



THE NEWSBEAT



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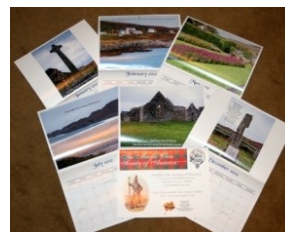
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Colonsay Calendars



We have published some 2012 Calendars, featuring pictures made ex-

clusively on Colonsay. They are \$15.00 each with a couple of dollars for postage, Make a check to Macfie Clan Society and mail to Jim McAfee, 420 Ash Dr. Baxter, TN 38544

The Newsbeat is published Quarterly, January, April, July and October. If you have any news, pictures, stories, poems, Games reports, or genealogy queries, please send them to Ginger (at the address to the left, preferably e-mail) for inclusion in the next issue. We love to hear from you and the membership wants to know what is happening with other members.

Dues Schedules

Dues are due each June.

Family \$25.00

Individual \$15.00

Individual (over 65) \$7.00

Associate \$10.00

One time:

Sponsorship \$500.00

Life Membership (over 65) \$200.00

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Annual dues will be due again on June 1, (unless you have joined within the past 6 months or so, in that case your dues will become due until June of 2010). Please check your membership card to see when you need to renew. Thanks to all those who renew their membership, your dues helps us to print and mail out this newsletter, it also helps us to maintain a presence at many of the larger games in the county and be a presence to meet and get to know other Macfies around the country. We encourage you to attend as many Scottish Games as possible, and if you would like to convene, the society will pay half of the games fee. We will also provide a banner, and some items for the table, just contact Ginger at jgmcafee@charter.net

**The Macfie Society of
America is a Member of
The Council of
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Association Inc.**

Macfie Merchandise for Sale

Kilt Pin-\$15.00

25th anniversary pins-\$15.00

Badges \$12.00

Pro Rege T-shirts green-\$12.00

Buff Macfie Warrior T-Shirts \$16.00

(Only a few Warrior T-shirts left)

Minimal postage will be added to each order. Send order and payment to:

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Upcoming Games and Events where you are likely to find a Macfie Clan Tent

November 4-6, Tucson, AZ Celtic Festival,
<http:tucsoncelticfestival.org/>

January 25th Robert Burn's Birthday

March 3-4-2012: Zephyrhills Celtic Festival Dade City FL

March 24-25, 2012 Phoenix, AZ games
<http://www.arizonascots.com/05games.shtml>

April 6, Tartan Day

April 28-29 2012 Triad Games Greensboro NC

May 27, 2012- Macfie Day

June 2-3, GLASGOW KY GAMES, and MacDuffie Society Celebration <http://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com/>

June 9-10 BLAIRSVILLE, GA GAMES, CLAN MACFIE IS THE HONORED CLAN <http://www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org/>

July 12-15, Grandfather Mountain Games; <http://www.gmhg.org/>

**Ceud Mile Failte (One hundred thousand welcomes)
To our newest society members**

Julie McAfee, Bakersfield, CA

Kathryn Duffey, McDonough, GA

The 18th Gathering of Clan Macfie

Charleston, SC

Commander's Reception



At the Games Field



A BIG thank you goes out to Teresa Mehaffey, Fred Mahaffey and Cliff McDuffie for sharing some of their pictures with us.

18th International Gathering of Clan Macfie

By Dr. Jim McAfee, president

Charleston South Carolina was the site for the 18th International Gathering of Clan Macfie. We gathered on September 16-18 to have a glorious time in Charleston. The weather was absolutely perfect, the temperature was in the low to mid 70s (a far cry from last year when the temperature was in the mid 90s and the humidity was the same). We had about 40 or so Clan members in attendance and it was a glorious sight as we marched in the parade of Tartans and saluted our Commander, Iain Morris McFie, who was the honored guest. Clan MacFie was designated as the Honored Clan and our thanks go out to Max Mahaffee for helping arrange this honor. Max is the president the Scottish Society of Charleston and has been working on this for a couple of years. We also appreciate the work done by John and Cathy Guffey for their work on decorating the tent and David McDuffie for furnishing the refreshments and food trays. Clan Macfie was well represented and everyone enjoyed visiting with Iain, Fiona and Bobby Macfie. We had a "Meet and Greet the Commander" on Friday evening at the hotel and Bobby regaled us with some great Pipe music.

It was a busy weekend and we crammed a lot into the short time we had. Not only did we have a reception on Friday evening but immediately following that Commander Iain, Fiona and Bobby attended the dinner hosted by the Scottish Society of Charleston. The Games followed on Saturday with a Clan Dinner and Celidh on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning many of the Clan attended the Kirking of the Tartans ceremony at The First Scots Presbyterian Church of Charleston. Bobby played a duet with the organist and it was a marvelous experience.

On Monday, following the games, Iain and Fiona went home with us (Jim and Ginger McAfee) for a few days of visiting and sightseeing in Tennessee before returning to North Carolina for the Scotland County Games where, once again, Clan Macfie was the honored Clan. Bobby travel to Texas with Pam and Ilah Merriman for a few days. All in all it was an awesome week-end with a good time had by all.



Ragtime Cowboy Joe



At the Clan Dinner

Enough of the
Bagpipes
already!



Jake McAfee





International Gathering, Second Phase Scotland County, NC Scottish Games by Commander Iain McFie

The Hampton Inn in Laurinburg was to be the HQ for the weekend. Getting there was to be a bit of a trial, but eventually we did find the Hotel. There to greet us were John and Marty Rosser, Mariann Clayton and Jerry McDuffie.

Our first engagement was to meet sponsors and other guests at a buffet supper on Friday evening. At the buffet Bob, Fiona and I circulated talking to various sponsors, many whom we had already met at Charleston. Later I was asked to address the company after which I presented The President of the Scotland County Games, Prof. Bill Caudle with a framed copy of a pipe tune, especially written by Bob, President of the Clan Macfie Society of Scotland, for the occasion. It is to be named Scotland County Highland Games. Later on Bob played the tune for the assembled company. It was received with great delight by all and it almost brought Bill Caudle to tears.

Saturday, like almost all the days of our trip, was a beautiful day. The temperature was cool for the locals, but at 64 was just right for the Scots. The Games are held in a lovely setting. The main arena where the heavy events took place was surrounded by the Clan and Society tents. The children and the vendors' tent area were set over to one side and most of the piping took place just beyond this.

At eleven a rather splendid ceremony led by a Color Party, dressed in colonial uniforms, and the massed pipe bands ended by my declaring the 3rd Scotland Highland Games open. I was left to my own devices and Fiona and I visited most of the Clan tents and spoke to the Clan members in attendance while Bob was over listening to the piping.

Fiona and I later visited the vendors stalls after which I went on to hear some of the bands playing in there competition. I presented the prizes to the winning individual pipers and also the winners in the various grades of the Pipe Band.

It had been a glorious day enjoyed by all.

Later a buffet and wine tasting had been arranged at a winery, it was rather a cool evening, the dining area had no walls, so even we Scots had to admit it was a wee bit on the cool side.

Our thanks to Scotland County 's committee for inviting Clan Macfie to be the honored Clan and in particular Bill Caudle for his friendliness and support over the weekend. I must also thank John Rosser for his help in organizing the Games.





Be sure to get your 2012 FULL COLOR Macfie Society calendar while supplies last. All pictures were made on Colonsay, and each picture has a description and a bit of history. Also, many of the Scottish Games dates are already noted on the calendar. These make great Christmas gifts. They are \$15.00 each, with a couple of dollars for postage inside the US. Send your check made out to Macfie Clan Society to:

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We were saddened to learn that Ulf Macfie Hagman, from Sweden, passed away July 9 after an extended illness.

Congratulations and best wishes to Janell Macafee and Richard Kean, who were married on September 15th in Ganado, TX.



Congratulations and best wishes also go out to Robert Mahaffey and Lisa Hines, on their wedding on September 12, 2011.

Bob and Sheena Schlegel recently wrote: We attended the wedding of physician Dr. Fiona Jenkinson, our niece, to Mr. William Smith in Dundee Scotland on September 24, 2011. The wedding service was in Logie and St. John's Parish Church (of Scotland) and was celebrated by the Reverend John Jenkinson, the bride's father and the Reverend Colin Mailer, a friend of the family. The reception was at The Landmark Hotel in Inergowrie, Dundee and included much dancing and eating, as well as the expected drinking of wine and whisky. **Bob and Sheena** also told us they are moving to Ocala, FL in December and hope to attend some of the Scottish Games in the South next year.



Society News and Games Report

The weather was gorgeous for the **Stone Mountain Georgia Games**. Our annual meeting was held at the Games tent with several members present. You can see the minutes and Treasurer's Report on page 7. Clan Macfie was awarded third place for Clan Spirit. John McAfee ran the kilted mile, and Grace and Jake McAfee ran the children's kilted mile. Since many folks had just attended the International Gathering in Charleston, SC, the attendance at our tent was down. In fact over all attendance for the Games was down this year, but those attending, had a great time. We got to see lots of friends and many new faces. New member, Kathryn Duffey joined up at the games, and we are hoping that several other folks will send their membership application in.

Jarrold Fay along with the North Texas Caledonian Pipes & Drums, competed in the band competition and walked away with Second Place out of 16 bands. Jarrold got to come to the tent a few times and treated us to an impromptu bagpipe "concert".



Society Member, Jarrold Fay pipes at the Macfie Tent



Grace and Jake McAfee show off their ribbons from the Children's Kilted Mile



Macfie Annual Meeting 2011

October 15, 2011

The Annual Meeting was held at the Clan tent at the Stone Mountain GA, Scottish Games on October 15, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim McAfee at 4:00 PM

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The treasurers report was read and adopted.

The membership report prepared by Membership Chairperson, Diane Swneson was given as follows:

186 total members
34 Sponsor, Honorary and Life Members
153 Individual and Family Memberships

There was some discussion about the possibility of getting some cheaper tartan, but nothing definite has been found.

There were no other Committee Reports

Old Business:

A report of the 18th International Gathering of Clan Macfie in September.

New Business:

There was no new business

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30

Macfie Clan Society of America Financial Statement Oct. 1, 2010-Oct. 1, 2011

| | | Explanation of Monies Disbursed: | |
|---|--------------------|---|-----------------|
| Beginning Account 10/01/10 | \$3,101.22 | | |
| Income | <u>\$ 9,106.76</u> | Advertisement & Internet | \$130.00 |
| Total | \$12,207.98 | Recognition for Sandy | 100.00 |
| Disbursements | <u>\$9,677.39</u> | Purchase of Merchandise | 1,097.00 |
| Bank Balance 10/01/11 | \$2530.59 | Office Supply/Newsbeat/Postage | 1,815.39 |
| Explanation of Monies Received: | | Games | 665.00 |
| Dues and Misc. (includes Gathering meals etc) | \$3,601.76 | Gathering | <u>5,870.00</u> |
| Merchandise | \$ 1,105.00 | Total | \$9,677.39 |
| Gathering donations | <u>\$4,400.00</u> | | |
| | \$9,106.76 | | |

**McDuffee Clan Society of America
of Clan Macfie
50th Anniversary Celebration
to be held at Glasgow KY Highland games May 30 - June 3, 2012
The games are held at Barren River Park**

We will gather at the Ramada Inn in Bowling Green, KY on Wednesday, May 30, about 7 pm for a get together with finger foods and a cash bar.

On Thursday, May 31st there will be a bus tour of several Bourbon Distilleries. The bus will leave the Ramada Inn at 8:30am, and arrive back about 5pm. There will be a stop for lunch.

Thursday evening about 7 pm there will be a Commander's Reception, with finger foods and cash bar.

Friday will be a free day. There are many things a short distance away & you will have brochures on several of them.

On Saturday the bus will leave about 8am for the HIGHLAND GAMES in Barren River Resort Park. We will travel the short distance to the Lodge for a Clan Dinner at about 6:30 ish. There is transportation in the park. Following dinner, we will attend the Tartan Ball at the lodge. There will be bus transportation back to the Ramada Inn at about 10 pm.

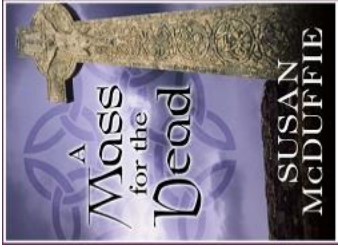
On Sunday the bus will pick us up at 8:30 am at the Inn and transport us to the games for the Church service and "Kirkin'O' the tartans", after which we will attend the games. On Sunday there will be a Parade of Tartans and presentation of Honored Guests. At about 4 pm the bus will take us back to the Ramada Inn.

For more information and a registration contact Bill Morris at williammorris3551@comcast.net

Georgia on my Mind

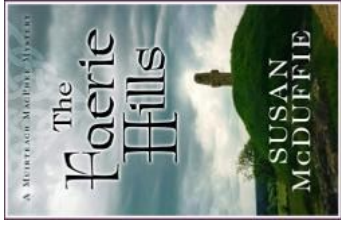
Clan Macfie to be the Honored Clan at the Blairsville, GA Games June 9-10, 2012

We would like to invite all Macfies to the Blairsville, GA Scottish Games, deep in the mountains of North Georgia. There is plenty to do and see at the games, and they have one of the best Children's areas around. Commander Iain McFie will be present and he will be the Honored Guest of the Games. Mark your calendar and come down to Georgia for the Games. For more information you can go to <http://www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org/> or check out the Blairsville Scottish Games on Facebook.



In Susan McDuffie's *A Mass for the Dead* (2006), centering on the islands of Colonsay and Oransay, she introduced the Scottish sleuth Muirteach MacPhee. Muirteach's investigation submerges him deep into a whirlpool of deceit, long-buried sins, and treachery,

from which no one emerges unscathed. Muirteach continues his investigations in her latest book *The Faerie Hills* which was released this past April. It is an enigmatic historical mystery, set against a background of faerie lore and a Celtic culture that firmly believed in the "good people." With a plot "as intricate as a Celtic knot".



Susan is currently working on the third Muirteach MacPhee mystery, *The Oxford Murders*.

On her first visit to Scotland, Susan hitchhiked her way through the Outer Hebrides, and at length arrived on Colonsay. While touring the Oransay Priory ruins, the seeds for the Muirteach mysteries were planted. Since then, Susan has visited Scotland several times and conducted extensive research for this series.

These are 'must have' books for every Scot's library.



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