

Holly Berry Bulletin

Clan Irwin Association

Mary Erwin, Chairman



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DO YOU WANT TO GO TO SCOTLAND IN 2025?

Clan Irwin Association is planning to sponsor another trip to Scotland in 2025. It was suggested that we form a committee so that one person didn't have to do all the work. We are seeking members interested in serving on this committee. Our trips are open to the public, but for planning purposes, we are limiting the committee to members. Please contact Mary Erwin, Chairman, at mary.erwin@clanirwin.org. The proposed date for the trip is late May 2025, and it coincides with our 50th-year celebration.



CALL FOR HELP

It has been suggested that Clans and Associations like ours should have a page on Wikipedia so that when people use search engines, our name pops up before others. There is an art to creating pages for Wikipedia, and experienced people are needed to help us create ours that will be authentic and accepted by Wikipedia editors. If you have created or assisted with a similar endeavor, please contact Chairman Mary Erwin at mary.erwin@clanirwin.org.

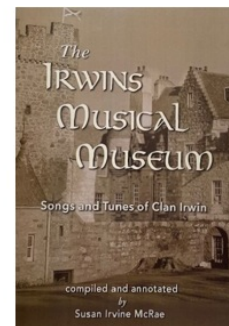


UPCOMING 2024 GAMES: If you live near any of these places, please try to attend a game:

February 3-4
Tallahassee Highland Games
CIA Convening
Tallahassee, FL

February 3-4
celticheritageproductions
Brooksville, FL

February 10
Suncoast Scots
CIA Convening



CLAN IRWIN ASSOCIATION ITEMS FOR SALE

Until such time as we can get items posted on our website, we will feature two of the items we have for sale in each issue of the Holly Berry Bulletin. You will need to contact our Clan Steward, Barbara Edelman, for all the items featured. Barbara's email is barb3.edelman@gmail.com; she can quote you prices and shipping costs and take your payment for the various items. Where sizes are involved, she can tell you what she has available. Not all clothing is available in multiple sizes. Kilts and kilted skirts are made to order, so you need to speak with her to order your kilts.

Palmetto, FL

February 16-18
Mount Dora Highland Games
CIA Convening
Mount Dora, FL

February 17-18
Asheville Celtic Festival
Asheville, NC

February 24
NEFL Scottish Games and Festival
CIA Convening
Green Cove Springs, FL

February 28-March 3
Celtic Calling
Charleston, WV

March 1-3
Phoenix Scottish Games
Phoenix, AZ

March 1-3
Irish Fest Camden
Camden, SC

March 2
Panama City Beach Scottish Festival
Panama City, FL

March 2
SE FL Scottish Festival & Highland Games
Plantation, FL

March 8-10
Calaveras Celtic Faire
Angels Camp, CA

March 8-10
Calaveras Celtic Faire 2024
Sonora, CA

March 9-10
**St. Augustine Celtic Music
& Heritage Festival**
St. Augustine, FL

March 16
Ft Boise Highland Games & 5k Fell Race
Boise, ID

March 16
Celtic Festival
Fargo - Moorhead, MN

March 16-17
Celtic Fest Vancouver
Vancouver, Canada

March 23
Celtic Festival & Highland Games
Big Island, VA

March 23-24
Sherman Celtic Fest
Sherman, TX

March 29-31
Durango Celtic Festival
Durango, CO

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: This first month, we feature photos of the Irvine of Drum Crest Pin and the music book "The Irwins Musical Museum, Songs and Tunes of Clan Irwin". Watch this column in every issue for other photos. If you want to purchase either or both featured items, please contact **Barbara Edelman**.

A GENTLE REMINDER:

DRUM CASTLE - Fundraising for case to hold original charter from Robert the Bruce. Don't forget to make your donation now. See email sent on 12-12-2023. Watch for full article in next Holly Leaf Chronicle.

Click here: www.ntsusa.org/donate

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GAMES

Buy Your Tickets Now and Make Lodging Reservations

For those who may be interested in attending the Games at Grandfather Mountain, July 11 - 14, individual tickets are now on sale. Go to their website, <https://gmhg.org/registrations/> to purchase your tickets. Search the web for lodging that suits you...close and less expensive places book fast. Clan Irwin Association will be convening, and several Association members will be in attendance.

EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENT

Clan Irwin Association is pleased to announce that we are providing you a "SEARCHABLE" version of all past editions of the Holly Leaf Chronicle. One of our members, John Patterson, converted the files so that they are searchable. Watch for a complete article in the next Holly Leaf Chronicle, due April 1. If you want to get started now, the converted files may be found in the Members Only Section of our website, www.clanirwin.org.

Important Dates:

January 27 - February 4 - National Storytelling Day

February 2 - Groundhog Day or in the UK

Candlemas Day: Candlemas began as a Roman festival to celebrate the return of spring. There is an old traditional poem that said:

"If Candlemas Day be bright and fair
Half the winter is to come and mair
(more)

If Candlemas Day be dark and foul
Half the winter was over at Yowl
(Christmas)

February 10 - Lunar New Year

February 11 - Super Bowl

April 6
Dunedin Highland Games
CIA Convening
Dunedin, FL

April 6-7
San Antonio Highland Games
San Antonio, TX

February 12 - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
February 13 - Mardi Gras (aka "Fat Tuesday" or Shrove Tuesday)
February 14 - St. Valentine's Day
February 19 - President's Day
February 29 - National Leap Day

All games may also be found on CIA's Clan Calendar on our Member's Only page.

If you'd like to help Clan Irwin Association convene a tent at these locations, please get in touch with your Regional or State Commissioner or State Convener.



AI STEPS OUT WITH A SCOTTISH PATTERN TARTAN DESIGN

The new "AI Tartan" design has been officially accepted into the Scottish Register of Tartans. Each color chosen has a deep meaning related to AI technology. If you want to read more about this AI-inspired Scottish pattern, click [here](#).

Please remember to share timely and appropriate photos to be put on Instagram. Send photos/stories to teresa.tucker@clanirwin.org.

If you would like to volunteer to be on one of your Clan Irwin Association committees, please contact one of the following Officers:

Mary Erwin - Chairman
Teresa Tucker - 1st Vice-Chairman
Kyle Erwin - 2nd Vice-Chairman
Ken Erwin - Treasurer
Leslie Smeathers - Corresponding Secretary
John F. Ervin - Membership Secretary

Please send your newsletter feedback to Teresa Tucker at teresa.tucker@clanirwin.org with your comments and suggestions for what you would like to see going forward.





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