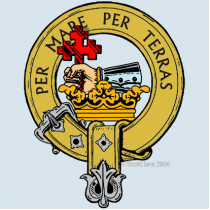


Celtic Heritage

We are pleased to have a variety of Celtic Cultural Societies Joining us this year. If you are Irish or Scottish, or just not sure, stop by these stands and do some family research to get in touch with your Celtic Heritage!



Clan Donald (MacDonald) – this clan’s history starts in the area of Kintyre where King Somerled re-took these lands and his great grandson Donald began the mighty clan MacDonald. In 1424 James I returned to Scotland to punish all those who did not support him, imprisoning and executing all but Alasdair MacDonald. After his release he returned to raise a rebellion and in 1429 Burned Inverness. Eventually Alasdair would rise to become the Earl of Ross and his people experienced a prosperous era. Visit the MacDonald Clan Tent to learn more about the great history of this clan.



Clan Gordon – The name Gordon is territorial and the family who took the name are believed to have been of Anglo-Norman descent, moving from the Borders to Aberdeenshire. The wild boar’s head appears on the Gordon arms because, legend says, the first Gordon saved a Scottish king from an attacking boar. The monks of St Mary at Kelso were given their land by Richard, Baron of Gordon in 1150 and 1160, the earliest recording of the name in use. Sir Adam of Gordon was a supporter of Robert the Bruce and traveled to Rome to ask the Pope to reverse Bruce’s excommunication, served after Bruce killed Comyn in a church. The king gave the Earl of Atholl’s confiscated lands of Strathbogie to Gordon. The castle there became known as Huntly, a reminder of the Gordons’ Berwickshire lands. Sir Alexander Gordon was created Earl of Huntly in 1449.



Clan Scott – the earliest record of this great clan name was around 1130, and by virtue of marrying well they acquired more lands and in time became one of the most powerful Border Clans. History tells us of their gathering for battle at Bellendean, and hence their war cry “A Bellendaine” as it’s known became the slogan of the Clan Scott upon the standard of the “Bold Buccleuch.” The Scott family is known today for the internationally acclaimed Buccleuch art collection in the three great houses of the family. Visit the Scott Clan Tent to learn more about this proud clan.



Ryeland Harp Ring – The Ryeland Harp Ring of Robeson, PA will be performing and discussing the history of the Harp in the Celtic Heritage Glen area of the festival. Stop by for some wonderful music and to see and hear more about the harp which is the national emblem of Ireland.



David Simmons – David is known for his work with Alan MacLeod (Tannahill Weavers – Alan was an original member). Alan is a Juno winning artist (Canada’s Grammy) and helped David produce “Culloden Field” which soon was dubbed “Braveheart the Musical” by Canada’s number one newspaper the Toronto Star. David’s song “Golden Hair” earned him a Top Earner status from the American songwriters Society (ASCAP) and an invite in 2006 to Hollywood. David will be performing his music all day during the festival so stop by to enjoy some of his original music.

For more information about your Heritage, visit some of these great Websites and take the time to explore your family’s history:

Scottish Clans – www.scotclans.com
Irish Clans – www.theclansofireland.ie
Irish Heritage – www.irishroots.com