on clan tartans appeared in 1831.

SCOTTISH TARTANS MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTER, INC.

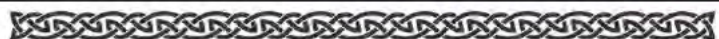
The Scottish Tartan museum was founded by Scottish Tartans Society, formed in Scotland in 1963 to "Study the origins, history, and development of tartans". The society has two museums... one in Keith, Scotland and one in Franklin, N.C. USA. The Scottish Tartans Museum in Franklin, NC not only displays Scottish Tartans, but covers various aspects of the Scottish experience; culture, history, dress, migration, and military. Visitors are invited to view their family tartan, connect with their clan, and learn about the history of Highland Dress. They can help if you are interested in researching the recommended tartan for a particular surname, or would like a full color print of your tartan. Stop by their information booth at the games or come to the museum at 86 East Main Street, Franklin, NC 29734. Phone (828) 524-7472

Their museum is open year-round, six days a week (except for major holidays). Our gallery is regularly visited by school groups, researchers, families and interested individuals. Volunteers are often available to provide guided tours, and staff is always on hand to answer questions and help with basic tartan research.

Our museum gallery features kilts dating back to c. 1800, and tartan specimens c. 1725. Over 600 tartan samples are on display, including tartans for clans, families, districts, and other organizations. Our computer database, courtesy of the Scottish Tartans Authority, contains over 11,000 unique tartan designs, both historic and modern.

Our museum staff and volunteers are routinely invited into area schools, from elementary school to the university, to give presentations on Scottish heritage and Highland dress.

Our museum staff and volunteers also attend a number of regional Scottish Festivals and Highland Games throughout the year to provide a tartan information service to festival visitors. So if you are attending a festival in the southeastern US, be on the lookout for our tent!



SCOTTISH GAMES & FESTIVAL

TRAINS AREA

The trains area has been re-christened

The Jim Overby Memorial Switchyard

in honor of one of our longest and most dedicated committee members and his lifelong love of trains.



The large-scale train display located in Building TWO is furnished by the Florida Garden Railway Society.

If you become nostalgic at the sound of a distant train whistle, then you might be intrigued by the idea of laying track in your yard and relaxing with a cold drink as a miniature train chuff by.



The Florida Garden Railway Society has families statewide from Jacksonville to the Keys, with a large contingent on the west coast of Florida and in the central part of the state. We welcome new members and visitors. For more information please visit us online at <<https://www.FGRS.org>>

SCOTTISH GAMES & FESTIVAL

HOGWARTS / BLOOD DRIVE / CELEBRITY BAKER

HOGWARTS EXPRESS & WIZARDING WORLD

The locomotive is a Scottish invention and this year we celebrate this workhorse with miniature train displays. This area will be highlighted by the images of perhaps the most well known Scottish train, the Hogwarts Express. Hogwarts, was located in Scotland in J.K. Rowling's magical story of "the boy who lived" and the students of the school were transported there by this fanciful railway. Visitors will be able to take photos with backdrops or props reminiscent of the train station from the films.

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HOGWARTS EXPRESS



BLOOD DRIVE



LIFESOUTH

Community Blood Centers

This year Lifesouth Community Blood Centers will be bringing their bus out to the Scottish Games as we encourage our attendees to help donate much needed blood for their fellow local residents. The bus is pretty easy to spot and patrons may briefly donate and go right back to enjoying their day at the games.

PASSPORTS TO THE SCOTISH AREAS OF THE GAMES

This year Scottish Games attendees can once again grab a blank passport from the Children's area and explore the fairgrounds to gather stamps from different areas of Scotland. Modeled after the more commonly recognized regions of Scotland, the fairgrounds have been loosely designated to match. Passport holders can explore the "regions" learning of each and collecting stamps in their passport at "Stamp Stations". These stamp stations also help break the fairgrounds into regions to help our attendees find the attractions they are looking for. Completed passports can be turned in for a special treat.

PASSPORT REGIONS



- 1 Shetland Islands
- 2 Orkney /Outer Hebrides
- 3 Scottish Highlands
- 4 Argyll
- 5 Ayrshire
- 6 Dumfries and Galloway
- 7 Scottish Borders
- 8 Glasgow and Clyde Valley
- 9 Edinburgh and Lothians
- 10 Fife
- 11 Stirling
- 12 Angus and Dundee (Tayside)
- 13 Aberdeen (Northeast Scotland)

SPECIAL APPEARANCE: THE HEBRIDEAN BAKER



Thanks to a great tie-in promotion with one of our amazing vendors, the Scottish Gourmet, International bestselling author and social media sensation, The Hebridean Baker (Coinneach Macleod) will be signing and promoting his new book to those that have pre-purchased the tickets. Widely considered the best cook in Scotland, in his book he shares stories and adventures alongside his best selection of recipes yet. Be whisked away to his island home where he brings delightful dishes to fill your kitchen with Hebridean Hygge. With songs, stories and beautiful photography that will inspire your next visit to the Hebrides.



SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

SCOTTISH ATHLETICS / CRICKET

SCOTTISH ATHLETICS

All athletic events for all divisions begin at 9:00 a.m.

The Highland athletic events are as unique to Scotland as the bagpipes and the tartan. Mention Scottish games to almost anyone and they will be familiar with "those people who throw telephone poles." The origins of these events are lost in history. Some events, such as the caber toss and weight throw, probably started as informal social contests. Today these events have developed strict rules and complicated techniques as they are practiced at highland games around the world by those incredible athletes known as "The Heavies." The athletic events presented at the Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival are:

THE CLACHNEART (Stone of Strength)

This ancient event is similar to the modern-day shotput, but using a stone weighing approximately 16 to 28 pounds instead of a steel ball. The stone must be 'put' from the front of the shoulder using one hand only. Each competitor is allowed a seven-foot four-inch run up to the toeboard or 'trig'. The contestants are judged on the longest of three tosses. If the athlete touches the top of the 'trig', or the ground in front of it, during his attempt, the toss is not counted.



THE HAMMER



The Scottish Hammer, a rounded metal hammer weighing 16 to 22 lbs. with a cane shaft, is thrown for distance. The athlete throws the hammer with his back to the 'trig' and the throwing area. The competitor's feet may not move until after he releases the hammer. Some athletes use spikes on the end of their shoes to anchor them to the ground. Each athlete gets three throws with the hammer and is judged by his best distance. Touching the top of the 'trig' or the ground in front of it renders the throw foul



THE 28 LB. WEIGHT THROW & THE 56 LB WEIGHT THROW



In the 28 lb. weight throw, the athletes are throwing for distance, using metal weights with a chain and handle attached. The weight is thrown one-handed from behind the 'trig' or toeboard with a nine foot run up allowed. Any style may be used, but the most popular and efficient is to spin like a discus thrower. The contestants are judged on the longest of three tosses. The athlete must remain standing after

throwing the weight. If the athlete touches the top of the 'trig' or the ground in front of it during his attempt, the throw is not counted. In the 56 lb. weight throw, the athletes are throwing for height over a horizontal bar of variable height, using metal weights with an attached handle. The starting height is the lowest height requested by the competitors. Once a competitor

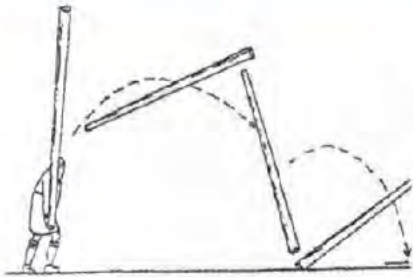


starts to throw, he must compete each time the bar is raised. Using only one hand, each athlete is allowed three attempts to clear the bar at each height. If the weight touches the bar on the way over, but does not dislodge it, it is a successful toss. All measurements are made from the ground to the top of the bar midway between the uprights. As the bar is raised, the field of athletes is reduced. This event continues until all competitors but one are eliminated.

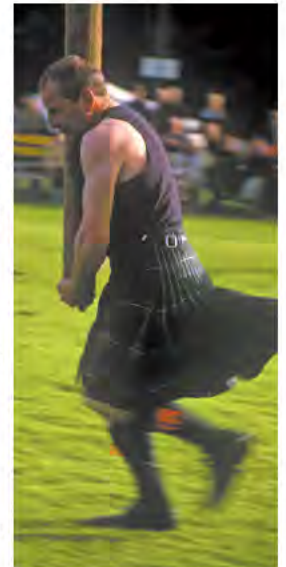
THE SHEAF TOSS

Using a three-tined pitchfork, the athletes hurl a 16 lb. burlap bag stuffed with hay over a horizontal bar between two standards. Each competitor is given three opportunities to clear the bar. After all attempts, the bar is raised in one to two foot increments. The continually rising bar reduces the field as the competition continues until all but one athlete is eliminated. The centerpiece of the modern highland games, the caber requires strength, balance and timing.

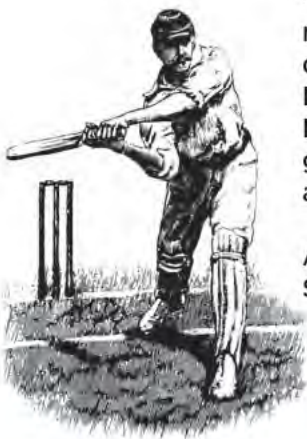
THE CABER



The caber is a long section of tree trunk with a natural taper so that it is noticeably smaller at one end than the other. The pole is 18 to 20 feet long and weighs between 100 and 140 lbs. The competitor must balance the pole against his shoulder with the small end cradled in his hands and the large end in the air so that the pole is vertical. Then he must run and allow the pole to begin to fall forward. At the right time, he must stop his sprint and flip the small end up. If he has put together the correct speed, toss and timing, the momentum will carry the small end over the large end (which now rests against the ground) and fall away from him. If the field was a clock face, and the competitor stood at six o'clock, the perfect toss would hit at the center and fall toward twelve o'clock. The best of three tosses is recorded. Ties are broken by determining the closest to twelve o'clock.



CRICKET DEMONSTRATION



"PLAY BALL!" The Scottish Way. The Scots are a sports loving people and one of their more popular summer team sports is the venerable old game of cricket. With Scotland qualified for the 2024 Cricket World Cup, jointly hosted by the United States in June, and Miami one of three American cities where matches will be held, visitors to this year's Northeast Florida Scottish games will have an opportunity to personally experience this great world sport by joining in the short, informal, games that American cricket player and instructor Tom Melville will be conducting during the event.

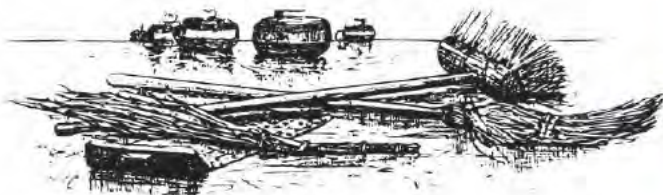
The activity will be run on a continuous walkup basis and is open to everyone. Absolutely no experience required! So come and discover what "play ball" means to the Scottish people!

CURLING



Scotland is the home of curling (2002 Olympic champions, women) which remains more popular in Scotland than anywhere else in Europe. Scotland is the 2006 men's World curling champions, and have World championship gold on 3 previous occasions.

While the sport is popular in Scotland, it's gaining a foothold in the United States and even here in Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Granite Curling Club will be hosting a booth with details on learning more locally and participating. They will also give eager curlers the chance to try for themselves.



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SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

ARCHERY / AXES / DRAGON BOATS



ARCHERY

This year's Archery area is provided by support from the Herb N Chick Nature Center. Herb N Chick aims to create a health driven community where individuals can engage in fun outdoor activities together.

The facility is designed to promote both education and fitness through hands-on programs and exercises in an open space with four acres of land and an eight acre lake. Herb N Chick offers a wide range of hobbies and sports: from school field trips and growing nutritional foods in the garden, to fishing clubs and archery classes that welcomes individuals of all ages and skill levels.



AXE THROWING



This year's Axe Throwing area will be provided by American Axe Throwing. American Axe Throwing is north Florida's first and only mobile axe throwing unit. They can bring a safe and fun axe throwing experience to your event. Perfect for corporate events, weddings, bbqs, family reunions or to draw attention to your business.



DRAGONBOATS



This year we are thrilled to have the Jacksonville Dragon Boat Club and their friends the Mammoglam at the games to show off their amazing racing boats. They encourage anyone who might be interested in signing up, they have teams for men, women, mixed, and breast cancer survivors. 2024 is the year of the dragon, so we hope everyone will come celebrate with us at the Scottish Festival! The Jax Dragon Boat Club has produced some world class athletes that are on Team USA. It's a great sport and they have a great program and training center housed at Windward Marine in Jacksonville Beach. Come check out these amazing watercraft before they're gone.



CLAN AREA

CLAN AREA / ATTENDING CLANS



DO YOU HAVE SOME SCOTTISH HIDDEN IN YOU?

Come find out in our Clan Area where you can discover the spirited Clans of Scotland, their septs descendants and histories.

2024 Clan Space assignments

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SPRINGBANK GATE 1:
ENTERTAINMENT, HIGHLAND DANCE ENTRANCE

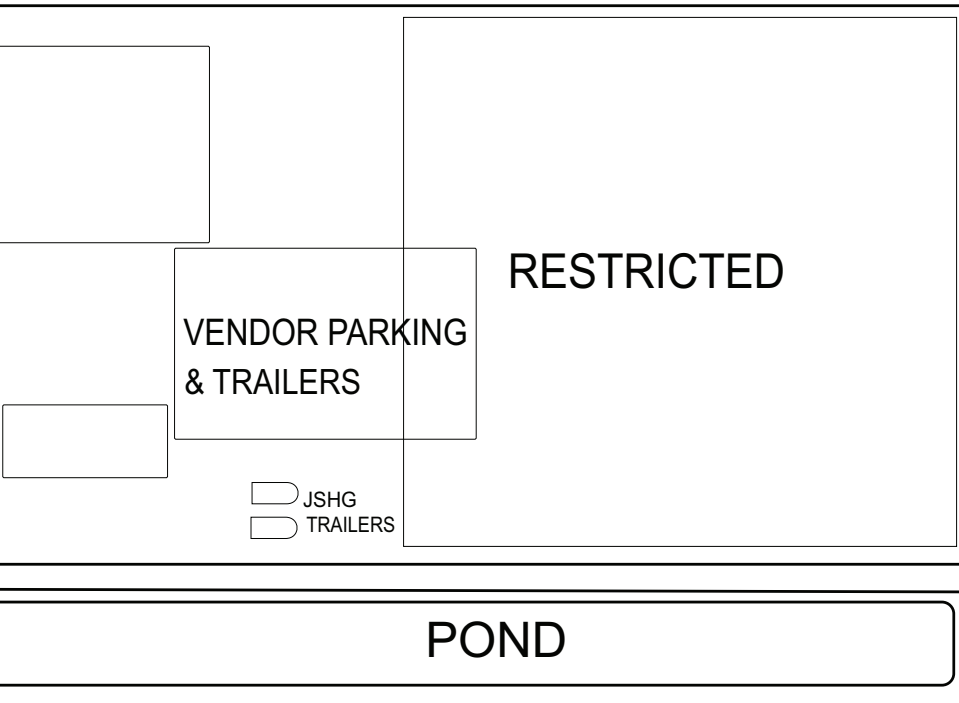
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CLANS & SOCIETIES ENTRANCE

SPRINGBANK GATE 3:
PIPES & DRUMS ENTRANCE



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- M5 CELTIC VIBE
- M6 HIGHLAND HERITAGE
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- M12 INFAMOUS WELSH COOKIE
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KIDS AREA

FAMILY FUN

Children's Pavilion Map

Sack Races



Entrance

Petting Zoo



Soccer



Clowns, Balloon Animals & Face Painting



Wellie Toss



Haggis Hurl



Stone Throw



Sheaf Toss



Caber Toss



Giant Slide



Bounce House



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2024

ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

7:00 a.m.	Gates open participants	
8:00 a.m.	Athletics	Registration
8:00 a.m.	Highland Dance	Registration/competition
8:00 a.m.	Pipe & Drums	Registration
8:00 a.m.	Sound Checks	
9:00 a.m.	Gates open	general public
9:00 a.m.	Athletics	Competitions begin
9:00 a.m.	Pipe & Drums	Competitions begin
9:00 a.m.	Fiddle Competition	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Children's Area	Activities begin: balloons, petting zoo, coloring, games, climbing wall
10:00 a.m.	Fiddle Workshop	Workshop begins
11:00 a.m.	Scottish History	Seminar
NOON	OPENING CEREMONIES	Colour guard, massed bands, parade of tartans, invocation, National Anthems, Honored Guest, Flowers of Forest
1:00 p.m.	Athletics	Caber Tossing - class A
1:30 p.m.	Athletics	Competition resumes
1:30 p.m.	Scottish County Dance	Lessons begin
1:45 p.m.	Pipe & Drums	Competition resumes
2:00 p.m.	Fiddle Competition	Competition begins
3:00 p.m.	Scottish History	Seminar.
4:00 p.m.	Children's Area	Activities end
5:00 p.m.	CLOSING CEREMONIES	Pipe Band Awards, massed bands
6:30 p.m.	MUSICAL EVENING:	
6:30 p.m.	POEHEMIA	
7:15 p.m.	SYR	
8:00 p.m.	ALBANNACH	

FIREWORKS

BAND PERFORMANCES WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

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Note: All Activities and times may be subject to change. Please check with games committee members or announcements for changes to schedules.

BAND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

AFTERNOON

1:00 - 1:30	Poehemia
1:45 - 2:15	SYR
2:30 - 3:40	Albannach
4:00 - 4:30	SYR
5:00 - 5:15	Albannach

CLOSING CEREMONY

5:30

EVENING

6:30 - 7:00	Poehemia
7:15 - 7:45	SYR
8:00 - 9:00	Albannach

FOOD AREA ENTERTAINMENT

MORNING

10:00-11:45 **RON DAVIS**

AFTERNOON

1:15-2:30 **RON DAVIS**

2:45-4:00 **RON DAVIS**

PIPE BAND SCHEDULE HOST BAND

MORNING

9:00-9:15 **FIRST COAST HIGHLANDERS**

10:15-10:35 **FIRST COAST HIGHLANDERS**

11:35-12:00 **FIRST COAST HIGHLANDERS**

AFTERNOON

2:00-2:20 **FIRST COAST HIGHLANDERS**

3:15-3:30 **FIRST COAST HIGHLANDERS**

7:20-7:40 **FIRST COAST HIGHLANDERS**



MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

CELTIC PERFORMERS



NATIONAL ANTHEM

This year's National Anthem will be played by members of the Host Pipe Band

ALBANNACH

Bareknuckle Pipes & Drums

ALBANNACH SET TIMES

2:30pm - 3:00pm

5:45pm - 5:15pm

8:00pm - 9:00pm



Albannach is Scots-Gaelic for "Scottish" or "Scotsman". That's exactly what we are. Albannach is comprised of three Scotsmen and one Scottish lass, all born and bred in Scotland! Our fifth and newest member is an American born Scot, but we won't hold it against him. Our main purpose in life is to share our intriguing culture, history, and heritage with you by means of our music. Albannach is not just another Scottish 'Pipes & Drums' band, our primal drumming and precise piping stirs the soul of anyone who hears them - young and old! With a champion piper, an award-winning lead drummer, the unique sounds and talents of a didgeridoo player, and the tribal style bass drumming - our music isn't for the faint of heart! It's aggressive, like a Celtic

punch to the face! Have a look around, there are pages of braw content for you to discover! You can listen to our music, learn more about the band, find a tour date near you, watch videos, thumb through our photo galleries, and even grab our merchandise from our on-line store! We THANK YOU in advance for supporting us and our music by attending our events and purchasing our products. Your contributions help us keep taking Scottish heritage to the masses and continuing to do what we love! Stay connected to the Nach by following us on your favorite social media platform. We look forward to seeing you soon. If you'd like Albannach to appear at your event, please fill in our Booking Enquiry Form.

Slaité, Albannach

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT



SYR SET TIMES

1:45pm - 2:15pm

4:00pm - 4:30pm

7:15pm - 7:45pm



SYR ("sire") is a Celtic Folk Rock band from Columbia, SC. Taking inspiration from Celtic history, stories and myth, SYR creates powerful songs with themes of battle, love and victory, celebrating the rich heritage of the Celtic Nations in a contemporary style with broad audience appeal.

SYR's reputation for a high-energy performance has made them a popular attraction for many Celtic festivals and events, building a following across the US and internationally.

The band consists of siblings Kyle (lead vocals, guitar) and Laurel MacCallum (vocals & percussion), Kelly Vance (bass), Greg Vance (drums), and Worth Lewallen (fiddle).



POEHEMIA SET TIMES

1:00pm - 1:30pm

3:15pm - 3:45pm

6:30pm - 7:00pm



POEHEMIA delivers the best Celtic Rock! Formed alongside the docks of Baltimore's historic, industrial waterside community POEHEMIA brings a fresh interpretation to traditional and Celtic music. Consisting of members with national, international touring and recording experience this power house combines top shelf musicianship with a one-of-a-kind stage show. The lads artistically blend traditional and modern instruments that cross generations and appeal to audiences of all ages.

Since 2012 POEHEMIA has performed hundreds of electric and acoustic shows at festivals, special events, wineries, weddings, breweries, and pubs throughout North America.

RON DAVIS

While playing guitar, harmonica, banjo, fiddle, mandolin and dobro, Ron Davis has been performing his unique musical style for over 20 years. Be sure to catch Ron at his tent near the front gate and on the main stage.



FOOD AREA ENTERTAINMENT

MORNING

10:00-11:45 **RON DAVIS**

AFTERNOON

1:15-2:30 **RON DAVIS**

2:45-4:00 **RON DAVIS**

MUSIC / COMPETITION

BAGPIPES

PIPE & DRUM COMPETITION

2024 ATTENDING JUDGES

A Special Thanks
to all our amazing
Pipe & Drum Judges:

R. Wallace
B. Donaldson
L. Cousin
B. Caudill
J. Dillahey
J. Bottomley
S. Creighton
S. McClure

Northeast Florida Scottish Games is proud to have back the Band and Solo Piping Competition again this year. If you missed it before make sure to check it out this year. Fans of pipes and drums can also check out the opening and closing ceremonies or watch out for our resident pipe band as they perform at various places throughout the games.

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH PIPER'S UNIFORM



Scotland does not claim to have invented the bagpipes, but it does claim to have developed them into an art. This powerful instrument has a long pedigree deriving from prehistoric shawms and hornpipes of Near Eastern civilisations, evolving with bag and drones in Classical and early European history, and emerging as a familiar instrument by the 12th century. The pipes were being played in Scotland by the 14th century and in the Highlands by about 1400.

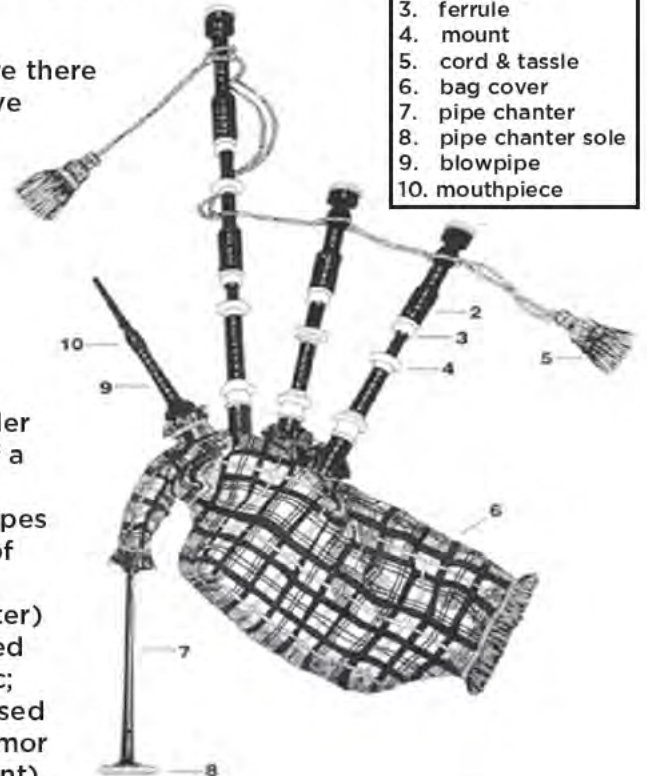
Most countries in the world have tried their hand at the bagpipes (even England, where there was a pipe band at court in 1327), but only in Scotland have they survived long enough to become a great musical instrument.

Bagpipes complemented the bardic tradition of *bros-nachadh* - encouragement and incitement - the praise of warriors and chieftains and the lament for their passing. They were played in the Great Hall and naturally for dancing and entertainment.

The Highland (Great Highland, Half-Set, Miniature or Parlour) Bagpipes are blown by mouth, whereas the Lowland and Border pipes are blown by a bellow held under the arm. The bags have been made from the whole skin of a sheep, however, modern bags are made sometimes from leather, rubber or other types of synthetic material. The pipes were originally made of bone or ivory but are now made of hardwood.

The melody is played on one mouthpiece pipe (the chanter) which has finger holes, the other pipes (up to six) are called the Drones. Broadly speaking there are two types of music; the march, strathspey and reel variety, which were composed for dancing or for armies on the move; the other the *ceol mor* or great pibroch (The salute, The Gathering and The Lament) which are the symphony music of the pipes.

1. ring cap
2. combing
3. ferrule
4. mount
5. cord & tassel
6. bag cover
7. pipe chanter
8. pipe chanter sole
9. blowpipe
10. mouthpiece



MUSIC / COMPETITION

FIDDLING

FIDDLING COMPETITION



David Gardner - Fiddle Judge

David Gardner is a nationally recognized Scottish fiddle performer, teacher and judge. He has been performing on the Scottish fiddle since the 1980's, absorbing the idiom and style of the great 18th century Scottish composers such as the Gows, Mackintoshes and Marshall. Gardner is a specialist in the performance of 18th century Scottish music using bows and instruments set up as they would have been in Neil Gow's day. Since those early years, Mr. Gardner has performed on innumerable occasions, both in colonial taverns and on stage.

Gardner currently holds an instrumental music endorsement for the state of Virginia. In this capacity for teaching excellence, Mr. Gardner was awarded a Fulbright Teacher Exchange Scholarship to Germany in the summer of 2003. Mr. Gardner is currently part of the permanent faculty of the Strathgheny School of Scottish Fiddling held at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. He is a member of the nationally recognized musical trio, The Virginia Company, with whom he has performed at the The Kennedy Center, The National Geographic Society, The Bethlehem Music Festival, Longwood Gardens, Plymouth Plantation, Monticello, and Mount Vernon, among other venues.

Gardner is a professional fiddle judge officially sanctioned by the North American Association for Scottish Fiddling, (Scottish FIRE).

Website: www.gardnerfiddle.com
(<http://www.gardnerfiddle.com/>)

Fiddling Area Schedule:
10 am Workshop
2pm competition
Fiddle Jam Session follows competition

SCOTS & "FIDDLES"

Anyone who has ever played a violin or a fiddle has at some point been asked, "What's the difference between them?" The answer is short: "Nothing." Both names refer to the same instrument. The term "fiddle" implies more about the folk-style of music, often for dancing.

In Scotland, the fiddle became a popular instrument at the beginning of the 18th century. The first published collections of music for violin in Scotland were often song tunes with instrumental variations, where the violin was an alternative to the flute or oboe.

Fiddlers in Scotland (and everywhere) were at the center of town and village life—most places had at least one fiddler who played for weddings, dances, and special occasions. Chieftains and lairds often had a fiddler as part of their household, and as patrons, were important in encouraging and preserving the music of 18th- and 19th-century Scotland.

The Scottish fiddler's musical repertoire is vast. It spans almost three centuries, and includes concert music meant for listening, such as slow airs and strathspeys; music for community work, such as waulking songs (vocal music to accompany fulling of cloth); marches; and of course, the irresistibly rhythmic reels, jigs, hornpipes, strathspeys, and waltzes for dancing.

Scottish fiddling may be distinguished from other folk fiddling styles by its particular precision of execution and energy in the delivery, for example, the rendering of the dotted-quaver/semi-quaver rhythmic patterns, commonly used in the Strathspey. Christine Martin, in her *Traditional Scottish Fiddling players guide*, [1] discusses the techniques of "hack bowing", "the Scottish Snap", and "snap bowing". These techniques contrast quite sharply with the most common bowing patterns of Irish fiddling. The style has a very large repertoire consisting of a great variation of rhythms and key signatures.

- From Scottish sources and wikipedia





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MUSIC / COMPETITION

HIGHLAND DANCE

DANCE COMPETITION



Scottish Highland Dancing is a celebration of the Scottish spirit. The dances are a spectacular combination of strength, agility, movement, music, and costume. Unlike other dance mediums, Highland dances are generally danced solo and in competition. Dancers typically dance to traditional Scottish music such as Strathspeys, Reels, Hornpipes and Jigs all played by an accompanying bagpiper. The dances are made up of different parts, called steps and there are usually four or six steps to a dance. The dances are great fun and anyone, not just those with a Scottish heritage, who thrills to the sound of the bagpipe can join in and learn the dances.

Highland dancing was traditionally performed by men but is now performed by men and women. It is one of few arenas where men and women compete equally. In most competitions, the number of women competing far exceeds the number of men.

In addition to perpetuating a great cultural tradition, highland dancers appreciate the athletic challenges, competitive goals, performance opportunities as well as the opportunity to meet and become life-long friends with dancers from other areas, both

nationally and internationally, that participation in this ethnic art form/sport affords them.

HIGHLAND FLING

Likely the oldest of the traditional dances of Scotland, the Highland Fling signifies victory following a battle. The warriors made this dance a feat of strength and agility by dancing on their upturned shields which had a sharp spike of steel projecting from the center. Dancers learned early to move with great skill and dexterity. Others say the Highland Fling was inspired by the sight of a deer prancing on a hillside. The upraised arms and hands in the dance represent the deer's antlers.



SWORD DANCE (GILLIE CALLUM)

Legend has it that the initial Gillie Callum was created by Malcolm Canmore, a Celtic Prince who fought a battle in 1054. Triumphant, he crossed his opponent's sword with his own and danced over them celebrating his victory. It is also said that the warriors danced the Sword Dance prior to battle. If the warrior touched the swords, it was considered an omen symbolizing injury or death in battle.

SEANN TRIUBHAS (OLD TROUSERS)

This dance originated as a political protest dating back to 1745 when the wearing of the kilt was an act of treason. Pronounced "shawn trews", this Gaelic phrase means "old trousers". The beautiful, graceful steps reflect the restrictions imposed by the foreign

trousers. The lively quick time in the dance recreates the Highlanders' celebration of rediscovered freedom.

THE REELS

The Reel O'Tulloch is said to have started in a churchyard on a cold winter morning when the minister was late for his service. The parishioners tried to keep warm by stamping their feet, clapping their hands and swinging each other by the arms.

IRISH JIG

The Scottish version of the Irish Jig is meant to parody an angry Irish washerwoman when she finds out some neighborhood boys have knocked all of her clean wash to the ground. Another version describes a woman who shakes her fists and flounces her skirt because she is furious with her husband who has been out drinking until the wee hours.

SAILOR'S HORNPIPE

The Sailor's Hornpipe requires strength and stamina to mimic in dance a variety of shipboard tasks including swabbing the deck, climbing the ship's rigging, standing watch and hauling in rope. The Hornpipe is danced in a British sailor's uniform and derived its name from the fact that usually the musical accompaniment was played on a hornpipe rather than bagpipes.

www.fusta.us/dances



CHILDREN'S AREA / ANIMALS

CHILDRENS AREA

The Children's Activities at the Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival are an all-day affair. We know that busy children are happy children. We have a wide variety of Scottish experiences to enjoy throughout the day. Make sure you have plenty of film in your camera!



Take home a memento of your day at our Games. Local artist Fred Olive, of Olive Graphics, has brought to life three traditional highland figures - a life-size dancer, bagpiper, and highland warrior. All that's missing is a head and yours will fit perfectly. Use your own camera to capture the moment.

Real Scottish athletes, dancers, clowns, and storytellers will share their enthusiasm and knowledge with the next generation in the Children's Pavilion. Check the schedule of presentations on Games day!

ATHLETICS

Caber Toss. We have authentic cabers for the younger athletes (and their parents). This is the real thing, so please make sure to sign the waiver before you attempt to 'turn the caber.'



Clachneart Stone (Stone of Strength). We offer a variety of sizes of stones so all ages and sizes can be challenged.

Sheaf Toss. This event is adapted for young athletes with the utmost concern for safety. We have replaced the traditional pitchfork with a bright red plastic snow shovel.

Sack Races. Groups of young athletes can participate in a light-hearted traditional competition.

Haggis Hurl (not done with real Haggis). This event was inspired by the Scottish wives who would hurl Haggis across a stream to their husbands at work in the fields. Like any other physical feat, it was soon turned into a contest by the Scots.

Wellie Toss. Have you ever wondered how far you could toss a Wellington boot? This is your chance to find out!

Soccer Skills Test. Here's your chance to "Bend It Like Beckham" in a simple, shoot-out format.



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The Children's Pavilion is open from 9am to 12pm, and from 1pm to 4pm. All children must have a parent accompanying them into the Pavilion, and parents must sign a waiver for each child who enters the Pavilion. Please note: We look forward to having fun with you and your child from 9-12 and from 1-4pm. The Pavilion will be closed from 12-1 for the Opening Ceremony. We will close at 4pm so our volunteers can get something to eat and attend the Closing Ceremony.



Hickory Arms

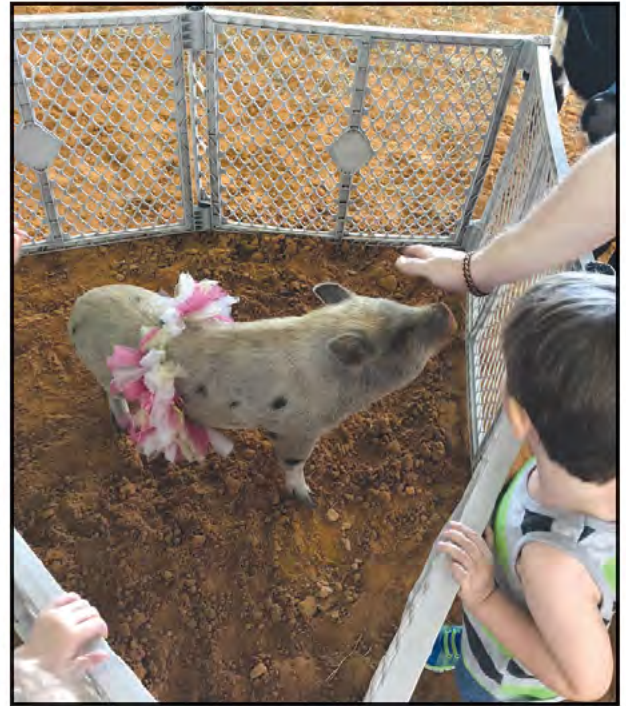
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CHILDREN'S AREA / ANIMALS

PETTING ZOO

We are pleased to once again provide a family friendly area where adults and kids can pet and interact with a group of farm animals. Hand sanitizing stations are nearby for when the kids and parents wish to clean up.



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Would like to thank
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Petting Zoo



CHILDREN'S AREA / ANIMALS

SCOTTISH LIVESTOCK

GYPSY VANNER HORSES

The Breed:

- The Gypsy Vanner has fascinated the United States since the late great Cushti Bok first stepped foot on American soil in 1996. The breed's origins go back much, much further than people realize. Its roots are firmly planted in Scotland thanks to the shared DNA of the Clydsdale, the Highland Pony and the Shire: Shaw's Grey Horse of Scotland who belonged to the governor of Stirling Castle during the reign of James IV.
- The breed has been immortalized in the spectacular sculpture known as the Kelpies in Falkirk that can be seen today.
- The Gypsy Vanner is well known for the luxurious hair of the mane and tail as well as the copious amounts of hair, or feather, that cover the lower leg and engulf the hooves. That hair provides warmth from the damp, chilly weather and provides protection for the legs from thistles and briars.
- The Gypsy people spent generations developing a strong, yet gentle horse that was an easy keeper, and can pull a vardo, or wagon, all day without tiring. The short back, thick neck, strong legs and a sweet temperament has stood the test of time and very little about the breed has changed.



The King's Morning Glory is an 8-year-old Gypsy Vanner Horse mare. She is bred from the foundation lines of Gypsy Vanners in the US, her grandsires being Breyer Model The Gypsy King and Cushti Bok, the first Gypsy Vanner stallion to set foot in America. Glory is trained to ride and drive and has been shown from the age of six months. Glory has many ribbons to her name, including National Reserve Champion 3-year-old halter mare and several other National placings under saddle. She has also been on miles of trail rides, been in parades and participated in obstacle challenges. Glory is friendly and inquisitive and always a crowd favorite. Her most recent achievement is becoming a mother to a fantastic colt in 2019. Glory is owned by Magic In Motion Vanners in Middleburg and is ridden and trained by Perry Hopper.

About our Farm: Magic In Motion Vanners is a small breed of the Gypsy Vanner Horse. We have been working with, showing, breeding and sharing our horses for 20 years this year! Magic In Motion has called Middleburg, FL home since 2010. We have bred 10 foals over that time and done some showing, including one of our home-bred horses winning a National Supreme Championship. Our two current horses were both bred by us, Latcho's King Tut and The King's Morning Glory aka Glory, Glory is due with our newest foal in April 2023! You can learn more about our farm or contact us at www.magicinmotionvanners.com or mbkwherry@gmail.com.

About the horse: Latcho's King Tut is a handsome sixteen-year-old gelding. Tut was trained to ride at three years old and spent some time with a trainer learning the ropes. Then for several years Tut was a breeding stallion, who has sired five foals. Last year he was gelded to enjoy his retirement and he came home to live out his life on our farm. This is extra special as we are his breeder, and sold him as a weanling. Tut is now the kids' horse, enjoying rides around the neighborhood and local trails, lots of attention, and learning tricks, like giving hugs. He loves rolling and would rather be dirty than clean. He is sweet and smart with just a pinch of sass! Tut is an excellent example of the Gypsy Vanner breed, and carries some of the most famous stallions in the breed, including Latcho Drom, Cushti Bok, and The Gypsy King.



Hello folks, come by to meet Guinevere! She is a 7 year old Bay Clydesdale mare, her registered name is Maple Stone Stormy Weather. At 17.1 hands she will tower over many horses, but Guinevere is true to her breed with a sweet puppy dog type temperament and loves to "work". Although she doesn't plow any fields, she does enjoy trail riding for hours on end. This year she's joined by her buddy Ted, another gentle giant.

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There are several type of cattle developed in Scotland. The one that is most instantly recognizable is the Highland Cow, known for its long, shaggy orange hair. The one that is the most common in today's world is the Aberdeen Angus. Another type of cow that originated in Scotland is the Shorthorn. Negotiations are still ongoing to have representatives of these animals present at the Games.

This year we have Scottish Cattle or "Coos" generously presented by the folks, the Salty Heifer Livestock Co. They are always a favorite and are sure to thrill the kids this year as in year's past.

BELTED GALLOWAY



The Belted Galloway or Belties are an old Scottish breed believed to have originated in the Galloway and Dumfries districts of Scotland. Though there are varying stories of their origin, they were most likely bred from Galloways and Dutch Belted (Lakenvelder) cattle. Belties occasionally are born in all black Galloway herds and also all black calves have been born in Beltie herds. There is mention of sheeted (belted) cattle as early as the 11th century. There is recorded history that indicates they originated in the southern Scotland in the 16th century. Whatever the true time-line, we know they have been in Scotland for some time.

Miss Flora Stuart is credited with supporting the breed with establishment of its own breed book. She served as president of the Belted Galloway Cattle Society and bred Belties that were black, red, and dun with black being the most common. Being a Beltie enthusiast, she assisted in development of herds in many other countries. They were first imported into North America in the 1940s and the Belted Galloway Society in the United States was founded in 1951.

The Belted Galloway has a few unique features that set them apart from other cattle breeds other than just their appearance. In winter they grow a double layered shaggy hair coat to keep them warm rather than adding fat. This makes for much leaner beef. They are naturally polled meaning they do not grow horns. They also have the ability to thrive on rough forage making it much easier to maintain them.

Bonnie Lass of Faodail Farm, or as we call her Bon Bon, is my first cow. I wasn't in the market for a cow just yet when I first saw her. She was at a duck breeder's farm where I was picking up additions to my flock. Once I discovered she was not only Scottish, but was from the district of Scotland where my ancestors were farmers for several generations I made the 70 mile trek back to the duck breeders to pick her up. Her puppy dog like personality has been bringing much joy to the farm ever since.

ANGUS MCSCOT & 501ST

While inflatable scots, jawas, Stormtroopers and others may not constitute animals, we are pleased to Angus McScot our inflatable mascot back as well as members of the famed 501st and possibly members of the rebel Legion and Mandalorian Mercs. You never know who or what might show up at the games.



SCOTTISH DOGS

SCOTTISH DOG BREEDS

The Northeast Florida Scottish Games are once again proud to bring a variety of Scottish breeds to our event. Scotland's canines are as distinct as the great land itself and known worldwide. Please enjoy visiting with our furry friends and feel free to ask their keepers questions. If you're interested several of the precious pups might even be up for adoption. Among the many rescue and care groups at the games are



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As if the amazing scottish breeds weren't enough, we can get a first hand look at some truly amazing canines. Sheep husbandry and herding has a long history in

Europe dating back as far as 6000 BCE. There is a strong connection with sheep and the people of Scotland, with sheep providing food and wool to help them survive through the seasons. Domesticated Scottish breed dogs proved particularly good at herding and their use became common all over Scotland. It is believed the name "collie" comes from the Gaelic word for useful. These herding dogs were certainly useful helping their owners corral the sheep.

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This year the Northeast Florida Scottish Games & Festival and our partner sponsor Guinness are proud to be offering beer for anyone over 21 years of age. Proof of age is required to purchase. In response to the COVID 19 pandemic, beer restrictions have been modified for this year. With photo ID you will be issued a wrist band and hand stamp to purchase beer at our beer tents. The alcohol zone has been extended to the entire fenced in area of the fair grounds. No alcohol will be allowed beyond the fence and this will be strictly enforced.



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A BRIEF LOOK BACK

Scottish Games in General:

The history of the Highland Games can be traced back for well over a thousand years. The biggest gatherings were those of the military where the commanding officers, like the Clan Chiefs of old, saw the advantages of encouraging sports and pastimes which kept their men fit, agile, and strong for war. Piping and dancing in particular were practiced as a form of relaxation wherever the regiments went. To this day some of the best pipe bands can be found in the armed forces.

Our Games:

Each year residents of Northeast Florida and the surrounding areas gather and enjoy the athletics, music, food and fun of the Highland Games. Our Games continue to grow and reflect the deep connections and impact the Scots and their descendants have had on the United States, Northeast Florida in particular.

The Northeast Florida Scottish Games is very active in the greater North Florida area. Besides hosting the Annual Scottish Games, we are often at Scots related events or helping to raise monies with the variety of Charities we partner with.

As we approach our 30th anniversary games next year with excitement and big plans, its important to remember where we came from. Neill Baker was the first President of the Jacksonville Scottish Highland Games in 1996. He and his wife Francine (who served as Treasurer on that first Board of Directors) were pivotal in bringing Scottish Games back to Northeast Florida after several years without a Games in this area. Together with the help of others such as Herman and Louise Ibach, Margaret Purcell, Patricia McCormick Wainer, Bruce and Janet Gervin, Larry Nicols, John and Arlene Marshall and about 15 others they founded and incorporated the Jacksonville Scottish Highland Games, now known as the Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival. We've grown a lot over the years and we have a very long list of people who have helped us get to this point. We'd like to say thanks to all who have been involved in our phenomenal growth and to all our attendees every year that help make the games so successful.



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THANK YOU TO OUR ARMED FORCES

The Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival would like to take this opportunity during the celebration of our heritage, to give thanks to those that protect our freedoms and allow us to gather together freely. Historically, Scotland has a long military tradition that predates the Act of Union with England.

The first recorded Scottish Naval force was created around AD 1000 by King Kenneth III to combat Viking invasions. Initially it consisted of Longships, some captured from the Vikings. Before the Wars of the Three Kingdoms in 1644, there was no standing army in the Kingdom of Scotland. After the Act of Union in 1707, the Scottish Army and Navy merged with those of England. The new British Army incorporated existing Scottish regiments, such as the Scots Guards, The Royal Scots 1st of Foot, King's Own Scottish Borderers 25th of Foot, The Cameronians 26th of Foot, Scots Greys and the Royal Scots Fusiliers 21st of Foot. The three vessels of the small Royal Scottish Navy were transferred to the Royal Navy.

Scots settled in the New World, joining the Militia and fighting both for our independence and against us. During the American Civil War Scots fought bravely on both sides, with the much vaunted Rebel Yell having its origins in the Highland Battle yells. Scots, probably better than most races, know and appreciate the price of freedom. To all of our military members and friends, both active and former, a hardy and heartfelt Thank You!

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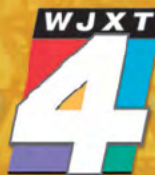
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