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







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# The Future of the CBSI



David Byrne.

CBSI President,  
North East USA Regional Director,  
entrepreneur and raconteur

In 2016 the Clan Buchanan Society International (CBSI) celebrated the 1000-year anniversary of the Clan Buchanan. Based on long believed histories of the origin of the Clan, special events were held around the world. One of the celebrations was at the New Hampshire Highland Games in September 2016 where I gathered with more than 300 clan folk and marched under the Black Lion Banner.

Also attending the New Hampshire Highland Games that year was Dr. Joseph Morrow, the Lord Lyon King of Arms from Scotland. The Lyon Court is responsible for all things pertaining to the Scottish clans and, more importantly, the clan chiefs. I was honored to spend several hours with Dr. Morrow and we discussed all manner of things including the vacancy of the chiefship of the Clan Buchanan. During my several conversations Dr. Morrow never hinted that he would soon be making an announcement that would change our clan forever; a new chief of the Buchanan Clan would soon be considered.

During the short span of years since 2016, the entire story of the origins of the Clan Buchanan would be rewritten and the story of the future of our Clan would be shaped in ways yet unknown.

We learned through the **Buchanan Ydna project** and detailed research into our history, that the long-held origin myth of the Prince of Ulster coming to Scotland from Ireland had no basis in fact. Our chiefly Buchanan line does not contain Irish Q-Celtic DNA but is P-Celtic in origin. This means that our MacAuslan and Buchanan ancestors came up the west coast of Britain from Cornwall or Wales and not across the sea from Ireland.

In December 2016 the Lyon Court in Scotland announced that they had received a **petition to claim the Chiefship of the Clan Buchanan**. And in August 2018 John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan of the Ilk was confirmed the Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan. For the first time in 340 years our Clan had a chief. Mike Buchanan will be formally inaugurated in October of this year and a new era for the Clan Buchanan will begin.

Both events – a new origin and a new beginning – have caused the CBSI to pause and consider what all of this means to the future of the Clan and the CBSI. How does the



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# The Future of the CBSI *continued*

changes of the past relate to the Clan today and how will we move the Clan Buchanan forward as a living, vital cinneadh?

In this issue and the next, leading members of the Clan and the Clan Buchanan Society International will offer their perspectives on many different aspects of the clan and our future. **But one important question remains: what role will the Clan Buchanan Society International have in that future?**

Of course, the future of the CBSI is tightly interwoven with the future of the Clan Buchanan. As the de-facto administrative and marketing arm of the clan, it is our mission to bring together the members of the clan and provide a mechanism for them to participate more fully in clan activities. The fact that we now have the support and encouragement of a clan chief makes that work more meaningful.

The CBSI has already begun to expand our efforts in other parts of the world. Our merger with the Clan Buchanan Society Oceania extends our reach to the farthest corners of the globe. We are now seeing new activity in Scotland itself with the addition of a Buchanan clan presence at several highland games there, something that has never happened

before. There are, however, areas where our efforts need to be increased. Canada and Mexico, Central and South America are home to many thousands of our clan and we are just starting to reach them and encourage their participation. That work needs to continue.

The Society will continue to expand its reach through our internet resources. Unlike in the past, a large majority of our members are now generated through our website and social media accounts. We need to continue to grow and enhance our media to make it more meaningful to our members and streamline the membership process. But, at the same time, we need to show new members the many ways they can help us with our work. While financial support is important, it is equally important to have new members become active participants in our clan and help us achieve our goals.

We made a major commitment to expanding clan genealogy resources to our members with the establishment of a Buchanan genealogy website. Our CBSI genealogist continues to increase our archives and assists our clan folk as they search for their family stories. Continuing to grow these efforts and provide

greater resources to serve the clan is essential.

In discussions with our chief, we have identified that a major goal of the clan and the Society is reaching our younger clan members. The Society needs to find ways to demonstrate the value of the clan in their lives and how they can participate in clan life.

With the new use of technology and social media, we can't forget that clan is family. The Society needs to provide a place for our clan to come together. This will continue to be local highland games and Scottish festivals where we have undertaken to provide greater resources for our clan tent hosts and regents. There is no place that the clan becomes more real than meeting face to face at a highland event. Making our clan tents attractive, informative, and welcoming is essential to keeping the clan real and showing the colors. The greatest goal we can have as a Society and a clan, is to have more members marching under the Black Lion Banner every year.

## WE REPRESENT YOU!

# Nominations for CBSI Officers

The Clan Buchanan Society International is accepting nominations for the election of officers which will take place in January 2023.

Nominations must be submitted no later than 1 October 2022.

The positions to be filled are:

- President
- Vice President
- Deputy Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer



## ***"CBSI By-laws ARTICLE VII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS***

### ***Section 4: NOMINATIONS***

*Nominations from the membership at large must be in writing and received by the Nominations Committee Chairman on or before October 1 in the year preceding each election year. Qualifications and permission of the candidates must accompany the nominations. All nominations will be marked "Attention: Nominations Committee."*

Nominations should be submitted by email to: [nominations@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:nominations@theclanbuchanan.com)

Or by regular mail to  
**Trevor Paradis, Chairman**  
507 Blackberry Lane  
Ruckersville, VA, 22968



*Flying the Black Lion Banner, New Hampshire Highland Games 2019*

# New look Banner

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the new look Buchanan Banner. Our previous editor and long term collaborator Beth Gay has stepped down, leaving us an opportunity to reconsider and redesign our flagship communication.

Like the resurgence of our clan with the return of a chief, it's an opportunity to reinvent and reinvigorate. The CBSI has assembled a lean team of people to collate content and massage messaging; But, we're yet to appoint an "editor". Redesigning the Banner has happened several times over the Societies 50 year history, and a collection of all Banners can be found at [www.theClanBuchanan.com/banner](http://www.theClanBuchanan.com/banner).

## Some of the major changes you'll notice:

- We're calling this a **magazine**, rather than a newsletter; designed to reflect this
- We're introducing a theme to each edition, to inspire regular contributors to provide shorter, alternative perspectives
- We'll design to the reality of digital era, so we've
  - Flipped it to landscape (ie, to fit your screen)
  - We may include hyperlinks to relevant websites (sorry to anyone that has printed this out to share)
  - Availing ourselves of modern digital production: crisper text and clearer photos
- We're making a conscious decision to be more inclusive: international, younger, gender neutral etc
- We're going to do away with Roman numerals and uncontextual Latin (which might be hogwarts spells)
- We shall endeavour to run stories on following pages, rather than random and chaotic page hopping

## And whilst modernising the Banner, we honour what makes it great:

- We're going to enthusiastically continue regular contributions from the President and the Lady Buchanan
- Historic articles and prolific interpretations
- We honour our elders that have passed, "Flowers in the Forest"
- We celebrate all wardens that attend and represent Clan Buchanan at Highland games and Celtic festivals

Whilst we're in Caretaker mode and our infancy, we welcome any feedback to both content and delivery. We're going to stuff up at times, but we won't let that hamper our enthusiasm. Remember, the best way to reflect your needs, is to get involved. This is your magazine!

[Email us...](#)

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FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

# CBSI's Rampant lion

Clan Buchanan adopted a rampant lion as a chief's standard around 1450, signifying our connection to Scottish monarchy. Sir Walter Buchanan: our 12th Chief adopted the arms described in the Scots Roll, c1455, '*Or, a lion rampant Sable goutty Or within a double tressure flory counter-flory Sable*', which contains many of the elements of the arms registered by John Buchanan in 1657, the coat of arms we recognise today.

These arms reflect those of Scotland's Royal family with the Rampant Lion's colour changing from Red to Black. "*Lion rampant Sable goutty Or*" means an "upright black lion, with golden tears", presumably as a reflection to loss or execution.

Obviously following the demise of the last chief in 1681, there was no chiefly banner (because there was no chief) so it was shelved. But, sometime between 1680 and 1970 the lion resurfaced with 5 tears (and without the black border), which signified our sadness at being chiefless. This lion was adopted as an unofficial logo for the Clan Buchanan Society International (CBSI), indifference to our coat of arms (the Phoenix, registered in 2002).

When Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan was recognised as the Chief of Clan Buchanan in 2018, he reclaimed the standard as shown here, AND he granted us the continued conditional use of this Rampant lion: **the condition being that the tears are now referred to as tears of joy!**

[Read about the lion here](#) and about [Buchanan heraldry here](#)



Buchanan Coat of Arms from the Scots Roll, 1455



Clan Chief's current Coat of Arms, as recorded in 1675



Clan Buchanan's tears of Joy



## Many thanks

After many years serving as editor of the Buchanan Banner, Beth Gay has stepped down. The Executive Council thanks Beth for her work spreading the word about the clan and the Society. During her time as editor, Beth's contribution to the Society was recognized with an Honorary Life Membership as well as being presented with the Levon Watson Service Award. We wish Beth well with her other endeavors.

Beth Gay, DGOTJ, LOK, FSA Scot. 2003 [Full biography here](#)



GREETINGS FROM THE LADY BUCHANAN

# Our new chapter with global opportunities

*The Lady Buchanan (AKA Paula) with John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan of that Ilk, Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan (AKA Mike or The Buchanan) stepping into the future*



First of all I would like to give a big thank you to the lovely Beth and her husband Tom for all their years work in writing and publishing the Buchanan Banner. We will remember them every time we look up one of the previous Buchanan Banners that they created in support of the Buchanan clan. They have also successfully recorded many important historical events for future generations, which would otherwise have been lost.

**This brings us to the theme of this edition being the future.** Now that Mike has been judged by Lord Lyon to be the first of the new age of Buchanan chiefs, we have been working out how best to support all future clan activities. The Inauguration at Cambusmore on the 7th to the 10th of October is our way we have chosen to start this process.

One definition of Inauguration is a ceremony to mark the beginning or introduction of something. We are using this event to start looking at what a clan is today and what its needs are in order to understand what the

next steps are in creating a vision for the future. Things have changed over the millenia from when we were all part of a large family tribe living in Scotland.

Now with Buchanans and those with Buchanan affiliated family names topping over 5 million globally, together with Buchanans in pretty much every country and island round the world (excepting seemingly the Vatican and North Korea [www.forbears.io](http://www.forbears.io)), we have a truly amazing global network based on blood and family links. Then if you include those with Buchanan and associate family names in the mix, us International Buchanans are now a truly significant global people.

Our family, alongside many others in the Buchanan Clan have been asked what a clan is; but also what it could and should be. We now have an opportunity to look at important aspects of clan culture from the past which needed a chief, and try and see how they can be best adapted to our contemporary times.

On the run up to the Inauguration, we as a family have listened to others and are now doing our best together with other clan members to work out how a chief needs to best support their fellow clan members in this new globally based clan. This has been reflected in the Inauguration, websites and the reintroduction of the Buchanan clan insignia, now being described as the 'clan jewels'. The clan jewels are something which I have personally been involved with. Their recreation by local Scottish craftspeople many of which have Buchanan heritage, reflects the historic symbolic importance of different objects and events to the Buchanan clan. They also herald the reintroduction of a new Chief's court, who will play their own essential role in this historic event.

For me, the main feature of the inauguration is the amazing opportunity for everyone to give their vision for the clan's future at the first Clan Parliament for over 350 years. Our clan has such an incredible history. Over the

millenia our clan has continually needed to adapt to survive. So this is effectively only a new chapter where we can hopefully all work together to keep evolving to our ever changing environments to stay effective as a living thriving entity. As such, this parliament will play a key role as it will give people an opportunity to provide the vision, to guide the clan's next important future steps. There are so many opportunities for us all to create the most incredible supportive global network of family members to make our International Buchanan presence a force to be truly reckoned with!

So if you have not already arranged to come here, go to the website and buy a ticket so your voice can be heard and make a real difference. It should also be fun as there will be loads of dancing and new experiences. We are all so much looking forwards to seeing you here as all those making up the entire Buchanan Clan are the true 'clan jewels'.

*Paula Buchanan*



FROM THE BUCHANAN YOUNGER

# Swinging the sporran in Versailles

On the 21st of May 2022 the “**Royal Versailles Ball**”, a grand Highland Reeling ball at the **Palace of Versailles in Paris, France** took place after a 2-year delay. The spectacular charity event was attended by over a thousand mostly Scots, including a great number of friends I had not seen due to covid.

The evening began at six, with guests meandering around the palatial gardens and the famous Hall of Mirrors. Champagne, dinner and the charity auction at 7 led to a golden fireworks display at 9. This was shortly followed by the evening’s main activity: the dancing! **In the spirit of the “Auld Alliance” between Scotland and**

**France** the dancing was reeling (Scottish Country dancing), with “Carriages” at 3am, bringing to end a fantastical evening.

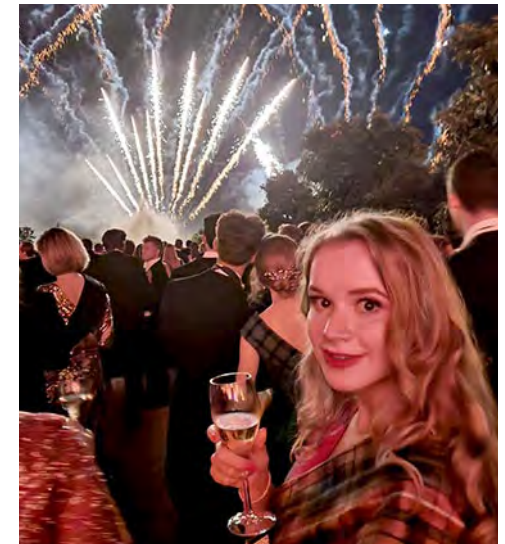
I am very grateful to have represented The Clan Buchanan in the dancing by attending the ball with my sister Lucy Buchanan and a few close Scottish friends. I am delighted to have taught other members of the Clan Buchanan how to reel in the past and I hope to teach more clan members reeling in the future.

Hopefully we can all dance together in the future at many other events beyond the inauguration!

*Angus Buchanan*



*Angus, Lucy Buchanan and a few close Scottish friends representing Clan Buchanan at the Palace of Versailles in Paris, France*



# CBSI AGM at Wisconsin Highland Games



By Erin Buchanan-Darnick

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Regional Director and  
revered badger wrangler

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or call (920) 428-1535

**September 2 to 4, 2022**

We hope to see you all at the Wisconsin Highland Games for the 2022 AGM.

Clan Buchanan will be the honored clan this year.

Bring your Lion Rampant flags and march with us during the Parade of Tartans on Saturday and Sunday!

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**WISCONSIN  
SEPTEMBER 2022**

Waukesha Expo Center  
1000 Northview Rd, Waukesha, WI 53188



## Hotel – Best Western Waukesha Grand

- A block of rooms is being held for the nights of September 2nd and 3rd at a rate of \$95/night (ex. taxes and fees).
- Rates and rooms guaranteed until August 2, 2022.

There will be 20 rooms with 2 queen beds, and 10 rooms with a single king. Call the direct line (below) and mention the room rates for the “Clan Buchanan Society”. The hotel has a pool and free continental breakfast.

2840 N Grandview Blvd Pewaukee, WI 53072  
(262) 524-9300 [Website](http://www.bestwestern.com)

## RV Parks

These are the 2 closest RV Parks (15 min-30 min), but there are others within the 30-45 minute drive area.

### Wisconsin State Fair RV Park

[www.wistatefair.com/wsfprv-park](http://www.wistatefair.com/wsfprv-park)

### Country View Campground

[www.countryviewcampground.wordpress.com](http://www.countryviewcampground.wordpress.com)

## CBSI AGM DINNER

At Delafield Brewhaus  
Saturday, September 3rd, 2022



3832 Hillside Dr, Delafield, WI 53018  
– about 20 minutes from the hotel and games.

Dinner to begin at 7:00 PM,  
cocktails at 6:30 (cash bar).

- Attire for the dinner is business casual. Clan attire is always encouraged, but not required
- The cost per person for the meal is \$35
- Members who plan to attend will need to pre-pay by August 1st, 2022

## Payments

- Please complete the AGM Dinner form listed on the [Clan website](http://clanbuchan.com)
- The payment should be made through PayPal
- Email Erin Buchanan-Darnick to set up your payment and email your AGM dinner form
- If you prefer to pay by check, print and complete the form to mail in with your payment made out to the Clan Buchanan Society International. Mail to: 236 Lake Shore Dr. Hortonville, WI 54944







By Shona Gibson.

Inauguration organizer, CBSI regent for NSW, Australia and Shortbread judge

*A series of short stories from the organizers of the Clan Buchanan's Chief's Inauguration; composed as introductions to The Buchanan's inauguration in Scotland. I've titled the collection, **There's more to the story of the inauguration of The Buchanan at Cambusmore**. I decided on this mouthful of words, because with any event or gathering there is a lot that happens behind the scenes that typically goes unnoticed. I would like you to become familiar with and build your curiosity and interest in attending the historic events to be held in the grounds of the Cambusmore Estate (Perthshire), the home of our clan chief and his family.*



All are welcome to the Inauguration of the Chief, details are on [The Clan Buchanan website](#)

**ARTICLE 1 OF 4**

# The Singing Stones moment

We look from a distance at our family history, dates on faded manuscripts, faces in yellowing photos and the names of ancestors coming to light from interest searches.

Personally, I am more fortunate than many. I have letters written in the 1800s between family in Scotland and their 'young ones' who immigrated to Australia in want of an opportunity for a better life. I also have articles and newspaper clippings recording the achievements of my forebears who were active community contributors.

I hope, I am adding to this story and laying the foundations for my children and grandchildren to stand on at some point in their lives.

## October 2019

I am part of the congregation on an open lawn at the Canberra Scottish gathering.

The Buchanan and Lady Buchanan moved through the crowd and made their way to the Buchanan camp, greeting people with firm handshakes and smiles. This, the Buchanan's first visit to Australia.

I responded to 'Hello, I'm Paula,' from Lady Buchanan, with a cordial reply and recalled the imprinted lesson; look the person in the eye, speak clearly and let them guide the conversation.



*Outlander, the time traveling circle of stones*

The conversation between us, later in the day, centered on how Lady Buchanan was considering options on how to plan The Buchanan's inauguration as the clan chief. The proposed date October 2020. The location their estate, Callander, Scotland. The Buchanan was being seated into a position that had been vacant for over 300 years. As this conversation developed, I spoke about the resources I had at home - documents and checklists that I use to plan events (big and small).

An invitation was offered that my husband (a compliance professional in the construction industry) and me (events training and now an academic at a large Australian university)

responded with a firm yes and the covert thought 'Why not?'

As my husband and I responded to an invitation to work closely with Lady Buchanan, I remembered the scene in Outlander where Clare, standing at the circle of stones, heard a singing and the pull on her to move back through history. I obviously didn't move back in time, but I was transported, in a sense, into a mind state of rolling thoughts of safety plans, protocols, legal requirements, marketing briefs, catering and of course images of stone walls, swords and castles.



*The Buchanans in Canberra 2019, with Malcolm Buchanan - regional director of Oceania*



# The Singing Stones moment *continued*

My husband, Paul had worked in a corporate compliance role for a national company. Spreadsheets and data and flow diagrams, are his 'thing'. Together we form a team.

We were to meet the Buchanan and Lady Buchanan the following morning and share our ideas. I immediately needed to get a notebook, to get my thoughts down onto paper and into a logical order to share as the concept event plan.

At our meeting we agreed on a timeframe and agreed Paul and I were to develop the working documents, communicate with the clan

societies, book hire companies, arrange the catering (sustenance) and open ticket sales.

As the weeks rolled by, we developed a comprehensive event plan that included the drafts of invitations, the progressive steps to manage the online bookings, suggested menus, job descriptions for key personnel etc. We formed estimates of the costs through phone calls and emails to Scottish hire and we thought through the traffic and pedestrian movements of clan folk, guests and VIPS.

In February 2020, we traveled to Scotland and presented this document to the Buchanans.

*The rest of this story will follow in a series of short articles that are aimed at informing you of our excursion to Scotland, give an insight into the estate home, "Cambusmore" and build the profile of the people supporting the event.*

*The formal elements of the inauguration, including the traditional protocols of the procession, inauguration ceremony and the parliament will be offset with social activities that will bring us together in a 'heel lifting' evening dance, a long table dinner, a game of social golf and excursions.*



By Claude Buchanan

CBSI Herald Emeritus and  
3 times Clan high jumping champion

[Chapter 1 in Volume 53, Issue 4, October 2021](#)

[Chapter 2 in Volume 51, Issue 2, April 2022](#)

## Reflections of Merial Buchanan Daughter of Sir George Buchanan Ambassador to the Imperial Russian Court. **Chapter III**

Admirals, Court Chamberlains, officials of the various Ministries, and members of the Academies and the world of commerce passed by.

Standing beside my father and mother, Baron Evreimoff announced each guest, and having shaken hands they passed on into the second drawing room and from there into the dining room and supper room, where long tables had been spread with refreshments. These were very soon demolished by old gentlemen who looked as if they had been starving all day, so quickly did they dispose of the cold sturgeon, and the caviar sandwiches, the ices and cream tarts.

Officially the Russian season began with the Christmas Bazaar. Organised by the Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovina, widow of the Grand Duke Vladimir. It was held in the Hall of the

Nobles and lasted for four days, being open from two in the afternoon till midnight.

All the leading members of society had their stalls grouped around the big centre stall of the Grand Duchess, while the whole of St. Petersburg flocked to buy a few expensive trifles, make a detailed examination of every body's dresses and hats and receive a gracious smile from the Grand Duchess.



As soon as the Christmas festivities were over the season of balls and dances began and the weeks between Christmas and Lent were

crowded with invitations of all kinds. A very marked line was drawn between girls and the young married women who seldom attended the same balls or shared the same partners. What was called a 'Bal Blanc' was given only for young girls, hardly any foreigners



# Reflections of Merial Buchanan *continued*

were invited, and rows of alarming looking chaperones sat around watching with alert eyes ready to make none too charitable remarks if one danced more than twice with the same young man.

One was expected to go and say good evening and make a little curtsy to every one of these old ladies before one began to dance, and if one did not know them, we were required to be formally introduced.

To a stranger they all looked hopelessly and amazingly alike. Always dressed in black or grey or purple satin, wore fur scarves round their shoulders and wonderful pearls. Their hair was dressed very plainly and brushed smoothly back from their foreheads. I found I always committed the unpardonable sin of being introduced twice in the same evening to the same old lady, or else going up to one whom I had never seen before and being

received with a cold and admonishing disapproval.

One good point about a 'Bal Blanc' was the abundance of partners, for there was always a Master of Ceremonies whose duty it was to see that no girl ever sat out. There was no question even if as to whether one wanted to dance or not, one was asked whether one had a partner and if the reply was negative, some unfortunate young man, outwardly submissive and probably inwardly reluctant was brought forward and told that he must ask one to dance, Music for the 'Bal Blanc' was provided by a piano played by an old grey haired tappeur who had played the piano in the ballroom of St. Petersburg for uncountable years. He must have known the histories and scandals of all the great families and it seems a great pity that he did not use this knowledge by writing a book of his memoirs.

The old ladies would look at him with a light of sentimental recollection in their eyes and reminisce about how beautifully he played at the ball Mamma gave, whilst their daughters danced to the old man's music.

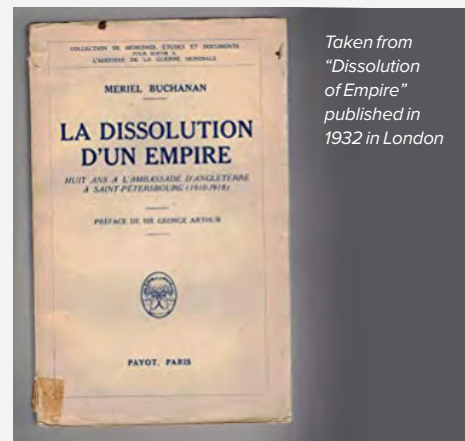
There were never many waltzes at a 'Bal blanc'; An order from the Emperor forbade any officer in uniform dancing the one step or tango, and most of the evening was taken up with endless quadrilles for which little gold chairs were placed around the room, everybody sitting round in a circle, waiting for the red-faced breathless Master of Ceremonies to issue orders to "Advance! Retreat! Join Hands! Form a Circle! Chassée!"

Towards the end of the evening the cotillon, which was quite the most important part of any ball, was announced. The cotillon figures did not differ greatly from those of the quadrille, but there were always a good many favours, and flowers in an overwhelming profusion.

Satin ribbons with gold or silver bells were given by young men to the girls, whilst they in turn gave little ribbon rosettes to their favourite partners.

Hedges of pink roses were erected over which one reached to grasp the hand of an unseen partner. Coloured balloons were let loose, Baskets of daffodils were bought in, violets, and stems of frail white lillies. Many other flowers which had come in heated carriages from the South of France and were worth nearly their weight in gold.

But even the cotillon was not the end of the



Taken from "Dissolution of Empire" published in 1932 in London

evening, for now began the supper where one sat down with a partner, whilst the chaperones and older folk sat at a long table according to rank.

After the supper carriages waited in the courtyard, coachmen muffled up in their huge padded coats, whilst the horses dozed in the steam of their own breath. Goodnights were exchanged and people departed for their homes midst the sound of hooves, the shaking of bridles, and coachmen shouting to each other. One by one the lights went out and silence fell.

At the balls given by young married women everything was far less conventional and consequently a good deal more amusing. The gypsy orchestra played in a manner which made one feel that one had wings on one's feet and had one's head up in the clouds. Supper was entirely informal and took place early in the evening so dancing was possible again afterwards.



Members of the Persian Quadrille



# So, what does the Society Genealogist do, anyway?

I try to speak to subjects that many people have in common when we discuss genealogy, such as how to preserve photos, why it's important to cite your sources, how to accomplish research, why it's important to maintain consistency when we research, etc. It seems to be a universal concept to "do genealogy" now that we have so many websites that are commercially available. *But perhaps you've asked yourself what the heck does a genealogist for The Clan Buchanan Society International actually do?*

Since the inception of the Society in the 1970's, there has been at least one and sometimes two genealogists (covering different portions of the US). Each different genealogist brought something unique to the table to offer the members of the Society. When someone joined the Society in the past, they were asked to submit a family genealogy. These were usually handwritten pedigree charts or a simple listing of what was known about their particular family.

Many people seem to have joined the Society in order to further their knowledge of their specific family tree. Those submissions have been held in paper files ever since they were sent off to the genealogist. Over the last few years my predecessor spent many hours scanning these paper files in addition to accomplishing her own research and working on a series of books about the Buchanan history (with her predecessor!).

These member submissions are a wealth of information that is currently being entered into

genealogy software to create comprehensive "gedcom" files which are then uploaded to the year old Buchanan-genealogy.org website. On this site Society members can research through an ever-expanding database of member submitted family files. This information may not be available from any other commercial source. Caution must be taken however to more thoroughly research the information that might be located in these files as they are unsourced. We actively solicit from our current members their family tree. These will be uploaded to the website where members only can research.

## What else does the Society genealogist do?

There are many questions and requests for information and research submitted. Those are researched in our database or through discussion with other experts in the Society. The question of whether a particular surname is an "associated or affiliated" sept of Clan Buchanan is a regular request. We very often have folks asking for more information on their family tree then we try to help.. With the launch of the Buchanan genealogy website, we have a number of people who find the site via an internet search. We educate them on the Clan Society and encourage them to join in order to access member-only benefits.

“ ... how to preserve photos, why it's important to cite your sources, how to accomplish research, why it's important to maintain consistency.. ”



By Chris Conlon  
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As we progress through the previously submitted member genealogies, we are winnowing out various surnames that are not officially recognized sept surnames. We hope to eventually connect every sept surname to the main Buchanan family tree, in its proper place and time.

With this past year's integration of the Oceania and Mexican branches of CBSI, we are now much more international. We hope to soon have genealogies from many other countries to include in the genealogy database. Currently the inclusions have been far more US oriented and as a result we have much information on few lineages. As both of these groups continue their organization, we anticipate that their members will send in family trees to be added to the database. We will also be working toward combining the many different families into a single comprehensive tree, i.e. the George Buchanan of Gartincaber line which is responsible for many of the US families. It is a goal to integrate all the different trees into a singular lineage which will include all the various families.

**I am also a genealogist for hire.** If you would like to engage my services please feel free to contact me to discuss your interest – CBSI members enjoy a discounted price from my standard fee.

Have you checked out the genealogy site yet?

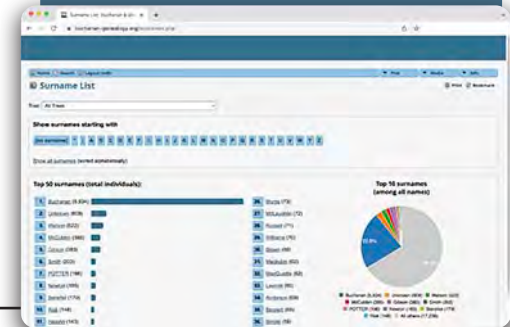


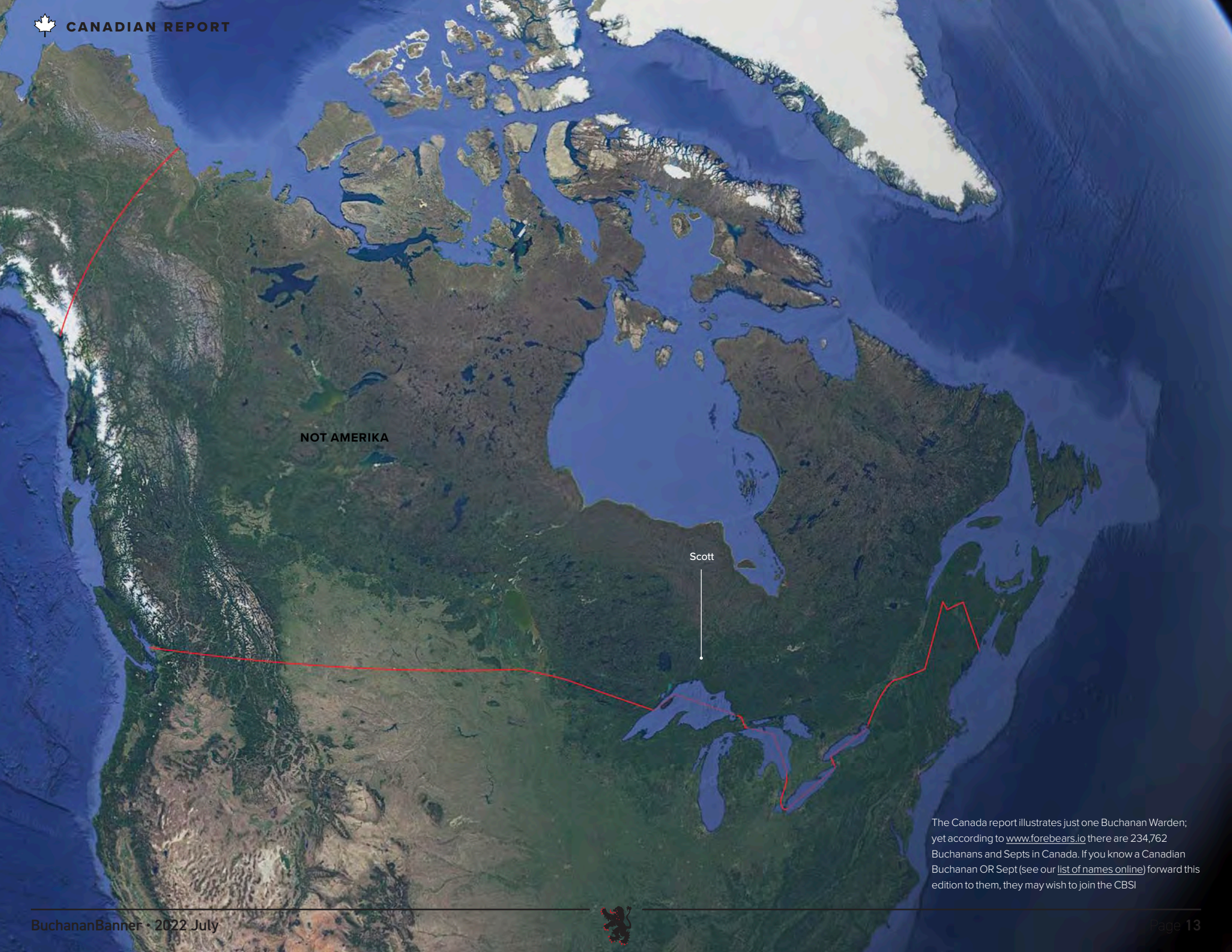
In the spring of 2021, CBSI launched [www.buchanan-genealogy.org](http://www.buchanan-genealogy.org) for the Society's genealogical holdings.

On the site you can research through the member submitted genealogical holdings which have been in CBSI's archives since its inception. When you request an account, you must use the same member name and email that you have on file with CBSI. This site is for CBSI members only and membership must be verified before an account is authorized.

We want our members to contribute to the site as well. Send us your **gedcom** family file for inclusion in our database. We will add your records to our holdings and upload the gedcom to the website to be available for research.

Email [genealogist@buchanan-genealogy.org](mailto:genealogist@buchanan-genealogy.org)





NOT AMERIKA

Scott

The Canada report illustrates just one Buchanan Warden; yet according to [www.forebears.io](http://www.forebears.io) there are 234,762 Buchanans and Septs in Canada. If you know a Canadian Buchanan OR Sept (see our [list of names online](#)) forward this edition to them, they may wish to join the CBSI





By Pedro W. Buchanan

CBSI Regional Director Mexico, Central and South America, CBSI Attorney, Mezcal manufacturer and coach of the clan Futbol team

# Clan Buchanan in Latin America

Far away from Scotland, live the unknown cousins. Unknown cousins to the Buchanan Scottish Clan, unknown cousins to their clan members within Mexico, Central and South America. Sadly, unknown even, to themselves. To who they are, to the how and why of their particularly thinking and behave. To their ancestral heritage, karma, darma, life talents or patterns, handicaps, or natural accomplishments or limitations.

In the case of Latin America, our ancestors came to this part of the continent in the 1800's, so we have lived at least four generations in the blind. Limited communications and records is significantly the reason for our blindness. Family history was learned and transferred through our parents, and restricted not only to their limited knowledge, but also, most likely to their personal moment and interest in their heritage.

Not everyone has interest in where they are coming from, as most likely they have to focus in their hard present, or unpredictable future. Life was not easy to our ancestors. Very few have an interest, a moment of peace or lacked with need, an opportunity or even time to ask, skills, resources or the desire to think or know about it.

Whether we base our understanding on spiritual or esoteric explanations, or on science supported rationale, based on simple genetics, we are who we are ... all Buchanan Clan members to the deep of our bones, and

souls. We are ALL family. We are all Buchanan sharing an origin, a path and a destiny.

The time is ours, the time is now. To gather again in our identity. The timing says now. We now have huge technological resources and preparation to do it. From a spiritual point of view, now is the time, just see the signs, after more than 300 years, it is now that we have again a "Chief of the Clan".

Now is the time to feel proud of our ancestors, brave men and women who made history. Who fought and died for their strong beliefs. Who worked and supported our families so we all could be right here, and right now. It is time to honor our ancestors, and we should choose to honor them through a noble life.

I know that the Chief of the Clan will lead us properly. Let us honor our ancestors as Buchanan descendants that decide to plant the seeds of our Clan values, principles and integrity. With integrity as who we are. With integrity as to where we come from. With integrity as to what the world needs from each of us and from the Clan. Let us take a simple step forward. Come back to your family, come back to the Clan. We are not alone, together we are stronger. Let us start working on the future that we see and need for the Clan.

My dear Chief, Lady Buchanan and Family, I wish you all the best of luck. Please take us there.

Lots of love to my worldwide cousins.



# Dùthchas: Archaeology and the future of Clan Buchanan



By Kim Tuovinen  
CBSI Archaeologist,  
University lecturer  
and part-time dare-  
devil stunt-man

Readers of the last edition of Buchanan Banner may recall that one of the Clan’s plans for the future is an archaeology project and that reconnaissance work for this project was back in February with my visit to Callander and a number of key heritage places in the Callander area. Since February, I’ve followed this up with two more journeys north.

## LOCH LOMOND

In April, my partner Angharad and I made use of the week before the Easter break to return to Loch Lomond. Joining The Lady Buchanan, and led by our instructor, Paul (from Calamity Kayaking, phone: +44 7493042667), we kayaked out to Clairinch – the Buchanan island near Balmaha.

Granted in 1225 to one of our earliest Chiefs, Anselan (third of that name), Clairinch became the ‘Heart of the Clan’, so, having obtained a genuine connection to the Loch via the semi-soaking we received from the waves on the Loch, setting foot on the island was a ‘coming home’ and was an experience not to be missed.

I was particularly interested to see how much evidence of past use of the island was still visible on the surface.

To date, archaeological discoveries on the island have been quite sparse: between Colonel Davidson’s 1935 excavation and W.H.C. Friend’s 1978/1980 excavations, a total of seven building foundations and a series of dry-stone jetties have been identified, along with a small number of small finds, including a flint flake, an Iron Age pin, a fragment of a leather shoe, and shards of medieval pottery<sup>1</sup>. It’s a small but telling collection of artifacts that indicates that Clairinch has been in use at various points dating all the way back into prehistory. The buildings appear to be medieval (and therefore approximately from the time when Clairinch was held by the Buchanans), and most seem to be dwellings, with one building being interpreted as a grain drying kiln. The jetties are well-preserved and were clearly built by people who intended



*Kayaking to the island*



*Kim, Angharad and Paula...*

The Welsh have *cynefin*.  
The Gaels, *dùthchas*.

Two words from the Celtic group of languages, two words that describe belonging to place, culture and kin, a sense that is common to both Celtic cultural traditions. In Gaelic culture, *dùthchas* pulls together landscape, heritage and experience into an holistic, indigenous way of knowing<sup>2</sup>.

Archaeology, as an endeavour so literally rooted in the soil and local knowledge, represents one of many paths towards reinforcing such Clan links with our home places.

This is not just a backward looking idea; the future holds much potential for local and international clanspeople to work together to tell our stories. In 2022, Buchanans will be returning to the Clan lands in Scotland as we celebrate the inauguration of our first Chief in three centuries, which gives us all an opportunity to reflect on the ancient importance of connection to place and heritage – broadly, our *dùthchas* – in a globalised 21st Century world.



*Clairinch, foundations of building at north-eastern end of island, April 2022*

them to last – and given the proximity of The Kitchen crannog to Clairinch, it’s hard to escape the conclusion that the jetties did not just facilitate transport between Clairinch and Loch Lomond’s shore, but also between Clairinch and the crannog.

### What did we see during our visit?

The jetties remain usable as landing areas. Clairinch is lightly wooded, and the building foundations were well covered by fallen leaves, mosses and what looked very

much like bluebells (pre-flowering!). This thick ground cover obscures most of the foundations, and only vague outlines are visible today. In terms of the fauna of Clairinch, a pair of geese were nesting at the western end of the island.

Anyone visiting is warned not to wear a kilt: ticks have made the island their home and they will relish the opportunity to make friends with your uncovered legs, so do cover up and use a reliable repellent!



# Dùthchas: Archaeology and the future of Clan Buchanan *continued*

As for The Kitchen, we were able to return to Balmaha via the crannog, the tip of which was visible. A crannog is an artificial island, usually built to hold a dwelling. Our crannog is today in a much-degraded state, but archaeological observations in 1983 (when the water level had dropped significantly) revealed that it was circular in shape with a stone foundation some 27m in diameter. Today, there is less of The Kitchen to see than in 1983, but it was still fascinating to think that we were paddling a route taken by medieval Buchanans some 400-700 years ago when the crannog was last in use!

Looking to the future, there is undoubtedly much yet to be learnt from both Clairinch and The Kitchen, not least of which would be the correct dating of the crannog; both islands are, however, highly protected (Clairinch is part of the Loch Lomond National Natural Reserve, and The Kitchen is a Scheduled monument of national significance), making any further archaeological investigation a long-term matter for careful consideration and collaboration with the respective authorities.

## LITTLE LENY

More recently, I revisited Scotland in May with the intention of visiting other sites of importance to the Clan. Amongst these sites, I made a point of visiting Little Leny – the Buchanan burial ground near Callander. This burial ground is the final resting place of some 50 people, about half of whom are Buchanans. 21 Buchanans are buried within a walled burial enclosure, which was possibly constructed from stone from an earlier chapel on this site and surmounted by an inscription reading ‘The Buchanan Chapel – 1214’. It’s a peaceful place, but as at the nearby St. Bride’s Chapel (last resting place of many McKinleys) and Kilmahog Graveyard (at which a number of Buchanans are buried), the monuments are slowly showing signs of wear due to the elements.

And so, with the slow encroachment of vegetation, we come to the future. Whilst archaeology has much to inform us about the past, it is also a discipline that is

I introduced this piece in words from both Welsh and Gaelic to highlight a shared world view, relatives of which have both been spoken in our Clan lands in the past, yet speaking to the same sense of rootedness that is central to the Celtic legacy. Archaeology is one of many pursuits that we can engage in the present to bring us very close to the places to which we belong, and we hope that the projects in the pipeline for the future will offer members a tangible, meaningful, and enjoyable link to the Clan’s dùthchas.

concerned with preserving the heritage of the past for the future and it is a discipline that more than most allows us to get ‘hands on’ with the very ‘stuff’ of the past. Going forward, one of the most pressing preservation needs in our Clan lands is the maintenance of ‘places of memory’ such as graveyards. Diana Sproat of AOC Archaeology Group recently presented a range of recommendations relating to the Callander Landscape Project’s inspections of the Callander graveyards, the most urgent of which will involve the stabilisation of loose masonry and stonework, vegetation management, and repairs to walls, gates and fixings<sup>3</sup> (Sproat, 2022), together with further investigation of the archaeology of these graveyards. Our Chief is currently engaged in conversations with the Callander Heritage Society and local landowners about our options in relation to the graveyards and we hope to be able to present these options to the Clan Parliament in October, so watch this space for opportunities to be involved in researching and looking after our Clan lands!

1 Frend, W.H.C. (1983). [Archaeological remains on Clairinch: an interim report](#). Glasgow Archaeological Journal, 10(1). 125-129.  
 2 Newton, M. (2019). [Warriors of the World: The World of the Scottish Highlanders](#).  
 3 Sproat, D. [Callander’s Landscape] (2022, February 22). [Conserving our Historical Burial Grounds](#) [Video]. YouTube.

*Little Leny Graveyard, Callander, showing interior of burial enclosure, May 2022*





# Divining the future of Clan Buchanan



By Matt Buchanan, CBSI ArtDirector,  
WebMaster part-time clan Mage

Just to alleviate any confusion, the following  
is a work of fiction. A plan. A path. An aspiration.

Come into my humble tent wayward traveller. You want to know your future, do you? Well, read this tale at your peril young Laird, for knowing the future evokes ancient forces: like my spirit guide, the ancient **Mān Ifestation**, to show us the way.

The **Tarot** suggests your past is particularly obscured, which can make your future challenging to divine.

The cards reveal a gradual groundswell of interest in Clan Buchanan from Celtic celebrations and highland ceremonies. Cousins coming together and sharing our heritage, and signing up to become Wardens of the Clan, which spreads Clan cultural appreciation.

It is truly a mixed blessing that the tartan is so, er, recognisable.

Ah, see this card: an Australian in an upside down position indicates opportunity and daring. It is considered a good omen.

But so too the deck shows us that strangers come to clan from unexpected parts: responding to the website that presents our personality to previously inaccessible corners: the young and the old; the far and the isolated; all genders and lifestyles; differing agendas and interests; the informed and the ignorant. The website grows to cater to the curiosity of a wide cross-section of cousins; with an interest in heritage, customs, and connecting; not just representation at Highland games.

By generating interest, I see money in your future. But, more so, the cards tell us active Wardens take an interest in volunteering their personal and professional skills, which spreads the Buchanan message.



*In arcania, an inverse Australian is considered a positive omen, because Australians are from Down Under, it is considered their natural state*

As I peer into the **crystal ball**, I see a great maelstrom of focus and interest surrounding the inauguration of the chief.

I see a hive of activity surrounding a, hmm, loose? Cuss? Luss? Yes, Luss games. The day will be a wonderful success: blue skies, competitors, families, laughter, bagpipes and dancing. Many, many people. Travellers from all nooks of Loch Lomond. And dozens of clans and their chiefs will be represented.

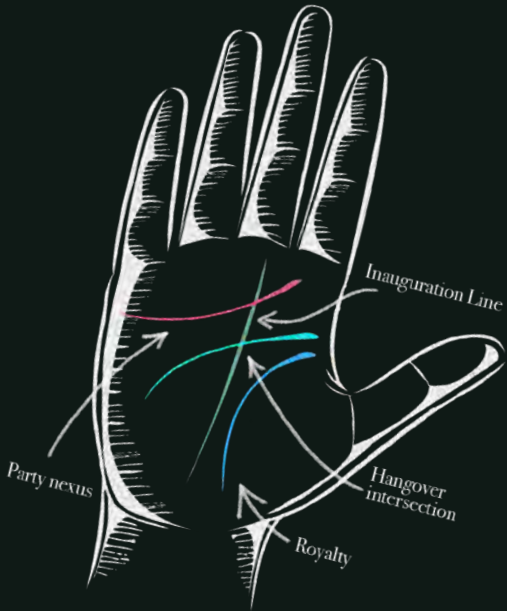
But I see some sort of battle between Clan Buchanan and the Colquhouns? Many rough men in colourful skirts, I mean kilts. Thankfully Lucy Buchanan was there to sort it all out.

It is at Luss that the idea of greater clan collaboration and competition spreads; to share and promote culture. The initiative to drive local interest in Celtic heritage and encourage participation. Something new and relevant. To create Scottish education blocks for kids of all ages and implement highland sporting competitions in the highland districts. Getting young families involved will ignite a fervor, and forge connections with expatriates and distant relatives all over the world.



# Divining the future of clan Buchanan *continued*

But I now feel the lines of your palm, this long line is the inauguration line. Yes, a new chief! I see festivities in your future. I see rebirth and resurrection. Many traditions will be renewed and small truths will become clear paths. There is a serious side to this celebration, as there are creases that signify old connections, new friendships and lost family.



Beware the celebration that drinketh too much, for you may be a mess the next day! Does that mean something to you?

This line here is a line of royalty: I see that the royal family and Scottish parliament will be represented; there is a bittersweet depth to Royal attendance. Could this be true?



As I look to the stars, in the near future there will be a new king of the house of Windsor! A king of the United Kingdom. And he will remember the Buchanan inauguration and the hospitality of highlanders, compounding his favor toward Scotland.

Yes, the stars show a unification and pride: in Charles' acceptance speech he seems to hint at apology over the Highland Clearances of the 17th century!

Stare into these flames: the dancing light shows me notoriety for all Buchanans as an inauguration documentary is aired across all countries. Reversal of medieval "cancel culture".



The flames show me the House of Buchanan will rise Brighter, hence the honour. In some shadows there is the mystery or malice. A shadow isn't the end of light, it's light that did not reach its destination. It's the silhouette of the scene that should have been.

Yes, lore! Buchanan phoenix did not rise from a fire, it rose from the ashes. Disenfranchised ancestors drawing our histories from notes in tomes; connecting with cousins in the new worlds, we created little pyres to signal and share with one another.

At Highland games and Celtic festivals throughout the Americas our fire is stoked. Many points of light making the night bright.

See the Tea Leaves? It is clear: more presence, more people, more in the purse. I see digging: yes, archaeology in the banks of Loch Lomond. Many people involved: Parents of children; International working bees; government grants; university outreach. All uncovering Pictish runes, Buchanan artifacts and lost histories.



The leaves show us a building, a tourist centre, a cultural hub; an interpretative hall; for Buchanans and all clans. I see roots. Clan lands. Yes, an independent highlanders pivot, located in Kippen on Buchanan territory. Co-produced with VisitScotland and several clans; but I see something tall; ohh, is that phallic? I see a Celtic monolith: the tallest basilisk in the world with Pictish runes. Everyone's talking about it.

I see many things for you, clan Buchanan. With increased effort comes improved opportunities. More avenues make for more Wardens. Greater infests makes greater returns. I am relieved that your future is so clear, that we didn't need Extispicy or the Ouija Board: because the last time I spoke to the prior clan chiefs, they had a bit to say!!!



# The futuristic Buchanan inventor

The Scots take enormous pride in the history of Scottish invention and discovery.

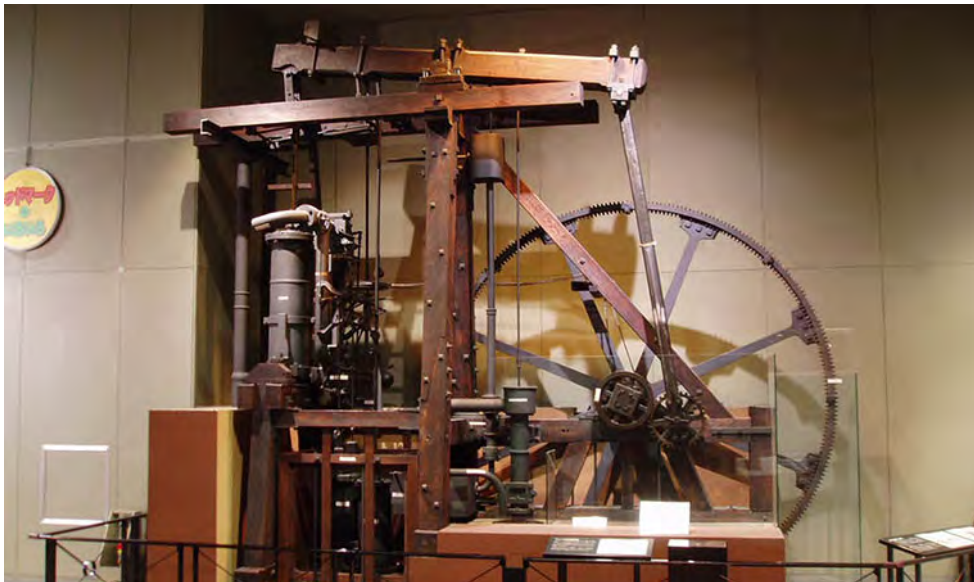
Even before the Industrial Revolution, Scots have been at the forefront of innovation and discovery across a wide range of spheres. One of the most significant products of Scottish ingenuity was **James Watt's** steam engine, improving on that of Thomas Newcomen. Watt is a Sept of Clan Buchanan.



While working as an instrument maker at the University of Glasgow, Watt (born 1736) became interested in steam engines. Watt introduced a design enhancement which avoided this waste of energy and radically improved the power, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of steam engines. Eventually, he adapted his engine to produce rotary motion, greatly broadening its use beyond pumping water.

As Watt developed the concept of horsepower, the SI unit of power, the watt, was named after him.

In 2009, the Bank of England announced that Watt would appear on a £50 note (alongside Matthew Boulton) with an image of Watt's steam engine and the quote *"I can think of nothing else but this machine"*.



# SCOTLANDS FIRST ASTRONAUT WASN'T EVEN SCOTTISH

No, we're not referring to Dave Mackay



Montgomery "Scotty" Scott is a fictional character in the science fiction franchise Star Trek. First portrayed by (and in many ways, invented by) James Doohan - a Canadian voice actor. His strong Scottish presence is what's referred to in **"Beam me up, Scotty"**

Doohan was cast as the Enterprise engineer for the second Star Trek pilot in 1966.

Doohan tried a variety of backstories for the part and decided to use a Scottish accent on the basis that **he thought Scottish people make the best engineers.**

Doohan's accent was so authentic that many fans assumed that he actually was Scottish.

The fictional character Lt. Commander Montgomery Scott apparently spent part of his life in Aberdeen, Scotland. **He wears Clan Scott's tartan as part of his dress uniform.**

Scotty's technical knowledge and skill allow him to devise unconventional and effective last-minute solutions to dire problems. What a Scottish metaphor!

## Scottish pride

Two weeks after the death of James Doohan in 2005, four Scottish locations lined up to commemorate the character he made famous. Aberdeen, Linlithgow, Elgin and Edinburgh have all claimed Scotty was "born" in their town, with each having its own reasons.

Linlithgow appears to have won the claim after creating a Memorial exhibit at the [Linlithgow Museum](https://www.linlithgowmuseum.com/)





FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR THE CLAN BUCHANAN

# Onward, Clar Innis!



By Malcolm Buchanan FSA Scot  
CBSI Regional Director  
Oceania, Clan Herald and  
spirited choral leader

**Many families have aspirations and set their goals accordingly. What does this mean for the Scottish Clan Buchanan in a worldwide context today?**

In early Scottish history, it could be argued that an aspiration of the significant clans and families, of which our clan was counted, was, in part, to grow in influence and importance and to look after its family members. In the context of those early times, the Clan Chief and advisers set their goals to participate in and survive the hostilities and skirmishes with neighbouring clans and families and to return with honour from battles between the Scottish and English kingdoms.

Today, that aspiration is still broadly relevant for the Clan and for individual clan folk. However, fortunately, the context has changed considerably. This means that we need to set new goals in the context of a modern worldwide clan.

**How do we do this?**

Simply put, we bring a blend of the modern, mainly, and traditional heritage together. We adopt modern management principles and practices while reflecting upon the traditions, heritage and history of the Scottish clan.

**The modern Clan is a “Noble Corporation”**

Today, our business organisations, corporations and societies adopt modern management techniques to pursue their goals. I will not dwell on it here as much is written about this in the public arena. But, why have I referred to organisations and management? Surely, we are a Clan and have our Chief, who is the head of our Buchanan family and we take our direction from the Chief and the advisers. Today, that autocratic style is not required and so we adopt modern practices.

In fact, recognition of the clan as an organisation goes way back. Noble status was conferred on a clan or family that had a recognised Chief giving it a legally recognised status in Scots law and corporate identity as a “Noble Corporation.” Under Scots law<sup>1</sup>, the chief is recognised as the head of the clan and serves as the lawful representative of the clan community. A 2001 article on the subject of Clans, Families and Septs<sup>2</sup> by Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw Bt confirms this.

*It should first be recognised that a clan or family is a legally recognised group in Scotland, which has a corporate identity in the same way that a company, club or partnership has a corporate identity in law. A clan or family is a “noble incorporation” because it has an officially recognised chief or head who being a nobleman of Scotland confers his noble status on the clan or family, thus making it a legally and statutorily recognised noble corporation often called “the Honourable Clan...” A name group, which does not have a chief, has no official position in the law of Scotland. The chief’s Seal of Arms, incorporated by the Lord Lyon’s letters Patent, is the seal of the corporation, like a company seal, but only the chief is empowered by law to seal important documents on behalf of his clan. A clan as a noble incorporation is recognised as the chief’s heritable property - he owns it in law and is responsible for its administration and development.*

By convention and the custom of our Scottish heritage this status extends itself worldwide. Clan Buchanan has rejoined the ranks of the Scottish Noble Corporations with the recognition in 2018 by Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland, of Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan as the Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan.

1 In Scotland a clan is still a legally recognised group with an official clan chief. The Buchanan chief’s Seal of Arms, incorporated by the Lord Lyon’s letters Patent, is the seal of the corporation and only the chief has the legal right to use the seal on behalf of his clan.  
2 Agnew of Lochnaw, Sir Crispin. [Clans, Families and Septs](#).



# Onward, Clar Innis! *continued*

## A Clan Parliament

Many clans adopt modern organisation structures and processes to manage the multitude of cultural and administrative aspects of clan life. Many have adopted the Clan Parliament to provide an opportunity for clan folk and their associations to participate in setting directions for the clan. These are held every four or five years in various locations around the world, but often in Scotland to take advantage of clan land tours and participation in clan homeland activities, eg, archaeological digs.

The Clan Parliament provides the main opportunity for the Chief, the Chief's family, Chief's Advisors (including Armigers), and Clanfolk to come together to decide upon the directions and outcomes for the Clan.

The Clan Buchanan's first Parliament in over 340 years will be held at Cambusmore in conjunction with the Chief's inauguration in October 2022.

### Issues and information for the Clan Parliament

At this Parliament meeting, we will agree on the way the Clan Parliament will operate. Key discussions could include what the clan will look like and its vision for the future.

The Clan's priorities for the next five years will be discussed and includes, but is not limited to:

- Researching our ancient origin story through archaeology and history (noting that the Ireland origin myth of the clan's beginnings has been debunked)
- Development of a Clan Centre in Scotland and register of artifacts
- Engagement of youth in the clan
- A Scottish Clan charity/trust/foundation (see below).

Information will be provided about the structure and operation of the Chief's household.



## Role of the clan charities

Many clans have non-profit charities as a means of funding their cultural and heritage objectives through scholarships and other research and development activities.



*The Buchanan Society Coat of Arms*

Clan Buchanan is privileged to be associated with the oldest clan society charity, The Buchanan Society. It was established in 1725 'to provide support for the poor of the Clan (ed. with the surnames Buchanan and three "approved" septs of the clan, McAuslan, McWattie and Risk), who may be, but do not need to be, members of the Society, and to assist their young in schooling, apprenticeship and, for those "of promising genius" at University or otherwise. Educational and hardship grants are still awarded.' This is an important complementary organisation for the clan. The Chief is a member of The Buchanan Society Committee.

There are other charitable activities that the clan needs to be involved with:

- It would be necessary to apply for Scottish Government funding<sup>3</sup> for our cultural and heritage activities, eg. archaeological research, preservation and restoration of artifacts and clan sites
- The development of a clan museum/heritage centre
- To educate current and future clan folk about our clan's story.

Consideration will need to be given to the establishment of a charitable fund/trust/foundation to support the clan's cultural and heritage objectives.

*The Buchanan at Canberra Highland Games, 2019*

<sup>3</sup> Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) > [about charities](#).



# Onward, Clar Innis! *continued*

## Role of the CBSI



The CBSI Coat of Arms

In considering the role that a clan society plays in the clan, we must note that the Clan and the Clan Society are different entities, notably that the clan society is a membership-based association, while the clan comprises all those of the name Buchanan and the affiliated family names. These names are provided at the Clan Buchanan Society International [website](#).

The CBSI has a crucially important role across the world supporting its membership. The objectives of the association are:

- To foster and promote understanding and good fellowship among descendants of the peoples of Scotland, and
- To study, preserve, and promote the culture, customs, and traditions of the people of Scotland, especially with regard to the Clan Buchanan, and
- To foster and promote the Association by initiating goals and objectives consistent with our heritage and the desires of the membership.

The CBSI achieves this by providing strategic, operational and tactical on the ground, local support for clan activities by:

- Giving effect to the organisation and delivery of clan directions
- Marketing strategies for the clan's directions, image, activities and merchandise
- Fundraising
- Promoting the clan, its history and heritage
- Providing local management and participation close to where clanfolk live
- Communicating about local and regional activities
- Scholarships

- Provide services to clanfolk, including the website, genealogy database and research for CBSI members, support for the DNA project.

Many people across the world contribute as Wardens of the Clan by becoming a member of the CBSI. Many clanfolk actively manage events and directly contribute to its management. Everyone has the opportunity to actively contribute to the success of the clan, especially through membership and participation in the CBSI across all of the world's regions.

This is crucial to our success as a clan.

## Your opportunity to contribute

This article is presented with a view to getting your feedback about the directions for the clan.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to provide constructive ideas for discussion at our first Clan Parliament even if you cannot attend the historic inauguration of our Clan Chief's inauguration in October 2022.

Please email Malcolm at [herald@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:herald@theclanbuchanan.com)

Your Clan needs you! Be an active Warden of Clan Buchanan.

**Clar Innis!**



An example of one of the projects the CBSI will need to embrace in the future: Restoration, preservation and sustainable access to Clairinch. Paula, Kim and Angharad - full story on Page 14



# The Future of Scottishness



OpEd by  
**Russ Davis**  
 CBSI Warden  
 and Aerial  
 expert

Greetings to my Buchanan cousins. What can we say of the future? **We shall never truly reach it, for when we do, it is the present and after we have experienced it – the past.** Most of the time, it is not what we expected but seems so obvious when viewed in hindsight.

We must ask ourselves – are the greatest days of the Scottish clans in the past or could there yet be a place for them (and us)? The initial clan association was through family ties with the septs extending that relationship even further. The connection to the land was also key in the beginning. The clan was family, an identity and acceptance. Have people changed so much in the last few hundred years (or even the last ten) that these are not still things desired by all? I have been called an old soul and will admit to some perplexity at the fast-paced changes in society. However, I do believe that there is still a longing for these attributes and we can see them even in the new ways.

I have always been a history buff myself but we find ourselves in times where history is not as well known as it once was. The Scottish clans have a rich history (not everyone defeats the King of England's brother in battle and takes his hat, so that it can be the symbol on the clan crest), but history cannot be our sole attraction.

**We must demonstrate relevance in the present and expectation for the future.**

We must master (or at least make our peace with) technology, particularly in terms of online presence beyond just informational websites.

The Millennial and Gen Z generations are known for their desire for involvement and causes, so perhaps, clan societies should continue (or start) seeking out these philanthropic pursuits – scholarships are great, but there could be more opportunities. Greater participation with other clans might also be warranted. It is obvious that we have much in common and membership doesn't have to be a zero-sum game.

I myself am a member of both Clan Buchanan and Clan Colquhoun, taking great joy in visiting the ancestral lands on both sides of Loch Lomond on a visit to Scotland some years ago. Don't we have great fun in Burns Night celebrations with other societies and don't we look forward to seeing our friends from other clans at our local Highland Games and Festivals?

Maybe these relationships could be developed through cooperation on larger activities and issues. I wonder if there are opportunities for connection, outreach and cooperation with our cousins who never left the Old Country. While I have heard (anecdotally, of course), that the Irish become exasperated with Americans who visit claiming to be Irish, my own experience in Scotland

would indicate that our distant relatives are often glad to see us.

It is up to us to not be the "ugly" Americans. Perhaps the upcoming inauguration of our clan chief could provide such an opportunity.

Despite saying earlier that history cannot be our sole basis, it is still a very important one. I can't help but hope that the next generations will feel the same pride that I do in wearing the tartan and the kilt. I pray that their blood becomes stirred, just as mine is, by the sound of the pipes. Let's reach out to them to try and make it so. Despite the differences, there are things that we have in common.



To quote Bill Murray,  
 "...our forefathers were kicked out of every decent country in the world. We are the wretched refuse. We're the underdog. We're mutts."

*My own background is English, Welsh, Irish, German and Scottish – but of all of these which of them has called out to me? I think that you know.*





By Marie Gibson  
CBSI Regent for Queensland, Melanesia & Micronesia and Clan Buchanan fashion police superintendent

# How will we wear tartan in the future? *Remember, the 'future' begins today...*

When I was told the theme for this edition of the Banner would be 'FUTURE' my thoughts immediately went to how we can encourage people to think of incorporating tartan into their general wardrobe, to be worn not only for special Scottish events.

Hot on the heels of this thought was my desire to encourage more young people to appreciate not only the artistic appeal of one tartan over another which may increase their interest in tartan and their Scottish heritage, but how they can add a touch of tartan to a regular outfit without experiencing the 'cringe factor' caused by being pushed to wear tartan in a more traditional way to support the family heritage.

It is not only young people who are challenged by the transition from years of resisting the family pressure or even occasionally toying with the idea of wearing tartan 'eventually' to reaching a point in their life when, for some reason, they suddenly decide to invest in a full Scottish outfit. This decision slides the 'future' right back to now!

I particularly want to inspire the appreciation of tartan and other elements of Scottish culture being an integral component of life for CBSI members and their children. To achieve this 'normalising' of wearing Scottish attire we must shed the concept that putting on a tartan sash or a kilt is wearing a 'costume' or 'playing dress-ups'. The person needs to be guided to understand each piece of clothing or accessory they are considering to buy and be aware of why it was originally worn and any protocols that surround the item. This ensures the clothing or accessories are being worn in a respectful manner. The wearer should also be comfortable in a well-fitted outfit and therefore enjoy the experience every time they wear their tartan. From this basis, their confidence should grow and they can add items to their collection of Scottish attire and start to individualise their wardrobe – sometimes wearing just a touch of tartan with a standard outfit and at other times wearing full formal attire with aplomb!

So let's look at one clever option to introduce a bold splash of Buchanan tartan into an outfit to wander around the local Highland Games or to wear to any other social occasion that welcomes some individuality and a great sense of style:

This is a mini-top hat, just 4" or 10cm high from base to the top and is designed and made by a member of CBSI. It features a subtle band of Clan Buchanan Ancient tartan across the front, a couple of Scottish thistles and other trims.

I can see this being worn with a whole range of outfits from a crisp white cotton blouse with jeans to a flowing black full-length dress worn with red laced-up boots.

Given the small size of the hat the Scottish elements are not overwhelming and very acceptable to someone just starting out on their tartan journey.



But as the wearer walks past, just look at the back... A confident swath of tartan topping a lemon bow.

The design is influenced by the steampunk movement that is VERY popular at Ren Fests, Halloween, and lots of other events such as comic-cons, cosplay events, etc.

This is a perfect way to encourage the wearing of tartan particularly by young people who really enjoy these non-Scottish events.



Mini top hat designed by Sherry Marley





# How will we wear tartan in the future? *continued*

## What about the men incorporating tartan into their life?

Wearing some tartan has less options for men than for women as they don't have the luxury of wearing sashes and can have tartan incorporated in the design of dresses etc. There are some good quality tartan men's shirts available, particularly in the US, that are woven or printed with accurate setts (designs) of the Buchanan tartans and some manufacturers produce T-shirts and other tops in tartan but be 'let the buyer beware' with some distributors on social media.

The humble tartan tie is one of the most versatile gifts that can be purchased for a man and for many people this will be the only piece of tartan apparel they ever own but it can hold great sentiment for them.



Erik Buchanan as styled by Jasmine Buchanan of [unfadingmoments](#) and photographed by Amber Rose

My son's behaviour is an example of wearing tartan in a respectful manner. He rarely attends a Scottish event, unless I'm in his area and something is taking place, but if he has a job interview or an important meeting to attend he always wears his tartan tie. He dresses in formal business attire and feels his clan tie is making a silent statement about himself and he's confident for it to be a conversation starter if the other party chooses to comment on the tartan. I have never pushed clan society involvement onto him and I take pride in his genuine relationship with his quite distant Scottish heritage.

Wearing a kilt does not have to be an arduous ordeal that it is sometimes seen to be. Nor should it be avoided as the potential wearer feels like they would be putting on a 'costume'. The more often a kilt is worn, the more comfortable and relaxed the wearer feels. In the words of one CBSI member, this shedding of the costume culture feeling is when the state of 'cultural credibility' is achieved. The person then feels very comfortable in their Scottish heritage and the parts of that culture that they have chosen to adopt.

In CBSI we have a number of men who wear kilts every day and they are happy to share photos of their kilt wearing in daily life. The school teacher, Aaron, has a range of Buchanan tartan kilts and from his photos on Facebook he accessorises his kilts and sweaters very well. The gentleman from Bucky's Skillet has his tartan pleated 'to the stripe' which hides the vertical stripes in the tartan giving a different look to the back of the kilt but still showing the full sett of the tartan on



Aaron K. Simmons, school teacher



Reverend Jerrod McCormack



A police officer wearing utility kilt



Bucky's Skillet

the apron (flat front panel) of the kilt. Fr. Jerrod McCormack not only wears kilts in his daily life as a priest but he has already made some of his own kilts! In the final photo the navy utility kilt is being worn as an official uniform by a police officer on duty at the Grandfather

Mountain Games, who happens to be a Buchanan.

These photos demonstrate the positive future of kilt wearing and the confidence to buy a kilt in a Buchanan tartan sometime in the future.



SCOTS FOLKLORE

# An da shealladh – Second Sight

Second sight is considered a curse and a burden in Scotland. It is to be feared, as it is believed Second Sight comes entirely from the ‘otherworld.’ In Scottish lore, the otherworld is a realm of supernatural beings that exist beyond the bounds and constraints of the human world. Scottish Second Sight is not wholly related to fortune-telling, it is largely only able to see the outcomes of those far away and/or about to die.

In some cases, Second Sight was given to people by otherworld creatures or randomly shared with at birth... **A ritual called Taghairn was one way to achieve Second Sight.** This is a surprisingly intense ritual and involves ritualistic sacrifices of cats. You have to roast a number (usually 5-7) live cats over multiple days. The person performing the ritual would not be able to eat, sleep, or take a break from constantly turning the spit over the fire. Once a cat died, another would replace it and the ritual would continue. In retribution for their horrible deaths, the spirits of the cats would slowly begin to return to haunt the person performing the ritual. The goal of the cats would be to drive the ritual performer mad and end the ritual.

Eventually, the Cat-Sith, a powerful cat demon, would arrive to bargain with the torturer to end the killing of the animals. In this exchange, you could request Second Sight and be given it. However, you will eventually pay a heavy price. According to lore, everyone who carried out this grisly, heinous ritual would die in painful or horrendous ways.



However, stories of those who received their Second Sight without the help of a ritual often became as legendary as the Second Sight itself. **Kenneth Mackenzie, also known as the Brahan Seer, is one of the most well-known Highlanders with Second Sight.** Kenneth’s Second Sight was not born out of random chance and, instead, comes from the actions of his mother. Mackenzie’s mother met the spirit of a powerful Danish princess and promised to lead her back to her grave...As a thank you, the princess declared her child would have Second Sight.

Kenneth, a young child at the time, awoke the next morning with a strange stone with a hole cut through its middle in his bed. He picked it up and peered into the hole and was instantly overcome with visions.

As time wore on, he began to be able to control his gift which made him a powerful tool to powerful men, since he could make predictions for his own clan and the Highlands as a whole. In fact, he even saw the downfall of his own clan.

One day, he described what the Second Sight had shown him...and it was very specific: **“When the big-thumbed sheriff officer and the blind man of the twenty-four fingers shall meet, then MacNeil of Barra shall prepare for a flitting”** (flit, in this case, is slang for moving).

While strange, this specific prophecy came to fruition in 1838 when the last of the MacNeils of Barra left Kisimul Castle bankrupt and left the seat of the clan.

Most of his predictions follow this vein, with many being very specific and a little macabre.



Brahan Seer sculpture near Strathpeffer



A GLIMPSE BEHIND THE CURTAIN

# Marketing Clan Buchanan into the future



By Chris Buchanan  
CBSI Director of Marketing,  
Coffee peddler and Beagle slave

When looking at the Clan from a marketing perspective, we identified the most important point for Clan Buchanan to continue and grow – **Relevance!**

We have to make the Clan relevant to encourage a new generation of members, because many of the demographic we seek are not necessarily drawn to Highland Games.

We set an ambitious vision for Clan Buchanan – to be **“The pre-eminent Scottish Clan”**, however without addressing the relevance, it will be a short ride.

To be relevant we need to encourage the youth (more pepper than salt), particularly outside the USA.

So, we changed the “look” of our presentation as can be seen in the website, our display collateral and now The Buchanan Banner.



Rather than a homestyle, comfy presentation, we are now showing a slick, sharp and modern appearance that immediately says – we have changed and we are in the modern era.

We are communicating in the medium expected by the younger community - with online immediacy, seeking membership via QR Codes, something the youth expect.



## Our next major task is to make the CBSI truly international.

We have major strength in the USA, however other regions are simply devoid of active members, despite being populated by a large number of Scottish immigrants.

Australia, Canada, Great Britain and New Zealand, all Commonwealth countries that saw thousands of Scots and Irish emigrate (or in many cases be deported) to their lands, yet few of their families have sought to understand their family history.

So our focus will be on developing these regions that are well under represented.

We intend to develop the education process so the youth with ties to Buchanan lands can learn more about our rich history and ultimately seek membership to CBSI.

To do this the concentration will be more on socialisation than tartan with the hope that with a greater understanding of the clan they may be encouraged to investigate a highland event in their area.

Catching up in a bar or pub could be far more attractive than “playing dress-ups”, so here is one opportunity to bring in the youth.



We encourage input from our members as to ideas that could help attract younger members, to ensure we preserve our Clan’s future. Please email me at [marketing@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:marketing@theclanbuchanan.com) with any thoughts

## So, what can you do?

As a member of Clan Buchanan, I implore you to involve your children or grandchildren in discussions about the Clan so they can learn more about their amazing heritage.

A great place to start is to take them through the Clan Buchanan website [www.theclanbuchanan.com](http://www.theclanbuchanan.com) with its vast array of different aspects of history, culture and of course, our colourful past.





By Shona Gibson.

Inauguration organizer, CBSI regent for NSW, Australia and Shortbread judge

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All are welcome to the Inauguration of the Chief, details are on [The Clan Buchanan website](#)

**ARTICLE 2 OF 4**

# Cambusmore

Driving up the white stone driveway of Cambusmore, wasn't something I thought I'd be doing twelve months earlier. Lady Buchanan who I had met at a highland gathering in Australia, had invited Paul and I to their home; a towering manor house on the outskirts of the town of Callander, in Perthshire, Scotland. The house had been in the Buchanan family for over three hundred years. It is set back off the road, protected by stone walls, iron gates and screenings of hedges.

The Cambusmore estate, covers around 4,000 acres of fields, forests, and water courses. The 'Buchanan Auld House' and the 'Buchanan Castle' aren't on Buchanan lands and are closer to Loch Lomond. What is here, are a collection of buildings that support the running of the estate business, gardens and the house.

We stood at the heavy, navy-blue door, framed on either side by clear glass sidelights, and were invited into the reception area by the chief's second son Bruce. Three spaniel dogs, tumbled over each other at his feet. First impression, Cambusmore was foremost a family home.

The reception area was wide, a heavy timber staircase rose from the dark timber floor.



*The entrance to Cambusmore*

A child's rocking horse stood at its feet. It caught my eye because we have a rocking horse in our front entry.

We toured over three of the floors of the house and were introduced to the sitting room, the library, large dining room and the back stair that led to the kitchen and family room. All the rooms had striking paintings, large windows and high ceilings.

Through each window, the scene was a mixed pallet of vibrant greens. There were open farm fields and groves of trees that had skirting

branches that brushed the ground. The sky was a soft grey blue. Ben Ledi, in the mid distance, had a light dusting of snow. Having just left an inferno in Australia, seeing these from every room was a personal joy.

"Who would have thought we would be doing this?" was crossing my mind. I reflected on our ancestors who voluntarily left Scotland on the tail end of the Clearances, the Small Pox epidemic and the beginnings of the Industrial Revolution. And now two Australians standing in the chief's home with the working

documents for the weekend of events that would bring clan folk from around the world together for a once in a life time experience. This wasn't just a big deal for us and our family's history, it was a big deal in Scottish history. There hadn't been anyone formally seated as the chief of Clan Buchanan for over three hundred years. A great shame, I had thought, when I first heard of this.

Zippering up our jackets, we were led outside through the walled garden, over a bridge spanning a swiftly flowing river and into a pine forest. A short walk through the dripping branches, we came to the family's private cemetery and the ruins of an ancient chapel. It was easy to imagine the ghost of a lone piper playing a lament in the mist. After an instinctive moment of silence and we retraced our steps and toured passed the walled garden and inspected the fields, that were being considered for the parking area. Our small procession filed through an avenue formed by small shrubs and returned to the back garden, the flag stone path, the round stone drive and the towering home.

I have mentioned the family's three spaniels that greeted us at the front door, I'm going to give a little more information on the spaniels as they were a constant tangle of energy as we walked around and as we sat for a meeting at the long table in the family room were on our laps.

I saw a video clip once about a little Pug, name Loca who couldn't run. There was an Irish jig



# Cambusmore *continued*

overlaying the video to convey the message that Loca 'bounces, flounces and falling all around'. Well the Buchanan spaniels are three times one 'rolling, bowling' Loca, who couldn't quite get the knack of running.

If we sat on the lounge, we were soon draped in lovable spaniels which resulted in the automatic response to stroke their soft coats, then a rub of one their presented tummies. If we walked near a door, the three dogs would form a rolling scrum as they fought to get out for an adventure. The same enthusiastic activity came as one of us walked down the hall, walked around the kitchen, or tried to close the privy door for a private moment. They were playful and happy, and their tails were constantly wagging.

I had a look on the internet. Pet ownership is reported to be good for the owner's health. There was a consensus in the articles that this is because the owners are forced by the nature of the beast to be physically active. Supporting physical health is the sentiment that comes from owning a dog, because, 'In the whole history of the world there is but one thing money cannot buy... - the wag of a dog's tail' (Billings, 1955). Harking back to ancient courts and the great halls in castles, dogs had a prominent place. Likewise, the spaniels at

Cambusmore, are part of the family and are thus part of the estate's narrative.

I would like to say to you all, as I leave you thinking about the dark stone house, the Scottish countryside and the three energetic dogs, that the offer of Cambusmore as the venue for the inauguration, should be considered a privilege as the inauguration so very easily could have been a low-key, closed door, family event or a gathering in a local hall.

Attending and experiencing the warmth of this family as they open their home to us all will inevitably become part of your family's narrative and something you can share for decades to come. I want to build on this point by including a line from the Game of Thrones, that says, "There's nothing in the world more powerful than a good story."

I urge all Buchanans and Septs of Clan Buchanan, to make the pilgrimage to the inauguration of J. Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan proposed for (covid controlled) October, 2022. The planning for which, has now evolved into a long weekend of four days of events including the investiture, clan Parliament, lectures on the deep-seated Scottish traditions, a dance, a dinner and tours, all of which are well in-hand.



*The chief and one of the dogs*

*Cambusmore estate; Seat of Clan Buchanan and location of the Inauguration*



CARRYING THE BANNER

# NYC Tartan Day Parade



David Byrne, Clan Hunter Chief Pauline Hunter and Michael Richardson



Michael Richardson  
Washington USA



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David Byrne & I had the distinct and shared honor of Carrying The Banner in the 2022 NYC Tartan Day Parade & meeting the Honorable Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterdon, the 30th Clan Chief of Clan Hunter! I do hope to see her again at The Buchanan's inauguration this coming October.

The Parade was my first but certainly not my last! I hope to see more fellow Clan Buchanan Wardens at 2023 event! Many thanks to David for showing me the ropes and sharing the tradition!



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THE NEXT GENERATION OF BUCHANAN WARRIORS

# A chip off the ol' block



Clay Buchanan  
CBSI Regent, SE Texas and proud father

Representing Clan Buchanan in the Womens division of Texas Scottish Games in May; Anne Buchanan participated in a range of heavy events including Stone, Hammer and Caber Toss; coming 2nd overall in the LightWeight division.



Annie, Brittney and Sam enjoying a moment of fun between events



Judge Brad Neilson presenting Annie with 2nd place award (the axe) with the rest of the LightWeight division



A "PROGRESSIVE" LUNCH

# Tartan Day in Philly



Michael Richardson  
Washington USA

2022 marked the 8th year that my friends and I gather on **National Tartan Day in Philadelphia, PA** for a progressive lunch at some great restaurants, sip some cocktails and support charity while appropriately dressed for the day. Over the years we've meet some great people and have supported some great organizations serving those communities

that serve us! This year we supported [The US Coast Guard's Mutual Assistance Program](#). If you interested in joining us for 2023's festivities, mark your calendar! The more the merrier!

*Slainte Mhath!* Special thanks to The Capital Grille in Philadelphia for hosting stop No. 2 of 5 this day.



Pictured Left to Right; United States Coast Guard's Chief Petty Officer Reed, Brian Cicak, John Claggett, Clan Warden Michael Richardson and U.S.C.G. Petty Officer Torres.



# Springtime in Texas



Tent at North Texas Irish Festival, Dallas



**Bill and Gina McQuatters**  
CBSI Sergeant at Arms,  
Texas Regional Director,  
ex-firefighter and ribs expert

It was an extremely busy time in Texas, beginning in March and ending in May before the real Texas heat sets in. In our post-pandemic world, people were ready to get back out to festivals and visit.



We began with the North Texas Irish Festival held at Fair Park in Dallas, the first weekend in March. This event has always been our kick off to the Spring festival season and is always busy with folks anxious to get out and party with the nicer weather coming on.

Two weeks later we were in Sherman for the Sherman Celtic Games. This was the second time the event was held at Pecan Park, a very nice large park with easy access. This year we were blessed to have the Choctaw Nation participate with us and provide education and culture. Clan Buchanan won best tent in Sherman.



Choctaw Nation at Sherman Celtic Games



Julie Jordan, Gina McQuatters, Bill McQuatters, Clay Buchanan



The end of March found us in San Antonio for the San Antonio Celtic Festival and Highland Games. After a two year hiatus, the crowds were back and our new Regents for South Texas, Clay and Julie Buchanan hosted the Clan Buchanan tent welcoming the large number of cousins who came out to visit.

Grapevine is working hard to grow a Celtic Festival and Clay and Julie again hosted the Clan Buchanan tent for this one-day event. Unfortunately, Clay, who also competes in the Highland Games, was injured competing in Grapevine requiring surgery to repair the muscle in his leg. He is well on the road to recovery and hopes to be competing again soon.



Bill and Gina receiving best tent at Sherman Celtic Games



The end of April saw us in Kerville, for the Stonehenge Celtic Festival held on the grounds of the Stonehenge monument in Ingram. This was formerly the Kerr County Celtic Festival and moved to the Spring from Autumn. It was a one-day event and crowds were very light, but that will change as folks get used to the date change



Stonehenge Celtic Festival



Lastly, we convened the Clan Buchanan tent in Decatur at the Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games. This event is always our last one for the Spring and is always well attended. Saturday found us extremely busy as we met and talked to Clan members from all over this great state.

Now the heat has set in and we are off till Autumn. As always it is an honor to represent Clan Buchanan and meet all the great visitors that stop by.





TOWNSVILLE TARTAN DAY

# A Buchanan drops in

As a full time member of the Australian Defence Force I often find myself far from home, a posting to Townsville in North Queensland was a great distance from my friends and family. Noticing an advertisement for Townsville Tartan Day and having an uncle as a piper and a father as a drummer, I was compelled to attend.

On the day the familiar sounds of pipes and drums filled my heart with joy, and somehow shortened the distance I felt from my loved ones. A gorgeous woman named Marie was parading in our unmissable and ostentatious Buchannan tartan, she caught my eye, made me smile and welcomed me by presenting a piece of tartan I could contribute to the blessing of the tartan ceremony.

With a multi-pitch climb of Castle Hill planned for the afternoon, I was inspired to sport my best tartan tights for the climb. While I was climbing I imagined this as our version of Edinburgh Castle, maybe next year a lone piper could perform for the town on top of this great hill and those sounds may be louder and travel further bringing some other lost souls back to their heritage.



Megan MacAuslan  
CBSI Tactical  
Response Unit

Megan with her father, proudly wearing Buchanan tartan

ROUND 2 CBSI SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

# Annie: to the top 15



The CBSI Scholarship Committee is delighted to announce the Round 2 Scholarship for 2022 has been awarded to Annie Buchanan from Texas, USA.

Annie submitted a very well prepared application with the title **Highland Games - Top 15 in 2022**. As an athletics competitor in Scottish Heavy Events, Annie regularly promotes her affiliation with Clan Buchanan by wearing a Modern Buchanan sports kilt when competing in the nine heavy events at Highland Games.

Annie is currently ranked **number 21** in the Light Weight Women category which is a commendable achievement for her first 12 months of competition. She competes in the following nine events:

- Open Stone Put
- Braemar Stone Put
- Light Weight for Distance
- Sheaf Toss
- Caber Toss
- Heavy Weight for Distance
- Light Hammer Throw
- Heavy Hammer Throw
- Weight over Bar

A full description of each event and the weight involved is available at [nsgaweb](http://nsgaweb). Annie's goal is to reach the **rank of 15** by the end of the 2022 season.

To achieve this goal **Annie has sought a scholarship to enable her to secure individual coaching in each event from a Masters' Worlds competitor, Jack Coleman, a fellow Clan Buchanan member.**

By practicing during the summer and competing during the fall season (Northern Hemisphere of course!) Annie is aiming to reach her goal by December 2022.

Successful scholarship applicants are required to demonstrate how the funding will improve their understanding of some aspect of Scottish Culture and how they propose to share with others what they have achieved through the award of a scholarship. We consider Annie's participation in these traditional Scottish Heavy Events at Highland Games a great example to other clan members of what can be achieved with tenacity and correct training.

Please check the programs for your local Highland Games and cheer on all competitors – *but a tad louder for those in the Buchanan tartan!*





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# The Walled Garden

There is a mystery and magic to the idea of walled gardens for most of us often evoked by stories such as Frances Burnett's, *The Secret Garden*. I can assure you that unlike that story, there was no sickly child locked away in a room up-stairs, but there was definitely something charming about standing in the sanctuary of the garden.

The walled garden at Cambusmore, is one hundred and five steps from the house. The moss-covered stone wall wraps around three sides. Iron gates on two opposing sides give access from the house and out towards the river, pine forest and cemetery.

The walls define an area about the size of four

tennis courts, divided into a lower and upper area. The lower area, is predominantly flat grassland. The upper is sloped and contains flower beds, and a planting of fruit trees. Looking down on the garden from the summit of the upper area is a Gardener's Cottage – built in a typical Scottish style with rendered walls and square windows - it appears as a private recreational space.

Drawing on the mystique and imagery of my ancestors, I imagined the inauguration. The erect marquee set out on the lower area – white walls and roof, a firm floor as a barrier to any damp that will inevitably rise from the ground. The decoration, clan banners brought over by the delegate of clan folk.

Hidden behind, in a second line of garden wall, an annex, where the utilities to keep the marquee warm and secure can be secreted away. I could visualise the clan folk moving around the area, the level of sound, them rallying to the cry of the pipers and the path the caterer will use to deliver our nourishment.

In reality, I paced out the length of the paths, walked around trees, pressed my hand into the ground to see which areas were firm and which not so firm.

I watched the rain clouds roll in to determine where folk would move for shelter. I considered the length of power leads, the damage that could happen to the ground, and in hand on

my event plan check list, my list continued.

Looking back towards the towering stone walls of the house, aged over three hundred years, I could see a backdrop that suggested strength and integrity.

It goes without saying that the walled garden provides exactly the right atmosphere for inauguration events. Framed from a romantic stance - the walls will wrap around as a warm hug; philosophic - the walls are symbolic of strength; historic the wall garden formed part of an ancient castle on old Buchanan land thus the perfect place to continue history and socially the walls will keep us together as a mighty united contingent.





## Jock's Jokes

What do you get when you cross a mountain-lion with a parrot ?

I have no idea, but you had better listen closely

What do you get when you cross a rooster with a duck?

A bird that wakes you at the quack of dawn

What was more useful than the invention of the first telephone?

The second telephone

What does Kermit the frog and Atilla the Hun have in common?

The same middle name

What's easy to get into, but much harder to get out of?

Trouble

Who is the detective that sings quietly to himself while solving crimes?

Sherlock Hums

"Doctor doctor, can you give me anything for excessive wind?"

Definitely, here's a kite!

"Waiter, I am in a hurry, will my pizza be long?"

No sir it will be round

What starts with "p" and ends in "e" and has more than a million letters?

A Post Office

*Submitted by Chris Buchanan (Aus). So, send your groans to him!*

Please send us your jokes for following editions of The Banner – [banner@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:banner@theclanbuchanan.com)

## Buchanan brainteasers

For hundreds of years, Scots left their homeland to live and work abroad. Some left in search of a better life, while others were forced to leave.

**Q:** How were Scottish soldiers enticed to fight in the American War of Independence (1756 to 1763)?

**A:**

**Q:** What was the law passed in 1746 with the single design to crush the Clan system, by stating the "Forty-five Clan Chieftains can not raise armies, bagpipes are banned, Celtic tattoos are banned, kilts are banned and other outward signs of Scottish Highland heritage are banned under law, with the penalty sometimes being death?

**A:**

**Q:** What 1690-1707 failed Scheme brought the Scottish phrase – "we were bought and sold for English Gold" into the vernacular?

**A:**

**Q:** Which 1846-1857 event forced nearly 60% of the entire Scottish population to leave their homeland?

**A:**

**Q:** Where were Scottish convicts sent to serve their sentences in English penal colonies that they would build?

**A:**

**Q:** What are the two other names for the "Stone of Destiny"?

**A:**

**A:**

Find the answers at [www.theclanbuchanan.com/scottish-dislocation](http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/scottish-dislocation)

And, as always, any amendments or suggestions for the CBSI website, please email [marketing@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:marketing@theclanbuchanan.com)

## Highland indulgences

On a lighter note, for those going to Scotland, you may wish to be adventurous and try some of the following food delicacies. So, which ones have you heard of?

### Parrich

For a hearty breakfast

### Haggis

Scottish poet Robbie Burns gave this oration to Scotland's celebrated dish: "*Fair fa' your honest, sonesie face, Great Chieftan o the puddin'-race! Aboon them a'ye take your place*" It is annually repeated on Burns Night by Scots the World wide.

### Black Pudding

Don't read the ingredients, just try it

### Stovies

It's a traditional Scottish comfort food

### Rumbledethumps

What-the?

### Crappit heid

An old favourite in Scottish fishing communities

### Cullen skink

The name is definitely odd, but not the taste

### Cock-a-leekie

The first recipe was printed in 1598 so with over 400 years to perfect, it is worth checking out.

### Powsodie

A speciality in Edinburgh, just keep your head down

If you do not know these dishes, or to discover more about them (and others) you also may not have heard of check them at [www.theclanbuchanan.com/food](http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/food)





By Shona Gibson.

Inauguration organizer, CBSI regent for NSW, Australia and Shortbread judge

*A series of short stories from the organizers of the Clan Buchanan's Chief's Inauguration; composed as introductions to The Buchanan's inauguration in Scotland. I've titled the collection, **There's more to the story of the inauguration of The Buchanan at Cambusmore**. I decided on this mouthful of words, because with any event or gathering there is a lot that happens behind the scenes that typically goes unnoticed. I would like you to become familiar with and build your curiosity and interest in attending the historic events to be held in the grounds of the Cambusmore Estate (Perthshire), the home of our clan chief and his family.*



All are welcome to the Inauguration of the Chief, details are on [The Clan Buchanan website](#)

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# Tartan and Feathers

Considering the inauguration of J. Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan is a grand Buchanan gathering of clan folk and those attending will be collectively making history (documented by photos and videos), **The Buchanan has asked that the gathering be welcoming – a family style event and that clan folk wear ‘a touch of Buchanan tartan’ in their dress.** A reasonable request, as the Buchanan tartans represent the spirit and attitude we share as a clan and will give our gathering providence to a wider audience.

**So, how do Scottish women wear tartan?** Woman don't adhere to the same traditions as the men, we have much more artistic license when wearing a tartan dress or skirt, a plaid (Earasaid or Arisaid) that can be floor-length, tucked into a belt, or draped cross over the body. According to the guidelines, the sash, plaid or Earasaid is pinned on the right shoulder, then flung, flipped or draped as you wish. Lady Buchanan and others of status in the clan, wear their tartan pinned to their left shoulder to distinguish their class. Apart from the right shoulder rule, 'that's it' for the ladies.

**A touch or tartan for the men** can mean a full Scottish rig or more cheekily: tartan socks showing above your shoes, a hat, a scarf, a tie or a Buchanan crest lapel pin. By wearing a Buchanan Clan tartan and/or a crest badge we are showing allegiance to our chief. By all means put on your full rig of kilt, cap, socks and brogues.

The men undertaking specific roles in the proceeding have been asked to be more formal in their dress in respect of the formalities they will be engaging in.



## Feathers

The eagle feather is one of the esteemed symbols of the strongest and bravest in the community. The origin of displaying a Golden Eagle feather follow a protocol governed by Scottish Law. The Clan Chief, his Chieftains and Armigers are the only ones with the right to wear an eagle feather in their cap. The feathers demonstrate a mark of rank awarded by the Court of Lord Lyon (a division of the Scottish Government). The feathers indicate the wearer has their own coat of arms.

## Who wears what?

A clan chief will tuck three eagle feathers behind a clan crest badge on a Balmoral (rounded) or Glengarry (angular) cap, the Chieftains wear two feathers and the Armigers wear one feather.

*A sneak-peek at the Chief's 3 feather cap*



# GET YOUR GEAR

Everything from flags to badges and stickers are available at the Quartermaster's shop:  
[www.theclanbuchanan.com/shop](http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/shop)



**CBSI members receive 25% off**

To inquire or to place an order contact Danny McMurphy by email [quartermaster@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:quartermaster@theclanbuchanan.com) or call him on 573-680-4427

**PLUS, much more coming soon as we strike deals with retailers like Scotlandshop and CelticJackalope...**



## Colorado Medieval<sup>1st</sup> Festival

Matthew Buchanan (CBSI Intermountain Regional Director) attending Colorado Medieval Festival in Loveland with his sons Isaac and Skylar and Skylar's girlfriend Hunter Hall

## Congratulations

**A FEATHER IN THEIR CAPS!**

To Paul and Shona Gibson – NSW Australia Co-Regents, on their confirmed Armiger status.

For more information on Armigers [click here](#)



WE REMEMBER

# Robert James Buchanan



The father of Canadian Regional Director Scott Buchanan, Robert passed away peacefully at his residence in Clarksburg, on June 1, 2022, aged 82.

Born in Collingwood on October 29, 1940, Robert was the son of the late Walter and Bertha (née Hall) Buchanan.

He grew up on the family farm on the former Eighth Line of Collingwood Township and attended Sandhill Elementary School, Thornbury High School, Lorne Park College, Asbury Theological Seminary and Princeton Seminary in preparation for his passion and calling for Christian Ministry.

After retiring (semi) and returning to the Beaver Valley area in 2000, Robert enjoyed drives into the country, renewing long time acquaintances and meeting new friends, serving in churches, and spending time with family members. Antique farm machinery was also of interest to Robert.

Robert was the beloved husband of Elaine (Freethy) Buchanan for 56 years, and had 3 children (Cindy, Gillmor and Scott) and numerous grandchildren.

Robert was predeceased by his brother Wilfred.

More details, opportunity to express sympathy or donations, [click here](#)

FYI

# What does “Flowers of the Forest” mean?

The Flowers of the Forest is a Scottish tune, a “lament” for the army of James IV, the flower of Scottish manhood, slain with their king on the field of Flodden in September 1513. The battle was ferocious and bloody - men were felled by artillery, arrows, pikes, bills and swords. Around 14,000 men died, including James IV, the last British king to die in battle.

The composition of this song began with a fragment of a very old ballad, and Mrs Patrick Cockburn of Ormiston drew on this fragment to write a full song. Then in the mid 18th century Miss Jane Elliot (1727-1805) reworked it to make a much finer piece of work.

Today, the lament is played at funerals of Scottish folk and dignitaries who have a Scottish connection. It is written with an incorporation of Scots language.

Most Scottish societies use the term “flowers of the forest” to refer to clansmen that have passed, as much to continue a tradition of thumbing our noses at the Sassenachs (the English) because our forebears used the Scots languages as an act of rebellion.

To learn about Scots language [click here](#). To learn more about the battle of Flodden [click here](#). To hear a wonderful rendition of the lament [click here](#).

With thanks to Malcolm Buchanan (Clan Herald).

## The Flowers of the Forest (in Scots)

## English

I've heard the liltin', at the yowe-milking,

lilt = speak or sing. yowe = ewe.

Lasses a-liltin' before dawn o' day;

liltin' = milking.

But now they are moaning on ilka green loaning;

ilka = every.

The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away.

wede = withered.

As buchts, in the morning, nae blythe lads are scorning;

buchts = cattle pens. nae = no. blythe = joyous.

The lasses are lonely and dowie and wae.

dowie = sad. wae = woeful.

Nae daffin', nae gabbin', but sighing and sobbing,

daffin' = dallying. gabbin' = talking.

Ilk ane lifts her leglen, and hies her away.

Ilk = same. In this case, the same lasses. ane = one. leglen = milk pail stool. hies = hurries.

In hairst, at the shearing, nae youths now are jeering,

hairst = harvest.

The Bandsters are lyart, and runkled and grey.

bandsters = binders. lyart = grizzled. runkled = crumpled.

At fair or at preaching, nae wooing, nae fleeching,

fleeching = coaxing.

The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away.

wede = withered.

At e'en, in the gloaming, nae swankies are roaming,

e'en = evening. gloaming = twilight.

'Bout stacks wi' the lasses at bogle to play.

swankies = young lads. stacks = as in stacks of corn. lasses = girls. bogle = peek-a-boo

But ilk ane sits drearie, lamenting her dearie,

wede = withered

The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away.

Dule and wae for the order sent our lads to the Border;

dule = mourning clothes. wae = woeful

The English, for ance, by guile wan the day:

ance = once. wan = won.

The Flowers of the Forest, that foucht aye the foremost,

foucht = fought. aye = yes.

The prime o' our land are cauld in the clay.

cauld = cold

We'll hae nae mair liltin', at the yowe-milking,

hae = have. nae = no. mair = more

Women and bairns are dowie and wae.

bairns = children. dowie = sad. wae = woeful

Sighing and moaning, on ilka green loaning,

ilka = every. loaning = opening between fields

The Flowers of the Forest are all wede away.

wede = withered





HEAR YE, HEAR YE

# The Buchanan Banner is now offering advertising

If you or a colleague are interested in placing an advert, to get in front of the 1,500 current members (and their friends they inevitably forward this publication to) or the prospective 5 million clansfolk we're aiming to attract, please email [banner@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:banner@theclanbuchanan.com) for prices and a mediakit.

Prices are very reasonable and exposure will last a lifetime (as the Banner is both archived online and referred to regularly)

## Sept list

As you know, Clan Buchanan is comprised of over 50 surnames (because Buchanan was originally a "place" rather than a "surname").

What you might not know, is that we revise this list fairly regularly, as research comes to hand.

As such, we would seek to keep the list up-to-date on the website, rather than publish it ad-nauseam.

[www.theclanbuchanan.com/about](http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/about)

Plus, from this page you might look into the pages we are starting to compile on specific surnames.

If you would prefer to see the list published here every time, please let us know, email: [banner@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:banner@theclanbuchanan.com)



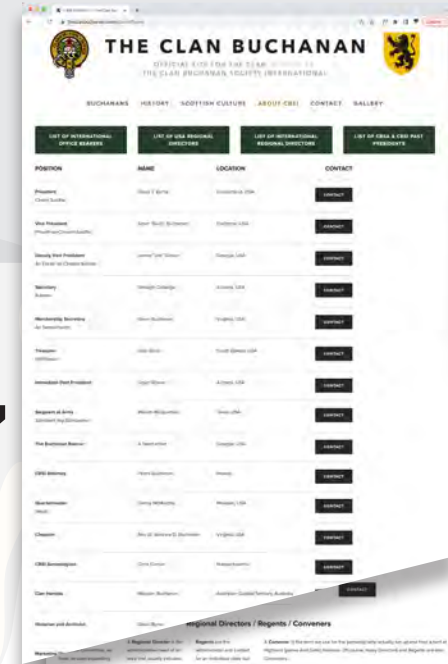
## The executive, officers & regents list

Similar to the Sept list, all of the CBSI contacts are available on the website, with easy to click email access

[www.theclanbuchanan.com/cbsi-officers](http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/cbsi-officers)

The webmaster would like to apologize that this list isn't responsive (ie, wont shrink neatly to mobile).

If you would prefer to see the list published here every time, please let us know, email: [banner@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:banner@theclanbuchanan.com)



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We're asking for content that reflects the role of women in the clan: female leaders, queens, divas, matriarchs, grandmothers, witches or feminine wiles.

However you might interpret the theme "women"...

We are not seeking to be prescriptive, but merely create a relevance nexus.

Content doesn't just need to be articles, it could be photography, statistics, research, opinions or cartoons.

Of course you are also encouraged to contribute how you always have...

-  Feedback or suggestions
-  Highland games and event wrap-ups
-  Regional reports
-  Flowers of the Forest / We remember
-  Upcoming CBSI updates
-  Jokes for Jock










*etcetera.*

For any CBSI Warden... Deadline will be the end of September

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-  Genealogical insights to Womens lineage
-  The Buchanan's and feminism
-  Heraldry and women
-  An archaeology dimension
-  Historic perspective
-  Modern heros of the Clan
-  Clan Matriarchs
-  Clanswomen fashion
-  Symbols of clanswomen
-  Notable women of the Clan
-  Statistics and research

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