

Holly Berry Bulletin

Clan Irwin Association

Mary Erwin, Chairman



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What does this mean for me?

The HLC Indexing Project - A tremendous amount of effort has gone into the indexing of old editions of the HLC. We have nearly all the years from 1976 to 2000 indexed. All past issues are now in digital format, meaning you can easily search them. We see this as a tool to assist you in your genealogical research. For a live demo of how this works, attend the AGM on Saturday, April 13. Watch for your email invitation from Zoom. Join us and see how far we've come!



Still in search of a member to create a Wikipedia page.

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, where Clan Irwin Association is convening.

NOTE FORMAT CHANGE: Beginning with this issue, the Holly Berry Bulletin will list only the Highland games where CIA convenes. At this time, all known games are still listed on our clan calendar. You may also click on the following links for a complete list of all known Highland games and festivals: [U.S. Events - Highland Games and Festivals](#) or [ASSOCIATIONS | COSCA / GAMES](#).



MERCHANDISE IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH

The demand for "branded" tee shirts has been answered. We offer two colors - Navy Blue and Forest Green. Sizes are S-4X. They sell for \$25 (\$3.50 extra for 2X-4X), including shipping directly to your home. Long sleeves are available at \$30 (\$3.50 extra for 2X-4X). Ladies' sizes are also available.

Order from Clan Steward, Barb Edelman. Phone: 215-721-3955 or 267-383-8316.

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If you live near any of the following games, please try to attend.

March 1-3
Phoenix Scottish Games
Phoenix, AZ

April 6
Dunedin Highland Games
Dunedin, FL

April 20-21
Lone Star Celtic
McKinney, TX

April 20
Scottish Tartan Festival
Minden, LA

April 20-21
Ormond Beach Florida Celtic Festival
Ormond Beach, FL

May 4
Savannah Scottish Games
Savannah, GA

May 18
Colonial Highland Gathering
Fair Hill, Maryland

May 18-19
Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival & Games
Townsend, TN

May 25-26
Gallabrae Scottish Games
Greenville, SC

May 31 - June 2
Park City KY Highland Games
Park City, KY

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

Important March Dates:

- March 7 - World Book Day
- March 8 - International Women's Day
- March 10 - Mother's Day (UK)
- March 10 - Daylight Saving Time, spring forward.
- March 14 - Pi Day, a day for celebrating the wonder of mathematics. The 14th of March was chosen because the value of Pi is often taken as 3.14.
- March 15 - Red Nose Day. The day when people across the land join forces to raise money for brilliant causes in the UK and worldwide by having a good laugh!
- March 15 - Ides of March! Legend surrounds this ill-fated day. Beware the Ides of March!
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day. According to folklore, folks wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because the saint used its three leaves to explain the Trinity.
- March 19 - the vernal or spring equinox in the Northern Hemisphere, marking the beginning of spring. This date marks the autumnal equinox in the Southern Hemisphere and the beginning of fall. On this day, the Sun stands directly over Earth's equator.
- March 24 - Palm Sunday.
- March 29 - Good Friday
- March 29-31 are known as the Borrowing Days.
- March 31 - Easter Sunday

SCOTTISH GAELIC WORD OF THE MONTH:

"Gruamach" - unhappy and/or irritable or grumpy in English.

As in:

Give up the Gruamach
(or Grumpy)

(Credit goes to Mary Erwin for this quote.)



The Hebridean Baker at Home

The Scottish Banner speaks to Coinneach MacLeod
The bestselling author of Recipes & Wee Stories
from the Scottish Islands and My Scottish Island
Kitchen is back with his third, highly anticipated
cookbook. The Hebridean Baker at Home shares

stories and adventures alongside his best selection of recipes yet. Coinneach MacLeod took the time

to speak to the Scottish Banner on his new book, celebrating Hebridean culture and his love of the Gaelic ...

Read More...

The Hebridean Baker at Home cookbook is out now. Click [here](#) for information on the book or to see if the North American book tour will stop in a town near you.



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We would like to invite you to volunteer for one of your Clan Irwin Association committees, please contact one of the following Officers. Click on any name below to be directed to their respective email address.

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 remember to share timely and appropriate photos to be put on Instagram. Also include a short explanation with names and/or places. Send photos/stories to teresa.tucker@clanirwin.org.



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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