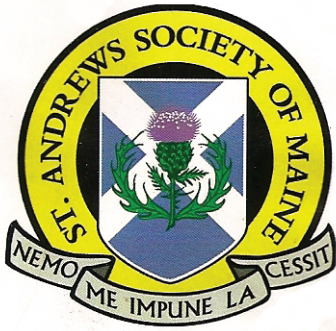


SUMMER 2018



The Pine Tree Highlander

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40th Annual Maine Highland Games on Sat., Aug. 18

The only place to be on that beautiful Saturday is the Topsham Fairgrounds just off Route I-295 in Topsham, Maine.

Why is that?

It's really simple! Throughout the day, starting at 8 a.m., pipers will be piping, drummers will be drumming, kilts will be swinging, flags will be fluttering, dancers will be showing their intricate moves, athletes will be performing at the highest levels, and everyone on the Fairgrounds will be having a wonderful time.

But there's so much more. Your Games Committee has really gone way out to make this important Scottish Festival anniversary edition one for the books.

Consider the additional events planned for your enjoyment. Throughout the day there'll be performances in Fiddler's Glen where, you guessed it, fiddle music and balladeers, among others, will be performing for enjoyment of all. There also are Celtic bands, harpers, Historical Highlanders, a great selection of mouth-watering Scottish food, a huge selection of merchandise to peruse and select from, and a large contingent of Scottish clans will be on hand to answer questions, share history, add pageantry and perhaps even offer a piece of delicious shortbread to visitors at their tent sites.

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Friday night everyone is invited to a Celtic Ceilidh at the Topsham Fairgrounds that will kick off the 40th annual Maine Highland Games and Scottish Festival. The ceilidh starts at 6 p.m. What a great beginning for the Games. You won't want to miss it!



A Message from President Roy Murdoch

As the summer season finally arrives we find the Saint Andrews Society of Maine putting the final touches on the 40th Anniversary Maine Highland games and Scottish Festival. We'll all gather at the Topsham Fair Grounds to celebrate bringing Scottish Culture to our great state for the 40th time. Plan now to join us, invite your friends, encourage your neighbors to experience a gathering in grand Scottish style! The festival is pulling together heavy athletics events, dancing competitions and demonstrations, clans, vendors, livestock and sheepdogs, and a legion of volunteers making all the working parts fit together seamlessly.

Of course, no proper Scottish festival would be complete without music. At these anniversary Games you'll be able to hear vocalists, harpers, fiddlers, and the invigorating sounds of the Great Highland Bagpipes. It's important to realize that we're doing all this for you! Whether this be your first, 15th, or 40th Highland Games, do plan to join us for a remarkable day.

Another event you will enjoy is the Fort Knox Scottish Military Tattoo on Saturday, July 7th. This great event brings together a number of Maine's pipe bands for an evening concert at the Fort Knox Historic Site high above the mighty Penobscot. It is a beautiful spot to enjoy pipe band music.

Visit the Saint Andrews Society website (mainehighlandgames.org) and discover all the work our society does to educate and promote Scottish Cultural heritage. Your support, through memberships and through attendance at our sponsored events, helps us to provide scholarships and learning opportunities to those who share a passion for our culture.

Please accept this invitation to join us at the 40th Anniversary Maine Highland Games and Scottish Festival. Let's celebrate and have a gathering!

Alba gu brath!

ADVANCE GAMES TICKETS AVAILABLE THRU AUG. 10. Save \$5

Order your advance tickets now by clicking **TICKETS** on our website (mainehighlandgames.org); you can pay through **PayPal** for adult and children's tickets or the **Patrons'** tickets. You can also send **your checks**, if you prefer, to

Sherry Smith
22 Wires Hill Road
Durham, ME 04222

Advanced Tickets checks should be made out to St. Andrews Society of Maine and accepted 'til Aug. 10th.

PATRONS TICKETS:

The Patrons Package includes one adult admission ticket and a parking pass for the designated Patrons parking area, a luncheon buffet with extra sodas and bottled water, shaded seating in the Patrons tent for comfortable viewing of the parade ground events. Patron tickets are \$50 for one and \$45 for each additional Patrons ticket.

ADULT ADVANCE TICKETS: \$15 each pre-gate (\$20 at the gate); children tickets 6 - 12 \$5 each

Events Throughout the Day

Music and Demonstrations

- *SEVEN NATIONS* - Astounding depth and complexity of sound; unique show
- *THE IVY LEAF* - Traditional Celtic music with fiddles, accordion, whistles, guitar and vocals
- *HARPER SUE RICHARDS* has played for Presidents Clinton and Bush, and Queen Elizabeth
- *COLIN GRANT ADAMS* - Traditional Celtic-American balladeer, a powerful tenor voice
- *SCOTTISH* Country Dance Demonstration
- *PIPE BAND* Demonstrations
- *FIDDLERS GLEN* - Dancers, Musicians, Ceilidh Performers
- *SHEEP DOG* Demonstrations

Competitions

- Scottish Athletic Events for Adults and Youth
- Highland Dance Competition
- Individual Piping Competition
- Individual Drumming Competition
- Pipe band Competition

Food and goodies!

- Scottish Import Sales, Scottish and American Food, Beer tent

Workshops for Dancing, Music and Activities

- Bodhran Workshop
- Harpers Circle and Workshop featuring Sue Richards
- Piping Workshop
- Scottish Country Dance Participation Workshop

Internationally-acclaimed Harper Appearing at Maine Games

This year harper Sue Richards will again be presenting a harp ensemble workshop at the Maine Highland Games.

Sue is an “internationally known performer, teacher, composer and author.” Sue has recorded dozens of CDs, and has entertained audiences throughout the U.S. and Europe. She is the director, and a teacher of the harp program at the Ohio

Scottish Arts School in Oberlin Ohio.

Harpers of all ability levels are welcome to participate. Sue will also perform with the harp circle group, as well as doing a solo performance at Fiddler’s Glen at the Games.

For further information about the harp workshop contact Melanie Lee at: melleesharp@gmail.com.

A Look Back at Our Early Maine Highland Games

by Bill McKeen

The first Maine Highland Games was held at Lincoln Academy in Newcastle on Saturday, August 25th, 1979. It must have taken a lot of courage by the organizers because the Saint Andrews Society of Maine did not officially exist until June 1st, 1980.

Maine's hardy Scots did not let such details stand in their way. Scots living on the coast of Maine in 1979 were aware that there were highland games in other New England states. Not wanting to be left behind they decided that, "by Scot," they would have their own games.

That first effort must have gone well because the second games were again held at Lincoln Academy in 1980. From there, the games were moved to Thomas Point Beach in Brunswick and held there from 1981 until 1984. An effort was made to offer convenience to Scots in more northern parts of Maine so in 1985 and 1986, the Games were held at Thomas College in Waterville.

In 1987, southern Maine called and the Games were moved to Boothbay High School. Then, in 1988, the games returned to Thomas Point Beach which became home until 2009. In 2010, the games committee felt that more room was needed for growth, so the games were moved to the Topsham Fairgrounds where they will be this year, 2018.

It can be assumed that the original officers of the Saint Andrews Society would have been those who organized the first Maine Highland Games. They were President, Norman MacKenzie of Owls Head; Vice President, Daniel Wallace of Waldoboro; Publicity Chair, Robert Dunbar of Nobleboro; Enoch Hunt, 2nd, Treasurer of Newcastle; Jean Armour Hunt, Secretary of Newcastle; Robert MacRae, Representative of Wiscasset; John Heyl, Representative of Boothbay; Harvey Howells, Representative of Brunswick; Robert Green, Representative of Bath; Diane MacFarland, Representative of South Bristol; Mrs. Robert Minott, Representative of Rockland and Ian

MacInnon, Representative of Augusta.

These are interesting notes I found while researching games reports from past Highlander newsletters.

1998 gate count, 6501

1998 gate count 6188, note these counts were done by Thomas Point Beach and were all paid admissions.

1988 Raffle income, \$4302.

1988 Patrons count, 451

1988 Games budget, \$21,959.

2018 Games budget, \$71,600

1988 Profit \$3500.

1988 First sanctioned highland dance competition.

1996 Clan Dinner count, 189

2002 73 clans and 33 vendors

2002, Tickets, \$7 advance, \$10 at the gate.

Remember the good old days?

An Opportunity to Dust Off Your Dancing Shoes at the Games

There is lots to do at the Maine Highland Games and Scottish Festival, including a chance to dance. The Brunswick and Penobscot Bay Scottish Country Dancers will be putting on two workshops and all are encouraged to come and join the fun. There is dancing for all: children, grandparents, and all the age groups in between.

Scottish Country Dancing is the traditional ballroom dancing of Scotland. It has the energy and agility found in its jigs and reels with lively movements and lightness of feet coming from the vitality of the Scottish people. The elegance and strength of the Strathspey comes from the French court during the alliance with France.

Like Scotland's unique musical heritage, Scottish Country Dancing reflects the country's rich cultural heritage. Check the schedule for times. Location will be at the Scottish Country Dance booth. Hope to see you

Digging up Cultural Roots

August Conference at Bowdoin College, a Scots-Irish Reunion

by **Bill McKeen**

There are many ways for people to dig up their cultural and ethnic history. Some start with genealogy, searching the internet, researching probate and court records, and interviewing family members. But not Brad McFadden of Harpswell, Maine. He literally digs in the dirt.

A five day conference at Bowdoin College will tell Brad's story and many others. Speakers from Northern Ireland and the United States will gather in Brunswick, August 14 through 17 for seminars and tours.

Brad McFadden's ancestors settled on Merrymeeting Bay in September of 1718 as part of a larger group of Scots-Irish immigrants who came from Ulster, now known as Northern Ireland. Dozens of ships arrived in New England ports, filled with families from Ulster, part of a mass exodus of Scots-Irish beginning in 1718 and lasting for many years. A Boston newspaper of the times wrote that five ships from Ireland were in the harbor at the same time. Two of those ships sailed to Maine. One named the *Robert*, after exploring part of the Maine coast, spent the winter of 1718 frozen in the harbor of what is now Portland, Maine. Though the ships came from Ireland the passengers were mostly Scots who had lived in Ulster for a few generations.

Another of those ships, named the *McCallum* chose Merrymeeting Bay as a place to settle. Some chose the east side of the Kennebec River calling their settlement Cork. Andrew McFadden built a cabin for his wife and children on the west side of the river and named the area Somerset

after his home on the Bann River in Ulster.

The cellar hole of Andrew's cabin and some of its contents have remained undisturbed since the native Americans burned it in 1722. According to archeologist Pam Crane, many dig sites have been affected by modern day development, but the McFadden site has not and therefore has been a dream to excavate. The Maine Ulster Scot Project asked Crane to direct a dig by Brad McFadden and many other volunteers during the past five years. The dig is ongoing. Seminars will be presented at the conference by both Pam Crane and Brad McFadden.

In addition to the lectures and roundtable discussions, the

conference offers a Scots-

Irish concert, featuring fiddler Frank Ferrel, Castlebay and the Maine Highland Fiddlers. Keynote speakers will be author Colin Woodard and Northern Ireland Bureau's Norman Houston. The conference is sponsored by the Northern Ireland Bureau, Maine Highland Games, Maine Ulster Scots Project and the Scottish Government. More information at www.maineulsterscots.com



Brad McFadden, left, being interviewed in 2013 at the site by Chris Spurr, right, and Mark Wilson of the BBC.

Ulster Diaspora 2018 Reunion

Three Centuries of “Scots-Irish Heritage August 14-18, 2018

Tues Aug. 14 9:00 am - Sat Aug 18, 10:30 pm

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME 04011

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Full-day Guided Bus Tour of Historic Portland for pre-registered guests

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Conference Registration - Thorne Hall, Bowdoin College

5:00 pm - 9:00 PM Cocktail Hour and Dinner with Special Keynote event for speakers and 5-day ticket holders. Sponsored by Northern Ireland Bureau

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Conference registration Thorne Dining Hall

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Welcome & Opening Roundtable “Immigration - Emigration Ulster to Maine Causes, Consequence, Conditions” Kresge Auditorium, Bowdoin College

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Concurrent Presentations 1-3

1. Woodside in Dunboe Parish, NI - Dr. Emerson “Tad” Baker, Salem State University

2. TBD

3. 1718 Families Project - Mr. Colin Brooks

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon Concurrent Presentation 4-6

4. Making the Great American Bard: Robert Dinsmoor and the Double Hyphenated Identity - Dr. Frank Ferguson, Ulster University

5. Title TBA - Mr. Chris Sockalexis, Penobscot Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

6. Scots-Irish of Allagash - Mr. Darrell McBriety, Allagash Historical Society

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Free buffet lunch for 5-day ticket holders, Moulton Hall, Bowdoin College

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Roundtable 2 “Exploring the Diaspora” - Kresge Hall, Bowdoin College

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Concurrent Presentations 7-9

7. “Hardscrabble and good times amongst the Scotch-Irish of Maine” - Mr. Alister

8. “By Another Route: The Ulster Scots and the Scottish Prisoners of 1650-51” - Dr. Carol Gardner

9. From Kilrea to Kittery and beyond, the Sterret(t) Saga - Mr. Bob Starrat

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Concurrent Presentations 10-12

10. Scots-Irish Religious Folkways in Mid-Coast Maine: The Presbyterian Founding 1729-1763 - Mr. Carl R. “Chip” Griffin III, Esq.

11. Relationships with the Land: The Scots-Irish Experience in the District of Maine - Mr. John T. Mann, President Emeritus, Maine Ulster Scots Project

12. Wilson Family in Maine - Ms. Delia Wilson Lunsford

7:00 PM - 9:00 P Private Meet and Greet for presenters and 5-day ticket holders only, Hosted by the Scottish Affairs Council, special guest Joni Smith, at The Daniel, Brunswick, Maine.

Thursday, August 16, 2018

7:00 - 8:00 AM Walk in Conference Registration. Location TBD

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Round Table 3 “Religious History” with 1718 Woodside sermon offered by Rev. James McCaughan of Dunboe Church, Articlave, Northern Ireland and Brunswick, First

Parish Church Reverend Mary Bard. *Continued on Next Page*

Round Table Panel with experts on clergy and migration
- First Parish Church, Brunswick

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Concurrent Presentations 13-15

13. Woodside in Dunboe Parish Northern Ireland - Dr. Alison McCaughan

14. 1718 Migration: Connections, Coincidences, Consequences - Dr. Linde Linney, Dictionary of Irish Biography, Royal Irish Academy

15. NEHGS DNA Studies - Mr. Tom Dreyer, New England Historic Genealogical Society

11:00 AM - 12:00 NOON Concurrent Presentations 16-18

16. Role of Religion in Migration - Dr. William Roulston, Ulster Historical Society

17. TBD

18. From the Kailyard to the Dooryard: Gaelic and Scots Poetry from Transatlantic Bards - Rev. Holly Morrison

12:00 Noon Free buffet lunch for 5-day ticket holders - Moulton Hall, Bowdoin College

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Roundtable "Somerset Archeology" - Kresge Hall, Bowdoin College

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Concurrent Presentations 19-21

19. Rathlin Island to Lubec, The Sam Hendy Collection - Ms. Sarah Carson, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's Museum Service officer

20. Woodside Homestead Archeology - Mr. Fred Koerber

21. Learning About Heritage - Ulster Scots in Education - Mr. Richard Hannah

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Concurrent Presentations 22-24

22. Forests and Coasts, The Ballads of Maine - Mrs. Julia Lane, Castlebay

23. European Occupation of Maine's Eastern Frontier - The Influence of Fort Richmond on Settlement of the Merrymeeting Bay Region - Dr. Leith Smith, Maine Historic Preservation

24. The New Irish Settlement on Merrymeeting Bay - Mrs. Barbara Desmarais, Brunswick Historian

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Evening Special Event: Fiddle Traditions in Ulster-Scots Music, Then & Now
Open to the Public. Tickets available to all. Free to 5-day ticket holders.

Friday, August 17, 2018

Open to all pre-registered ticket holders on first come, pre-paid basis.

8:30 AM - 12:00 NOON Historic Tour 3 "Meeting Houses and Parting Places; Finding a Common Ground"

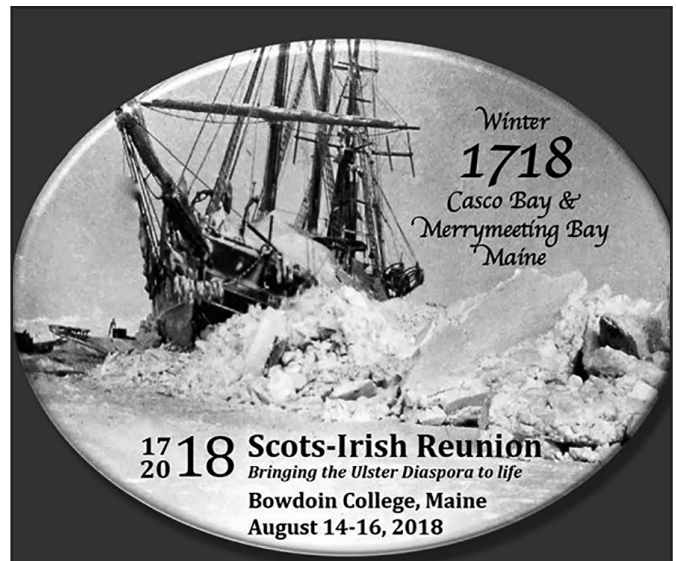
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Historic Tour 4 "Archaeology: MacFadden Site & Merrymeeting Bay"

6:00 PM Special pre-games Ceilidh sponsored by St. Andrews Society of Maine - Topsham Fairgrounds
Free and open to the public.

Saturday, August 18, 2018

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM 40th Annual Maine Highland Games and Scottish Festival, hosted by St. Andrews Society of Maine.

Open to the public, Free to 5-day ticket holders. Tickets may be pre-purchased or at the gate.



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Complete Schedule of Upcoming Events

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| Saturday, July 7- | Scottish Military Tattoo Fort Knox State Park, Prospect, Maine 6:00 p.m. |
| Aug 14 - August 17 - | Ulster Diaspora 2018 Reunion Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine |
| Friday August 17- | Gathering of the Clans Ceilidh Topsham Fairgrounds, Topsham, Maine 6:00 pm |
| Saturday August 18- | Maine Highland Games and Scottish Festival Topsham Fairgrounds, Topsham, Maine Gates open 8:00 am Opening ceremony 11:30 am |
| Sunday November 11- | Kirkin 'O' the Tartan Mid Coast Presbyterian Church 84 Main Street, Topsham, Maine 10:10 am |