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Clan Irwin Association

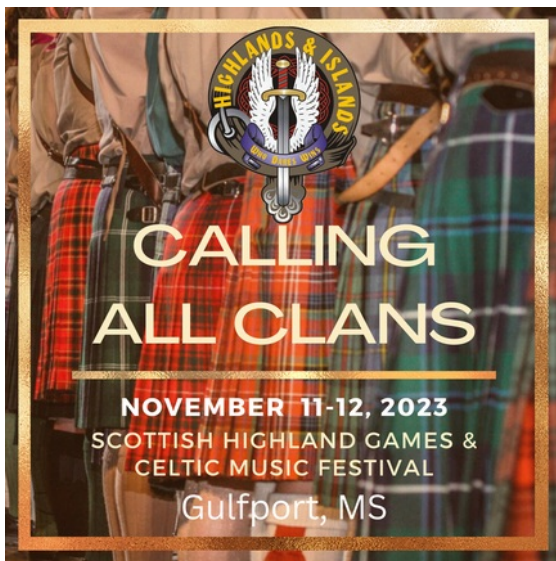
Mary Erwin, Chairman



November, 2023 Edition

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The Old Town Alexandria (VA) Scottish Day Parade and Christmas Walk is set for December 2, 2023. Clan Irwin Association (CIA) has participated more than 30 years in this fantastic event. We are once again registered to walk in the parade and a reservation has been made to hold our reception afterwards at The Lyceum, a beautiful, historic building, and the site of our reception last year. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us - rain or shine. Meet, greet, and converse with fellow members. This year we will have a special treat at the reception - a mini-concert from members of the Barton Family - longtime members of CIA. Invitations were recently sent via email.

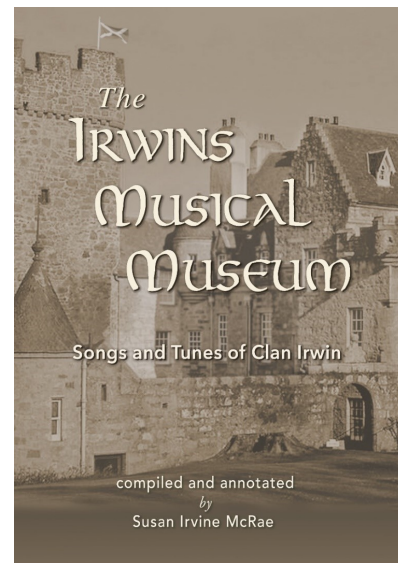


UPCOMING GAMES: If you live near any of these places, please try to attend a game:

November 3-5
Tucson Celtic Festival and Scottish Highland Games
Tucson, AZ

November 4
Charleston Scottish Games
North Charleston, SC

November 4-5
Richmond Highland Games
CIA CONVENING
Richmond, VA



“**THE IRWINS MUSICAL MUSEUM**” is an anthology of music associated with the Clan Irwin Association for voice and instruments with annotations, history, and illustrations. It includes contributions from such celebrated and respected artists such as the Champion Scottish Fiddler Jamie Laval; Champion Pipe Major Stuart Liddell; Sheena Blackhall, Poet Laureate of Aberdeen; and Barbara McOwen, Founder of the Boston Harbor Scottish Fiddle School. It also includes two original tunes composed by CIA members Pipe Major Dr. Peter F. Irwin and pianist and author Susan Irvine McRae. It may be purchased for a donation of \$15 to the CIA

November 4-5
Austin Celtic Festival | Austin Texas
Austin, TX

November 10-12
Scottish Gathering and Highland Games
Salado, TX

November 11-12
MS Highlands and Islands
CIA CONVENING
Gulfport, MS

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

If you would like to help Clan Irwin Association convene a tent at any of these locations, please get in contact with your Regional / State Commissioner or State Convener.

plus packaging and postage. THIS WOULD MAKE A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT SO ORDER YOURS NOW TO RECEIVE IT IN TIME FOR GIFTING.

Contact Susan McRae to order now:
susan.mcrae@clanirwin.org.

Important November Dates:

November 7 - Election Day
November 11 - Veteran's Day
November 12 - Remembrance Sunday

November 23 - Thanksgiving Day - However you give thanks on this day, CIA wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving!

November 30 - St. Andrew's Day - All Scots worldwide celebrate this day. St. Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland. Have a wee dram as you celebrate your Scottish heritage!

CALLING ALL INSTAGRAMMERS

We are happy to report that Clan Irwin Association (CIA) has a new Instagram account. If you are on Instagram, please follow us at [clanirwin_association](#). Feel free to share appropriate pictures and articles. If you are not on Instagram and have pictures of games, weddings, birth announcements or other events that you would like to share with CIA and others, please send to teresa.tucker@clanirwin.org.

Please provide any feedback to help us improve our social media accounts.



Veteran's Day

November 11 was chosen as a day of memorial because it marked the end of fighting in World War I — on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918- may we never forget the sacrifice these men and women make for us.

“The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.” — General Douglas MacArthur

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is



Funnies & errors...

(The picture shown is not an error, but funny, nonetheless. It is from Rodney Dangerfield's headstone.)

The following is a tidbit from James M. Irvine regarding his favorite gravestone read...

"There was a stone mason, who apparently had a good lunch and engraved the date of death as "Died 31st of February.""

If you have a favorite "error or funny," whether it be on a gravestone or misspelling

behind him." — G.K. Chesterton

of names, please share.

"I've lived the literal meaning of the 'land of the free' and 'home of the brave.' It's not corny for me. I feel it in my heart. I feel it in my chest." —
Chris Kyle

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

Craig Kleinert, Jr. - 1st Vice-Chairman

Teresa Tucker - 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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