

Holly Berry Bulletin

Clan Irwin Association

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

Charleston, WV - Mar 1-5
Ft. Lauderdale, FL - Mar 3
Phoenix - Mar 3-5
Panama City Beach, FL - Mar 4
Camden, SC - Mar 4
Sonora, CA - Mar 10-12
St. Augustine, FL - Mar 11-12(CIA tent)
Durango, CO - Mar 24-25
Sherman, TX - Mar 25-26
Cayce, SC - Mar 30-Apr 2
Dunedin, FL - Apr 1-2
San Antonio, TX - Apr 1-2
Federick, MD - Apr 6
Longmont, CO - Apr 8-9
St. George, UT - Apr 14-15
Ormond Beach, FL - Apr 15-16
Rural Hills, NC - Apr 15-16 (possible CIA tent)
Minden, LA - Apr 22 (CIA tent*)
Grapevine, TX - Apr 22 (CIA tent-need help with setup on the 21st)
St. Leonard, MD - Apr 29

*The Scottish Tartan Festival in Minden, LA has moved locations. The new location is Miller Quarters, 182 Gleason Street, Minden, LA. This location was originally a small park created by a HGTV makeover. See link for details: [Tartan Festival receives grant from Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission | Minden Press-Herald](#)

Let us know if you would like to help Clan Irwin Association convene a tent at any of these locations.



DID YOU KNOW?

Clan Irwin Association is a member of The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA, NTSUSA for short. As such, all members of Clan Irwin Association can receive 15% off NTSUSA purchases. Use this code: Irwin2023, for any purchases at their website, <https://ntsusa.org/membership/>, including individual membership. Benefits of membership include free access and parking at all NTS heritage sites in Scotland, a subscription to the members' magazine, and reciprocal membership to heritage organizations around the globe, including the National Trust of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

What is Tartan Day? U.S.

National Tartan Day, observed in the United States on April 6 every year, commemorates the day that the Declaration of Arbroath (or the Scottish Declaration of Independence) was signed in 1320. So, get your tartan ready!



SCOTLAND TIDBITS:

Nicola Sturgeon has announced she is resigning as Scotland's first minister after more than eight years in the role.

The Scottish National Party leader said she knew "in my head and in my heart" this was the right time to step down.

Ms. Sturgeon said she would remain in office until her successor was elected.

She is the longest-serving first minister and the first woman to hold the position.

Ms. Sturgeon insisted her resignation was not in response to the "latest period of pressure", which has included controversies over gender reforms, trans prisoners and the strategy on independence.

For more information, click here:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-64647907>

NUMBERS DON'T LIE

- The word "unicorn" is mentioned 6 times in the King James bible.
- 1707 is the year the Kingdom of Scotland ceased to exist as a sovereign state with the union of parliaments.
- There are 130 whisky distilleries in Scotland.
- 13 percentage of Scots have red hair, compared to 1-2 percent of the global population.



An American was going for a job interview in the Scottish countryside and on the way out he asked a local farmer for directions:

"Excuse me dude could you possibly tell me the quickest way to London?"

The farmer said: "You driving or walking, lad?"

The American replied: "Driving."

The farmer nodded, saying: "Yup, definitely the quickest way"

Please let us know if you are interested in getting more involved with your Clan Irwin Association by joining one of our committees. You may contact any of our officers to volunteer.

The Holly Leaf Chronicle will be published in April; therefore, the Holly Berry Bulletin will not be issued again until May.

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