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## President's Quarterly Message— Louis Russell



From the President's Desk March 2023

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is **Louis Russell**. My wife, **Charm** and I are residents of Iowa and split our time between there and Arizona. We have been members of the Society for about 8 years and during that time we have enjoyed new friendships and the opportunity of meeting extended family. Charm is the Henderson with her great grandparents emigrating from the Shetland Islands in 1870. A lot of changes have occurred since assuming the role of President at the first of this year.

I want to recap some of the key events in this report. But first, I want to recognize the leadership of **Leon Hicks**, our Past President. He led the Society through many difficult years navigating the challenges of COVID, canceled Highland games and presiding over the first virtual Executive Board Meeting and first virtual AGM. Under his leadership many new programs were initiated including the establishment of an investment program that will lead to a self-funding Scholarship Program and establishment of the position Director of Communication. While leading the Society, he continually looked to the future. Leon is an avid historian promoting Clan Henderson Society and Scottish Culture. As Past President, Leon will continue to be involved in Society activities.

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Two members of our Society have been deemed **Claude A. Henderson Memorial Award Fellows**. Specifically, **Louis Russell** of Ankey, IA is recognized for multi-year fundraising efforts that resulted in over \$1000 being donated to the Society and **Christian Garin** of Gainesville, VA has been recognized for financial contributions in excess of \$1000 USD in support of the Youth Scholarship Program and multi-year fundraising efforts that resulted in over \$4,000 being donated to the Society.



*Claude A. Henderson was a founding member of the Clan Henderson Society and a strong, guiding visionary through the Society's formative years. As Society President, Claude set tone and direction for the Society to become what it is today. Members who continue to contribute advancing the Society's goals through financial means, are honored in his memory by being named a Claude A. Henderson Fellow (CAHF). The fellowship is a recognition award for those individuals who have donated, or directly caused to be donated, the sum of \$1,000 or more, for the purpose of sustaining the goals and values of the Society. The contributor is recognized as a Claude A. Henderson Fellow.*

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High Commissioner & Chieftain

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Saving Best for Last:

Clan Henderson has a soon to be Centenarian! Madam Gwen Henderson mother of Hereditary Chief of the Arms and Names of Henderson, Alistair of For-dell. Madam Gwen's birthday is 8 May 2023 and will be the first known Centenarian of modern times. Please lift a celebration toast on Madam Gwen's birthday for continued good health.

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**Fred Sanford** has been the Clan Henderson Chaplin for the past 22 years and recently decided it was time to step down. As the Chaplin, Fred attended numerous gatherings offering the invocation and serving as the Chaplin for many Highland Games. He advanced the tradition of Blessing the Kilt, a ceremony enjoyed by Henderson's and other Clans. While stepping aside as the Clan Chaplin Fred continues to be active serving as the Counselor to the Chief.

**Beth Gay-Freeman** has served the Society as editor of the An Canach multiple times, most recently for the past 5 years. A skilled writer and editor Beth produces newsletters for other clans and her own publication, Beth's Newfangled Family Tree. As the editor of An Canach As, Beth produced a publication that was informative, educational, creative, and timely. Beth will continue to be a valued member of our Society.

**Lawrence Henderson** has agreed to take over the role as Editor of the An Canach. He has been a member of Clan Henderson Society for 7 years and lives in Southern California with his wife **Cassandra**. A new e mail has been set up: [hendersonclannews@gmail.com](mailto:hendersonclannews@gmail.com). Please use this e mail when submitting articles for publication.

Clearly, the Society has many talented members with vision and commitment to Clan Henderson and the larger Scottish community.

Two years ago, a Member Survey was completed, and the information gathered was used to develop a strategic plan. Many of you will remember participating in the survey. A committee was formed and spent significant time reviewing the comments from the survey and they identified a number of goals that should help the Society move into the future. The **Strategic Plan** focused on identifying programs that members valued and outlined goals for expanding them. Some of the strategic goals have already been achieved, for example the Committee recommended that cash management could be improved and as a result a long-term investment program was established that will eventually fund the Scholarship Program independent of the operating budget. Other initiatives that were identified will become part of the ongoing growth of the Society. If interested, the Strategic Plan is available for everyone to review.

I am excited for the next two years continuing moving Clan Henderson forward. I encourage everyone to look for ways to become more involved and to contribute to making the Society better. I appreciate your suggestions and support.

**Tapadh leat,  
(Thank you)  
Louis Russell, President**

## Here is news out of the SE Region:

March 4 - Panama City Beach Scottish Games, Panama City Beach, Fl.

Phil Embry is convening

March 11&12 - St Augustine Celtic Heritage Festival, St Augustine, Fl.

No Clan tents

March 30-April 1 Tartan Day South, Cayce, SC

April 1 - Dunedin Highland Games, Dunedin, Fl. Convenor needed

April 15th& 16 - **Clan Henderson will be the 2023 Distinguished Clan for the Loch Norman Highland Games**, Hunterville, NC Harry and Suzanne Keifer Convening

April 15th&16th - Ormond Beach Celtic Festival, Ormond Beach, Fl.

Dan and Judy Henderson will be convening

May 6 - Savannah Scottish Games, Savannah, Ga. Leon Hicks is convening

May 6 - Bethabara Highland Games, Winston Salem, NC Fred and Peggy are convening

May 26th&27th - Greenville Scottish Games, Greenville, SC

Friday, 26th Great Scots Parade downtown Greenville followed by a **Ceilidh at The Peddler Steakhouse. Music, dancing, singing, storytelling and good food.**

Sat. 27th - Greenville Scottish Games at Furman University, Ed Hendricks is convening

June 3rd - Port City Highland Games - Wilmington, NC - Leon and Ann are convening

July 6th-9th Grandfather Mtn Highland Games - Linville, NC - Mary Lane Henderson, Jan Burdette and Ed Hendrick are convening

August 4th&5th - Brairsville Highland Games -

Blairsville, Ga - Harry and Suzanne Keifer are convening

Thank you for adding these to the SE Region Games for the An Canach,

Thank you,

Mary Lane Henderson



## Clan Henderson South Pacific Regional Events



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- 1. Calaveras Heritage Celtic Faire , March 10-12 Angles Camp CA.**
- 2. Kern County Scottish Festival, April 22-23 Bakersfield CA.**
- 3. Idyllwild Celtic Fair, April 28-30 Camp Emerson , Idyllwild CA.**
- 4. Scottish Fest , May 27-28 Costa Mesa CA.**
- 5. Alasdair Fraser's Sierra Fiddle Camp , June 17-25 Nevada City CA.**
- 6. San Diego Highland Games, June 24-25 Vista CA.**
- 7. Scottish Highland Gathering & Games, Sept. 2-3 Pleasanton CA.**
- 8. KVMR Celtic Festival, Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Nevada County Fairgrounds , Grass Valley CA.**
- 9. Seaside Scottish Games, Oct. 14-15 Ventura CA.**

# *News from Down Under*

## **Maryborough Highland Gathering**

The 161<sup>st</sup> Highland Gathering was held at the rural town of Maryborough on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. The gathering is hosted by the Maryborough Highland Society which was established in 1857 and the first gathering held in 1858.

The annual gathering on New Year's Day features pipe bands, dancing, vendors and clan tents, amusements and side-shows, but the main attraction is the athletic sprint and distance races, culminating in the Maryborough Gift which is run over 120 meters.

The event started with a parade down the main street featuring the pipe bands, dancers, desirable vehicles, emergency services and sports groups. The crowd followed the parade to a nearby sports ground where the main event was held.

This was the first time we had convened a Clan tent at Maryborough and with Jen Marr's assistance met and assisted many visitors. As the weather was extremely hot we opted for a tent without walls to take advantage of any breeze.

At the conclusion of the official program, a concert was held featuring local bands, followed by a fireworks display.



*Don't Let These Scholarship Dollars Go to Waste!*

*Apply Today, Tomorrow They'll Be Gone*

## Scholarship Awards News

**The deadline for the 2023 Clan Henderson Scholarships is March 30th.**

Get a great return on your membership fee while helping a child or young person in your family learn a traditional Scottish art, sport or win an academic scholarship in some aspect of Scottish culture.

Beginner or Prize winner, small or tall, brawny or brainy and anywhere in between, your family member is eligible (if under age 26). Click on [ClanHendersonSociety.com](http://ClanHendersonSociety.com) and the “Member, Donations, Scholarships” tab. Everything you need to know is right there. Get your young person on it. Parents can help the wee ones, of course. The deadline is fast approaching.

Clan Henderson is all about fostering Scottish culture and helping the next generation participate in our common cultural heritage. Generous donors have contributed these funds. They want to invest in the future- let's take them up on it!



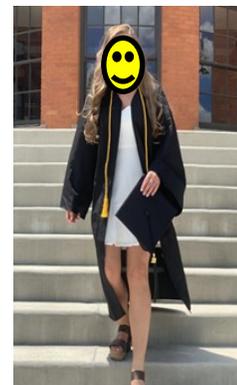
BEGINNER



SMALL



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BRAINY

## New Research Reference Materials

By

**Robert Heston**

**COSCA President Emeritus**

I'm writing this article specifically to Clan Henderson because if it weren't for many of you two research reference books would never have been published.



To those of you who include surname research helping those not affiliated with Clan Henderson find their Scottish connections you will be pleased to hear that in the summer of 2022 a new resource book was released through the Archway Publishing bookstore. This is the second edition of *Scottish Clans and Their Associated Families*. It's my hope that as you're reading this article the book titled *Scottish District Families* will also be at the publishers and available in early summer 2023 through the same site.

Over twenty years ago I, like so many others, sought to do more for the Scottish-American community. We were frustrated that we were not able to answer which clan a person might belong to because we didn't have a family sheet for every clan, house, or family to reference when a person was trying to connect with one. We also saw the dejection on faces of people when they did not see one of their family names on clan tents as they passed by. This drew many of us down a path to see what more we could be doing to help everyone at the games we attended.

When I was President of COSCA (2000-2008), I received permission from the board members, clans, houses, and families active in the USA to consolidate their family lists under one cover. It was Clan Henderson's Pat Maddox who was my inspiration because she'd already accumulated notebooks full of family sheets which she muscled around the game's fields. She'd done the leg work and all I had to do was transcribe them into one book. In 2004 the first edition of *Scottish Clans and Their Associated Families* was published.

That book reduced the many suitcases in Pat Maddox's tent and was then tucked in among her other reference materials she took to a Clan Henderson tent. Whether we realized it or not, she was the driving influence across Clan Henderson and the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA), setting the example for how to support one's clan by reaching out to assist everyone who attended the games find their connection. Doing this, she directly helped every organization in the Scottish-American community. She was so successful doing this that many in Clan Henderson, drawn in by her energy, emulated her practice thus making your clan the place to research family names. All one had to do was look for the blue and white banner, once provided by COSCA, "May I Help You Find Your Clan," on the front of a Henderson tent.

Pat's presence at the games is sorely missed and one that is truly hard to fill. However, if it wasn't for her, I would never have become a member of COSCA nor would I have taken up the gauntlet of consolidating the family lists collected by Pat to be published for all to use.

Since the release of the first edition, almost every Scottish organization active in the USA delved deeper into their history and updated the names associated with the clan's lands, to include spelling variations. Thus, the second edition of "Scottish Clans and Their Associated Families" now contains nearly 12,000 names with notes where a clan clarifies requirements for individuals of certain names on their family lists to be considered part of their organization.

COSCA used to be the preeminent force at the games providing the support Clan Henderson is now providing. COSCA has, like many organizations, undergone some structural changes and no longer has the presence at the games it once had. Clan Henderson has unknowingly picked up that mantle while not losing their society identity. This has given COSCA the room to restructure and refocus itself to get back to where it once was.

As I indicated earlier, I've worked hard to collect district family names. We all know that the majority of those with lines connected to Scotland are not associated with a clan, house, or family. I believe we all have used Dr. Phil Smith's book, "Tartan For Me," which lists a name linked to one regional tartan. Dr. Smith's book leaves us believing the names he lists are isolated to that one area of Scotland he links them to by tartan affiliation. My research of the publicly available records (Scottish census, church and parish) shows this not to be the case. I found numerous surnames having five, six, and seven regional associations which is indicative of migration through marriage or other necessities over time. The title of the book I'm working on is "*Scottish District Families.*"

If you're trying to downsize the volume of materials hauled to your tent, it is my belief that these two reference books along with "The Surnames of Scotland," by George and Mary Elder Black, are all you need, for now, to help others find the connection to Scotland.

If you do add these two books to your resource materials, please feel free to reach out to me at [rheston1947@gmail.com](mailto:rheston1947@gmail.com) for any additions, corrections, or updates found after publication.

Again, Thank You ALL for continuing to follow Pat Maddox's lead by helping make it possible for everyone who attends the game events find their connection to our Scottish-American community.

## *Dance and Scholarship Interests*

Hello Clans & organization scholarship committee members,  
I wanted to take a moment to update you on my current dance progress, both as a competitive dancer and promoter of the Scottish Arts. I recently had the opportunity to attend the Orlando Premiership competition this past January. It's been a while since I've last competed in the Scottish National dances. It was a great experience to be able to attend as an independent instructor/competitor. Originally, I was scheduled to compete in the 20 & over category. For Championships & Premierships, in order to be able to award Championship & Premiership titles there must be at least 6 competitors in a set age group. Due to low attendance numbers that the highland dance community are currently facing, it was necessary to restructure some of the competitive groups together, changing my competitive category to the 16-18 which includes everyone 18 & older as well. I ended up placing in all my dances that day.

**Flora: 3rd**

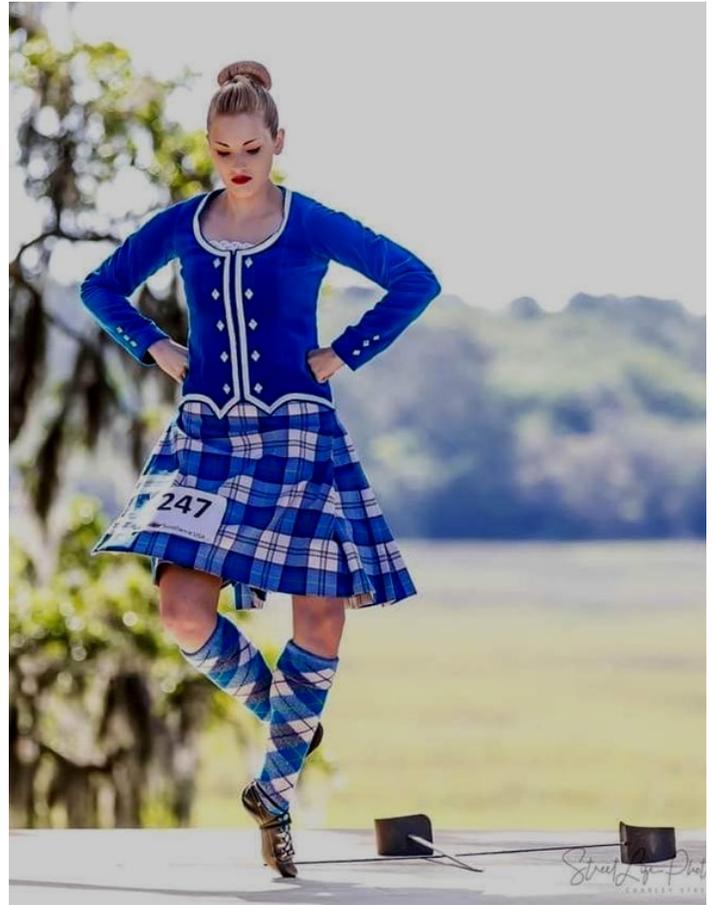
**Village Maid: 3rd**

**Jig: 4th**

**Blue Bonnets: 5th**

**Placing 2nd runner up from the Premiership Champion in my age division. I believe there were 13 competitors in my age group total that day.**

I want to take a minute to personally thank you on behalf of all past, present, and future scholarships recipients. Highland dance scholarships are extremely hard to come by, especially as you age out of many scholarships after the age of 18. I'm a huge advocate and supporter of dance scholarships to students and young instructors like myself that find difficulty in applying for Scholarships over the age of 18. I would like to encourage your scholarship committee members to consider offering a competitive highland dance scholarship to aspiring teachers & judges ages 19 and over. It takes many, many years of formal training and education to advance from a competitive student into a certified instructor or adjudicator. It's imperative that you have the right edu-



**Audrey Trawick**  
**from the Regional SE Championship**

cators training you for these instructor/adjudicator credentials. It can be an expensive process when transitioning from a student to an instructor or adjudicator. We have yearly renewals and workshops that we need to attend to help us continue to grow the highland dance community. As for highland dance judges, they have mandatory instruction hours that they need to maintain each year...and that doesn't include the years of instruction/certification that it took to make it there. It's not financially or educationally an easy task to always complete. So, I hope that in the future you might consider a competitive scholarship application for those over the age of 19 that want to continue their formal training to become an instructor or highland adjudicator. Something I hope you might deeply consider in support to keep the Scottish arts of highland dance alive and thriving.

On to the next update...this past weekend I have the absolute pleasure to be hosted by the Celtic Family Jamboree in Brooksville FL. I was given a free vendor's tent to share my experiences as a competitive highland dancer, talk about my journey into becoming a Certified Highland instructor, and promote the Scottish Dance community by offering 2 free workshops and 6 main stage performances. Several of the dances I chose to perform, I had choreographed my own steps for, making the footwork a bit more lively for the spectators. I will include some links at the end of this email. Bill Howard offered to be my live piper of the day. He was extremely easy to work with, was very helpful in coordinating times and schedules for our sets, and I found him to be a very talented/gifted piper. At the end of day two I gifted Bill with some Celtic artwork that I painted myself and offered a second piece of artwork to be raffled off in the NWC community to help fund scholarship recipients, like pipers, dancers, Celtic artists in his Scottish community.

I hope my update was fun and interesting. I look forward to updating you on more progress through the year. My next competition is scheduled to take place in Loch Norman NC mid-April. I'm hoping to have the new Aboyne I've ordered ready for this competition. It will be a plaid skirt, vest, and shoulder plaid. In the meantime, I'm working on getting my new kilt/kilt hose ordered here shortly.  
Sincerest thanks for all you do,  
Audrey N. Trawick



**Audrey Trawick with her Instructor Mrs. Hawkins, at this year's Orlando Premiership.**

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## *Sad news about Susan Keipp*

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The Henderson Clan Society is saddened to learn of Susan Kleipp's passing.

Susan was a woman of many interests and deep caring for others.

She served on the CHS Youth Scholarship Committee last year and traveled with the CHS group trip to Scotland a few years ago. She was a faithful member of our committee and she was so excited to help young people move forward towards their goals in the arts, sports and academics. May she rest in peace.

Yours Aye,

Mary M. Henderson

Chair, Youth Scholarship Committee

### Susan Keipp Bio

Susan Keipp has faithfully served as treasurer of our Round Table since taking over for Paul Gault in February of 2015. Susan is in charge of paying our bills, taking dinner reservations, coordinating with the Holiday Inn, collecting annual dues and payments for the dinner meetings and book sales, preparing financial statements, filing corporate reports to maintain our 501(c)(3) status, etc. She also greets everyone who attends the Round Table dinner meetings. Being treasurer is a big job, but one that Susan is uniquely qualified for. We asked Susan to tell us about herself and how she got interested in the Civil War. Susan graciously provided the following information:

I was born in Davenport IA and am the oldest of five children. My family moved to Fergus Falls MN when I was a baby and then moved to our farm in Colfax IA when I was eight years old. We farmed and raised, broke, and trained register quarter horses. I spent my years there until receiving a scholarship to Cottey College in Nevada MO, and have remained in Missouri ever since. I received an Entrepreneur scholarship to Avila College. I did some studies at UMKC and Rockhurst College until my fourth year of college was stopped short one March by Stage 4 ovarian cancer. I was given four months to live, but had a young oncologist, Dr. Mark Davidner, who had just come down from Canada, and I credit him with saving my life. He put me on an experimental drug called cisplatin, which they still use today. That was 37 years ago!

I owned a commercial construction company that mainly built schools. We did mechanical work for general contractors - below slab, above slab, running gas and water lines, and setting fixtures. I was doing an audit on this company where the owner was stealing from the company. The general contractor asked me if I could get a crew together and take over finishing some jobs. (Note: Susan was listed in Who's Who in America during the Construction portion of her life.)

I worked for Kessinger-Hunter managing property in the downtown area and have worked at preparing tax returns for over 40 years.

I joined the Air Force Sergeants Association and am a lifetime member. We worked with the base and wing commander of Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, doing air shows for many years. I was appointed by the mayors of Kansas City to be Chief of Protocol for the Base Community Council, which is a liaison between the military and the civilian community. I served in that capacity for many years. I was the editor of an award winning newsletter for the Air Force Sergeants Association. While at Richards-Gebaur, five of us bought a Cessna 150 and took flying lessons. I have been a pilot now for about 25 years.

Along the way I joined Sweet Adelines, a 4-part harmony barbershop organization, and this year I am celebrating my 50th year as a member. Those of us who accomplished this will be recognized at our international competition in New Orleans LA this fall. There is a travel offshoot with this. There are about 40-45 women (and spouses, if they like to come along) who travel together each June. The group is called Tropical Harmony and includes ladies from 28 states, England, Germany, and Canada. We have traveled to Italy, Greece, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Africa, Pent, England, Scotland, Ireland, and France, singing in every cathe-

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dral we can find - the acoustics are great!

I have been singing since I was six years old. I sang in high school - solos, trio, sextet, madrigal, chorus. I love jazz and have done gigs with some of our outstanding musicians here in Kansas City. I am also on the Board of the KC International Jazz Festival.

I have been a genealogist for 47 years, and have looked at a lot of microfiche, before the Internet! This has taken me traveling also. I love to read - archaeology, history, and mysteries.

I have been a volunteer with the Red Cross and spent five weeks in New Orleans LA helping victims from Hurricane Katrina. I volunteered for many years with Christmas in October. My main volunteer focus now is assisting homeless veterans and I volunteer at St. Michael's Veterans Center. We have moved 120 homeless veterans into apartments there, and have another 120 apartments on the drawing board. The year before last the federal government cut funding for low income housing so construction is still on hold.

We asked Susan how she got interested in the Civil War and the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City.

Forty-seven years ago, my aunt gave me a bunch of letters from my grandmother's brother that were written during WWII. Hidden amongst the letters was a letter written during the Civil War from my great-great-grandfather telling of the Battle of Ft. Dorthea. There were five brothers who fought in the Civil War. They felt they should defend their new home.

I originally joined the Round Table in 1998 because I wanted to learn more about the Civil War. I didn't attend for a while, but I started back in 2007, when Deb Goodrich was president.

What do I like best about the Round Table? Not the chocolate mousse! What I like best is seeing and visiting with friends. It always amazes me that everyone knows so much! I used to have an entire wall mapped with the "North" and the "South", so I could keep the Civil War officers straight!

We asked Susan about her epic horseback ride along the Oregon Trail. Susan said: "I rode in 1993 when they celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Oregon Trail -1843-1993. There was a gentleman from Cody WY who built five wagons to spec, had them shipped to Independence MO, and he and his three daughters (the 5th wagon one was for supplies) left from there to Oregon - about 2,000 miles. It took them almost six months to reach the mouth of the Columbia River. I only traveled about four months with them, by horseback, and we slept in cavalry tents. I only had about three baths that entire time! I got interested in the Oregon Trail, as I, my dad, and most of my family rode parts of the Santa Fe Trail on their celebration ride from Santa Fe NM to Benjamin Stables in Kansas City. We used to raise, break, and train registered horses, so it just seemed the normal thing to do."

Susan has had quite an interesting life and we are very grateful for the work that she does for our Round Table. Thank you, Susan, for sharing your story with us.

Do you have a Henderson genealogy query?  
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*Welcome New Clan Henderson  
Society Members*

Suzanne Henderson Emerson, Vice President of Members announces the new Clan Henderson Society Members for this issue of An Canach.

The Central Region of CHS welcomes Sherry Henderson of, of O'Fallon, Missouri.

Far South Region of CHS proudly welcomes, Blake Edward Henderson, Searcy, Arkansas, William Gill Stanley, Temple Texas, Christopher Henry, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Helen Gannon, Temple, Texas, Chris Davis, Piedmont, Oklahoma.

Great Lakes Region is welcomed with members, Brenda Sowers, Lake Hamilton, Indiana, Winton Henderson, Springfield, Illinois.

Mid-East Region has Kimberly Eastman, of Herndon, Virginia joining CHS!

Mid-South Region has Karen Hen-

ry Hungerford, Zelienople, Pennsylvania has joining up.

South-East Region has lots of new members, Ben Henderson, N. Charleston, South Carolina, Allen Edwards, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, Deborah Kline, Charleston, South Carolina, Elliot Henry, Guyton, Georgia, Kimber Davis, Saint Cloud, Florida, Marlene Lambiaso, Winter Springs, Florida, Robyn McEndree, Leesburg, Florida, Jerica Henderen, 850 Broadstone Way, Altamonte Springs, Florida, Ben Henderson, Saint Cloud, Florida, Trish (Henderson) McDonald, Sterling, Florida, Michelle Henderson-Dewar, Winter Springs, Florida.

South Pacific Region now has, April Green, Yerington, Nevada, Garrett Holt, Chino, California, Allison Dernbach, San Diego, California, welcome aboard!

United Kingdom Region has Jason Henderson, Orpington (South East London), welcome to CBS.

## Congratulations Longevity Recognition Pin Recipients!

Suzanne Henderson Emerson, Vice President of Members announces the latest honorees in the longevity member recognition pins.

This quarter those receiving their 25-year pins from the South-East CHS Region includes, Leon Hicks, SE Southport, North Carolina, Ann Lane Hicks, SE Southport, North Carolina, Angelyn P. Streyer, Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, Jane Henderson Gill-Shaler, High Point, North Carolina, Dr. Janelle L. Rivers, Columbia, South Carolina, Thomas Ranney Henderson, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Central CHS Region Quarter Century Pins include, Kevin D. Henderson, Valley Falls, Kansas, James O. Andrew, Jefferson, Iowa.

More 25-year Pins in these HCS Regions: Far South, George E. Henderson, Austin, Texas.

Great Lakes, Bruce D. Henderson, Wau-pun, Wisconsin.

Mid-East, Gordon Henderson, Wood-bridge, Virginia.

North Pacific, Stuart J. Henderson, Enumclaw, Washington.

South Pacific, Dennis R. Parrish, Woodland, California.

15-year pins for these HCS Regions includes:

Mid-East, Donna B. Toole, White Hall, Maryland.

South Pacific, John R. McKendry, Visalia,

California.

5-year recognition pins have been awarded in these CHS Regions:

Central, Dan McGrath, Clinton, Iowa, Bruce Lloyd Henderson, Odebolt, Iowa, Meri Lawler, Ankeny, Iowa.

Far South, Wendell "Bud" Henderson, Tyler, Texas.

Independent, Ross of Biggar Charles, Eppertshausen, Hesse.

Mid-East, Katharine Egizio Henderson, Palmyra, Virginia, Donna M. Marino, Gaithersburg, Maryland, JoAnn Henderson, Ellenboro, West Virginia, Keith Henderson, Mechanicsville, Virginia, Annita Palmer Ferrum, Virginia,

Oceania, Vivian Henderson, Coomba Bay, New South Wales.

South-East, F. Randal Cate, Wilmington, North Carolina, Steven Gusler, Duluth, Georgia, and Margaret "Penny" Henderson, Whispering Pines, North Carolina, Bonnie Bishop, Cataula, Georgia.

# Daylesford Highland Gathering

The Daylesford gathering is the first event on our calendar and is held in a small rural town in the state of Victoria. Daylesford is renowned for its mineral springs and spa retreats and attracts many visitors all year round – the gathering being one of the main events on the local summer calendar.

The event commences with a street parade featuring the pipe bands that will be competing on the day and then relocates to a large parkland reserve.

Clan Henderson convened a tent along with a few other clans – this is a small event, but attracts an enthusiastic crowd. Dance and pipe band competitions are held throughout the day. Celtic product vendors are always a feature at Daylesford as it is a region famous for local arts and craft. We renewed acquaintances with a few friends in the vendor village that we regularly meet at other events.

Jen Marr and Greg McEwan assisted on the day with set-up and meet and greet.

Our tartan and sept banners at the front of the tent usually spark interest with visitors wanting to know what their tartan is, or what clan they may associated with. With reference books and handouts on hand we can generally help out, and did meet a couple of local Henderson cousins. The basket hilt sword is always popular with the kids, young and old.



## **AN CANACH DEADLINES FOR 2023**

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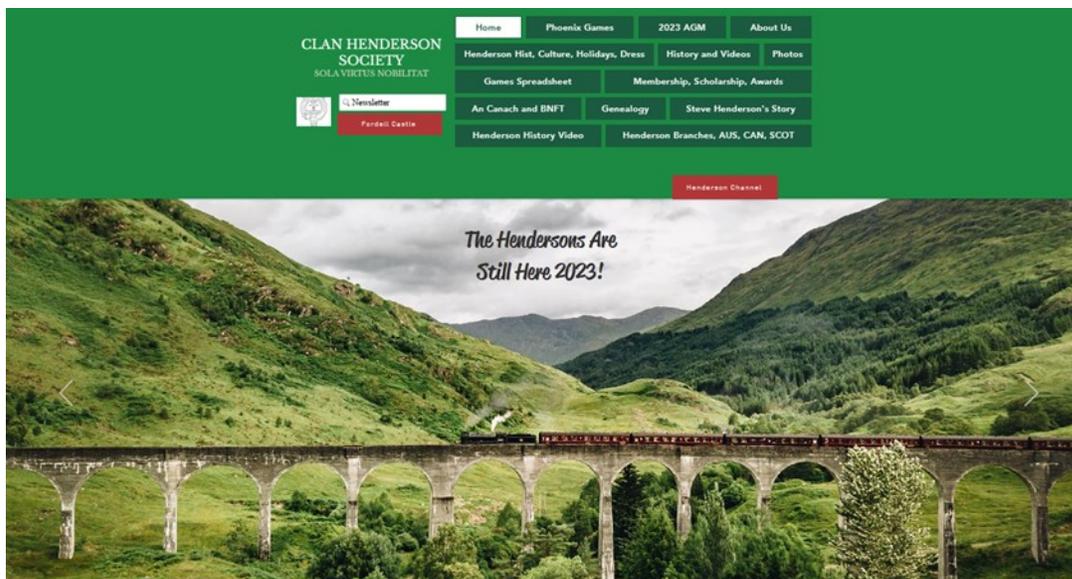
**you will need and I will plan accordingly.**

**Thanks to all Aye,  
Lawrence Henderson, An Canach Editor**



Fordell Castle

## Visit the Clan Henderson Website! [clanhendersonsociety.com](http://clanhendersonsociety.com)



# Clan Henderson at the Maroondah Festival

An annual event to celebrate and promote community activities is held early November each year in the Shire of Maroondah in Melbourne's outer east suburbs.

The **Melbourne Highland Games and Celtic Festival Committee** hosted a tent to promote the next gathering in March 2023, and invited **Clan Henderson** to attend and add some 'bling' to the site. **Jen Marr and Jeff Henderson** convened a tent that was very well attended. In fact we had more Son's of Henry queries than at any other event than we had previously attended .



# Big Spring Announcement

**David R. Henderson, P.E., FSA Scot**  
**High Commissioner & Chieftain**

An early warming in the Mid-Atlantic & South has daffodils popping & trees budding. What is next . . . pollen season, NOT! Correct answer Scottish Games & Festivals Season! Clan Henderson website indicates a busy 2023 schedule which has already kicked off. A big shout out of appreciation goes to Dan & Judy Henderson for convening the Central Florida Games 14-15 January and the Mount Dora Games on 18-19 February with CHS being the Honored Clan.



Collection  
**2023 Loch Norman Highland Games**



The 29th Annual Loch Norman Highland Games will take place at Historic Rural Hill April 15th - 16th. Tickets are now on sale for the games, camping, and whisky and bourbon tasting.

Events in this collection



Loch Norman Highland Games Camping  
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2023 Loch Norman Highland Games  
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Loch Norman Highland Games Parking  
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If you were waiting for Spring to get your Scots blood rising and your kilt dusted off, GREAT NEWS! **Clan Henderson has been selected as the Distinguished Clan for the 29th Annual Loch Norman Games at Rural Hill, 14-16 April, in Huntersville, NC.** The Henderson's have played a pivotal role in sustaining LNHG since its inception and proudly holds the distinction of being the only Clan with 100% participation over the years. We may likely have the greatest number of Rural

Hill Life Patrons. Come join your kith & kin for a wonderful weekend of camaraderie, fellowship, and full immersion of Scots Culture. A call goes out for Bodyguard members to attend and demonstrate the Honor of Sash & Badge. Visit the LNHG website for information, tickets, camping & lodging; <https://lochnorman.com/>

Saving Best for Last:

Clan Henderson has a soon to be Centenarian! **Madam Gwen Henderson** mother of Hereditary Chief of the Arms and Names of Henderson, **Alistair of Fordell**. Madam Gwen's birthday is 8 May 2023 and will be the first known Centenarian of modern times. Please lift a celebration toast on Madam Gwen's birthday for continued good health.

# Phoenix Scottish Games March 3-5, 2023



The Henderson's won best clan tent this year at the Phoenix Scottish Games!



The Queen stopped by and we discussed our Henderson connections. — at Phoenix Scottish Games.



Aiden Henderson doing Grade 4 solo competition and coming home with 1st place out of thirteen Competitors. — at Phoenix Scottish



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