

Holly Berry Bulletin

Clan Irwin Association

Mary Erwin, Chairman



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RECORDING AVAILABLE: The AGM virtual meeting was held 04-15-2023. It was recorded and if you would like to view or review it, click this link. It runs 2 hours and 26 minutes.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/ZBPdaplfvEhfBufiLKNccUZQXYOzWK6pIXvSj3UxNeZ4rP-p0rU5LhFxtTpZ4VTg.gljrticBvEPBKr9p>

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

May 6

St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival
Manchester, MO

May 6

Savannah Scottish Games - Celtic Gathering - CIA Convening
Savannah, GA

May 6-7

Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival
Bernalillo, TX

May 19-20

The Stirling Classic Scottish Festival and Highland Game
Yukon, OK

May 20

Fair Hill Scottish Game
CIA Convening
Elkton, MD

May 20

Springfield Area Highland Games & Celtic Festival

DID YOU KNOW?

2023 Great Scot Honoree was Judy Murray OBE (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire). Ms. Murray is a former Scottish international tennis player and Great Britain Fed Cup Captain. She has won 64 national titles and has been a Scottish National Coach. Ms. Murray has developed several tennis initiatives for girls aged 5 to 8. You can find more about this year's Great Scot honoree, by clicking the following link. [Latest News | National Trust for Scotland USA \(ntsusa.org\)](#)

To read more about the OBE award click the following link:

[A guide to the Order of the British Empire – Royal Central](#)

BREAKING NEWS: The Association calendar is now available at our website in the members only section. If you will [click here](#) you can see all the items that have been entered. When prompted, please "ADD" this calendar to your own. You will then be able to see

New Berling, IL

May 20
Finger Lakes Celtic Games & Festival
Farmington, NY

May 20-21
Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival & Games - CIA Convening
Townsend, TN

May 27
Greenville Scottish Games
Greenville, SC

May 27
Ouachita Highland Games
Hot Springs, AR

May 27-28
Scottish Fest USA
Costa Mesa, CA

June 3
Garrett County Celtic Festival
Friendsville, MD

June 3
Scottish Festival in Old Orchard Beach
Old Orchard Beach, Maine

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



GENEALOGY INITIATIVE - NOW ACTIVE

You asked for it and we are providing... help with Genealogy! April 15 was not only Tax Day in the US, but the "official launching" of our Genealogy Initiative, an 8-point plan wherein members interact with the task force, asking questions,

everything whether you are in Workspace or at the website. Make sure you are signed in to your clanirwin.org account. Some repeating events happen around the same time each year, but not the same exact date. Please bear that in mind as you look at future events.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FTDNA TESTS: As part of the Genealogy Initiative, the Chairman announced the launch of a plan, approved by the Clan Council, whereby members of the Association may be granted a supplement of \$50 towards the cost of either a 37-marker T-DNA test or an upgrade to a BigY700 test, up to a maximum of \$500 per calendar year, on a first-come, first-served basis. James Irvine, Administrator of the Clan Irwin Surname DNA Study, has kindly agreed to administer the plan, and he is happy to receive queries and applications at jamesirvine@hotmail.co.uk. The plan will be reviewed at the end of 2023.

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



Glen Affric Tartan - Going on public display for the first time, the Glen Affric tartan has been held in storage for decades in the archives of the Perthshire based Scottish Tartans Authority. This fragment of material is believed to be the oldest surviving "true tartan," and to be more than 500 years old. It is thought to have survived this long because it was buried in peat at Glen Affric. The "Glen Affric tartan" will go on display as part of a major

receiving answers, providing answers to others, and sharing your stories and family trees. The plan is for this to be continually evolving based upon receipt of new/different information. Articles will appear in the Holly Leaf Chronicle, and much will be posted at our website going forward. Check out the Members Only section...you must use your clanirwin.org name and password. Contact us if you haven't used this before or lost your password. Members of the task force are listed in each edition of the Holly Leaf Chronicle.

exhibition at the V&A Dundee (Scotland's Design Museum) which runs from April 1, 2023, to January 14, 2024.

To see full story please go to the following link: [Oldest tartan found to date back to 16th Century](#)

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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