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Newsletter of the Clan Hunter Association, Canada

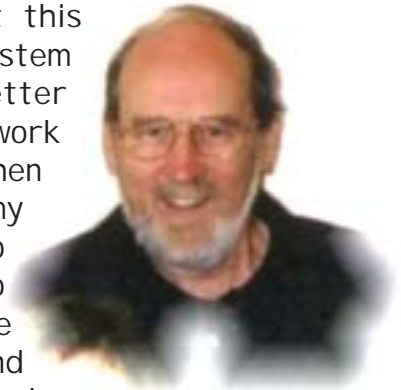
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Hi everyone, I hate having to start off with an apology but I really am sorry that this newsletter is so late but you see my system crashed with my unfinished newsletter trapped on my hard drive. I had to work hard to rescue my hard drive and then completely rebuild the software on my computer before I could attempt to finish the newsletter. Firstly I want to encourage everyone within a reasonable travelling distance of Fergus to try and be with us this year for the AGM and banquet on Saturday 10th August. The AGM will be held as usual at the **Holiday Inn, 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph**. Those wishing to stay over at the Holiday Inn will receive a special rate of \$104.99 CAD. Indicate that you are part of Clan Hunter on booking to receive the discount. **Please also tell us that you will be attending the dinner so that we can cater accordingly.** You will find all the information on page 4



One of the major problems the Association has is the fact that Canada is so big and it is difficult to be all things to all people but, I wanted to share with you some encouraging happenings over in the Vacouver area. John and Lianne Hunter have been looking after a Hunter tent at the Victoria Highland Games for three years now and it seems that their ranks are expanding a little with the help of Linda and Art Walker, who will be helping with set up and Judy Tipple, from Saturna Island, who has previously been active with the Clan McLeod tent, will be concentrating on the Clan Hunter tent. This is going to be an exciting Gathering as Prince Andrew is scheduled to attend. There is to be a reception at Government House on Saturday evening and some of our folks will be attending. I hope that the weather is kind to you and that everyone has a wonderful time.

**Tom**



Lizz Thibodeau

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I was reminded last week that it was time to write another article for the Clan Hunter newsletter and I thought to myself, "No problem! I just got an email from the Scotsman about DNA and Scottish history. All I need to do is a little research and I'll whip up an article about DNA research."

HA! That seemed so simple. It turns out that the email from the Scotsman was about DNA Day, which is April 25<sup>th</sup> in appreciation of Francis Crick and James D. Watson who published a paper on April 25<sup>th</sup> 1953 about the discovery of the structure of the DNA molecule. Well, that's great, but hardly worth an article.

Never mind, I'll just do my own research about DNA. So I went to the DNA Scotland website. If you are at all interested in DNA research, this website is very well laid out, easy to navigate and very well written. But after half an hour of skimming through, I was no further forward. I now know that men can do a YDNA test (which researches the paternal line) or a mtDNA test (which



**We are Family, I've got all my cousins with me!**

researches the maternal line), but women can only do the mtDNA test. You can even do a test to find out if you carry the red-hair gene. Did you know that you can pass on the red-hair gene to your children even if you don't have red-hair yourself! But after all that, I'm still not sure what your DNA results tell you. After a further half hour of scanning, and learning some more interesting information about this research, I finally stumbled across the answer I was looking for: "By having your DNA tested we can inform you of the markers you carry and what we think they mean. Further to this, our historians will expand on the science to create a holistic understanding of your ancestors' lives in the deep past."

So while genealogists start with today and work backwards, by using DNA scientists are able to track "markers" and look into the distant past. Each person's DNA is made up of 6 billion letters. You inherit 3 billion from your father and 3 billion from your mother, but as they are passed down over generations, tiny errors are made. Strangely, each error (called a marker) seems to be made consistently in a certain part of the world, so by tracking the markers they can track the geography of the DNA. Kind of cool, eh?

**Do we have your current e-mail address?**

Whenever I send out a mailing via e-mail I can be sure of 1 or 2 addresses which fail because they are no longer valid. Unfortunately many of our members forget that when they change their e-mail address or service provider they need to send us a change of address just as they would for their regular mail. Please don't forget to bring us up to date if you change your address (e-mail or postal) Even if you have your newsletter sent by regular mail we would appreciate having your e-mail address so that we could keep you up to date with information that can't wait till the next newsletter.

Are you still receiving your newsletter by regular mail? Why not try the e-mail version in full colour? You can always change back if you change your mind. Just drop me a line at this address and ask me to change you over. [thunter01@rogers.com](mailto:thunter01@rogers.com)

**Clan Hunter Gathering at Hunterston Castle 2014**

An initial proposal is that the next Hunter Clan Gathering will be held at Hunterston on 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

This weekend will co-incide with the Re-enactment of the Battle of Bannockburn being held that same weekend. Thoughts at the moment include busing from Hunterston to the event but no firm plans as are yet in place. Mark the UK website for updates on this event.

Check out the details here... <http://clanhunter.org.uk>

## Membership Report

Well, well, well!

Congratulations – and many thanks for all who have paid their Association membership this year. It is now time for another year's payments and I hope we can top last year's great achievement!

And more good news – we have 5 new members – all within about two weeks of each other! Let me tell you a little bit about each of them.

**Hugh Campbell Hunter** lives in Rockwood, Ontario, and found us through our Website. Hugh is a high school teacher but also builds and plays banjos. Wouldn't it be nice to see Hugh at Fergus for our Clan meeting and dinner? He lives fairly close to Fergus!

**Gordon Nutt Catterson's** sister Jane has been a member of the Hunter clan Association for many years, and decided it was time that Gordon joined our ranks. Gordon lives in Sarnia, Ontario and is interested in genealogy.

**Barbara J. Cooper** also comes to us through a relative. Barbara's grandmother, Ruth Ewan, is a long time member and gifted a membership to Barbara. Way to go Ruth, and welcome Barbara. Barbara lives in Martensville, Saskatchewan.

Our last two new members both come to us for the same reason. Both (they don't know each other .....yet) are planning a visit to Hunterston

Castle in early May. Wouldn't it be great if their visits coincided and they met together in the home of their ancestors?

**Evadene Mary Hunter-Calhoun** lives in Boiestown, New Brunswick, and is planning a trip with a family member.

**Jennifer L. Hunter** lives in Vermillion, Alberta and is at present on an extended European trip. Jennifer plans to be at Hunterston Castle in early May. We welcome all these new members and hope that they find what they are looking for in our Association. Christine Hunter, Membership Secretary

### ***4 Things to Remember for this year's Fergus Highland Games, August 9-11, 2013***

1. Book your room at the Holiday Inn Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre. Clan Hunter members get a special room rate if they say they are with Clan Hunter when booking. <http://www.higuelp.ca/guelph-hotels/>
2. Buy your Fergus Games tickets in advance and save. They have many options including single day tickets, weekend passes, and family passes for Sunday. <http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/>
3. Use the Clan Tent! In addition to the public tent with display tables and information stands, Tom and Christine set up a tent

for Clan use. They have a few extra lawn chairs and snacks, but you can leave your own lawn chairs and picnic lunch while you walk around, or just come in to get out of the sun or rain for a while. This year Lizz Hunter Thibodeau is planning an activity area to keep Clan Hunter kids amused while the adults stay and visit nearby.

4. Bring your talent! Early Saturday evening we have our Annual Clan Meeting, followed by supper and entertainment. Do you play a hammered dulcimer? Does someone in your family take highland dancing lessons, or play the bagpipes? Did you hear a funny poem at a Robbie Burns night that you'd like to recite for us? Contact the editor if you can help with this year's entertainment!  
*Jane Ann Dale-Hunter*



### ***Did you Know That....***

The Celts made several different beauty preparations from natural materials. They mixed stale urine and wood-ash to make a kind of soap. Slaked lime (made by burning crushed limestone) was also mixed with water to bleach and stiffen their hair. They also made a deep blue dye to paint patterns on their skin from woad, a plant related to flax.

# Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

**Aug 9 - 11 2013**

Preliminary plans include

- Fergus Tattoo & Lighting 6.45pm Friday 9Aug 2013 Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 7.00am Saturday 10Aug 2013 Fergus
- *Clan Hunter AGM* 5.00pm *Saturday 10Aug 2013 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph*
- *Supper* 6.00pm *Saturday 10Aug 2013 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph*

*[\$26.00 Adult - \$24.00 Seniors - \$13.00 children (5-12) 4 and under free]*

- Kirkin' o' the Tartan 10.00am Sunday 11Aug 2013 St Andrew's Presb. Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 12 noon Sunday 11Aug 2013 Fergus

Why not plan to attend this special gathering

Stay over in the Fergus area

Enjoy the Games - Hang out at the Clan Tent

Join in with other Hunters in the Clan Parade - 11.30 am on 11th

Enjoy the fabulous Celtic Music

Meet some old and new Clan friends

Attend the Kirkin' of the Tartan

in St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Fergus

10 am Sunday morning

Share your genealogy with other clan members

Check out the Fergus Highland Games website

for up to date information

<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>



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Annual Clan Gathering 9-11th August 2013

- Yes I/we will be attending the Tattoo & Lighting on Friday 9th August      Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes I/we will be taking part in the parade on Saturday 10th August      Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes I/we will be attending the dinner on Saturday 10th August      Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes I/we will be attending the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday 11th August      Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**CASSOC Tartan Day Ceilidh**

Four members of Clan Hunter attended the CASSOC Tartan Day Ceilidh. I have attached some pictures taken at the Ceilidh. Our daughter Barb Cridland, Marion, myself and our son Gord were there. Also with us was Marion's sister, Carolyn Dunlop and Gord's wife Beth ( not in the picture). We had Haggis and a fine roast beef dinner. As recognition for the work done by the Executive, four of us were "Knighthed". They were myself, Alene McNeill (Editor), Jo Ann Tuskin (Secretary) and Bill Richardson (Long-time Director) Notice Nessie on our table.

I think the pictures are self-explanatory.

## **Family News from Toronto**

Some family news from us. Don had a milestone Birthday in March - the big 80! I have attached a picture taken of our family after we had had a small family gathering.

Our granddaughter Heather Cridland has been very active in the Junior Curling Circuit this year. She was on the team from Guelph University which competed in Kamloops in the Canadian University curling championships. She also competed in Junior Women and Junior Mixed play downs.

Our granddaughter Shanna Hunter is finishing High School this year and has been accepted at Trinity College, University Of Toronto for the Fall. She has had very good marks and will receive a first-year scholarship. She is interested in Law, but has not made her career decision yet. She received an Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Award for her volunteer work at Dr. John M. Denison Secondary School in the Anti-Bullying program. Grandson Alex Cridland is finishing his Master's degree in Physics at McMasters University and is planning on going into the PHD program there.

*Marion Hunter, Toronto*  
*Right: Shanna Hunter proudly shows off her Junior Citizenship of the Year Award*



*Left: Heather (in the middle) with her Guelph University Curling Team.*



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## **Clan Hunter Archers**

<https://www.facebook.com/ClanHunterArchers>

Clan Hunter Archers practising at Hunterston. Be sure to check out their Facebook page, listed above.



**George Hunter -  
Canadian Documentary  
Photographer** (1921–10 April  
2013)

**George Hunter** is a Canadian documentary photographer who spent seven decades capturing industrial and landscape scenes on film. He was born in Regina, Saskatchewan, and started



George Hunter - Photo by: Carl Heibert

taking photographs professionally for the newspapers like the *Winnipeg Tribune*. He worked for the *Tribune* during World War II. He also worked for the National Film Board of Canada (NFB) in the 1940s. After the war, he turned to freelance work. One of his main stylistic features is the use of aerial photography, since he was also an airplane pilot.

He was one of the first photographers to be accepted into the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts and is a founding member of the Canadian Heritage Photography Foundation. Three of his images graced the Canadian five, ten, fifty dollar bills. One of his photographs of Toronto's Pearson International Airport was

included as part the Voyager II spaceprobe's time capsule. The Canadian Association of Photographers and Illustrators gave him a lifetime achievement award in 2001.

Likely his most high-profile work appeared in *TIME* magazine in the mid-1950s, when his work on American landscapes, photographed at dusk were

highlighted in the 20 September 1954 issue's 12-page article entitled "The U.S. After Dark." His work is represented in collections nationwide, including more than one hundred works at the Canadian Museum of Contemporary

Regional Museum, Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography, Library and Archives Canada, Portrait Gallery of Canada, Art Gallery of Ontario, Robarts Library (University of Toronto), Mississauga Art Gallery, Manitoba Museum (HBC Collection), Winnipeg Art Gallery, Moose Jaw Museum and Art Gallery, Whyte Museum of the Rockies, Atlas Coal Mines National Historic Park, Vancouver Art Gallery, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Royal British Columbia Museum, Maritime Heritage Centre, N.W.T. Mining Heritage Society, Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, MacBride Museum, Barbados Museum and Historical Society.

For a look at the wonderful photographs by George Hunter please visit his website at [georgehunterphotography.com](http://georgehunterphotography.com)

Photography. He lived his later years in his home/studio located in Mississauga, Ontario. Hunter died in Mississauga's Credit Valley Hospital on 10 April 2013, aged 92

Permanent Collections  
The Rooms Provincial Art Gallery, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Sherman Hines Photography Museum, New Brunswick Museum, Confederation Centre Art Gallery, Canadian Centre of Architecture, McCord Museum, Montreal Museum of Fine Art, Montreal Historic Centre, Canadian Museum of Civilization, North Shore



George Hunter at Calgary Stampede  
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