



July 2017

# Clan MacFarlane Worldwide Newsletter

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*Participate!*

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Looking for something to do this August? Why not join us in Fergus, Ontario, Canada for the Fergus Scottish Highland Games?

## Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Barb and John Duff have worked diligently over the last year to ensure we will have plenty of things to do while we are together in Fergus. Whether you are a voting member (that means you have paid an annual membership – cheap too), or not, you are very welcome to join us. We'd love to meet you.



## Clan MacFarlane Worldwide Gathering & AMM August 10 to 14, 2017

### Location is Fergus, Ontario, Canada

The Clan MacFarlane Worldwide gathering of clan members from around the world is in Ontario, Canada during the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games is planned for their annual AMM. The year 2017 is Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation and there will be many events going on throughout the year across Canada. <http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1468262573081> We want to encourage as many members and followers as possible to attend in 2017. After all, Clan MacFarlane will be the "Featured Clan" at Fergus this year so plan to be there. <https://fergusscottishfestival.com> For Americans, check out the dollar exchange rate before making any decisions (.75 USA=\$1.00 CAN or currently over a 25% discount). Gathering events are being planned in Fergus, Guelph and Niagara-on-the-Lake for those attending. If interested in attending the Scottish North American Leadership Conference at the University of Guelph, it will also be held starting August 10<sup>th</sup> and ending on Saturday morning Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.scottishleadershipconference.org>

The Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville, Ontario are the location for the North American Pipe Band Competitions (Over 50 bands will be in attendance) and scheduled for Aug 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> the weekend before our planned event in Fergus.

<https://glengarryhighlandgames.com>

Our accommodations will be at the Staybridge Suites in Guelph. Breakfast is included with the price of \$124.99 Canadian. Breakfast starts on Thursday and Friday at 6:30 am and on Saturday and Sunday starts at 7:00 am. Don't forget to ask for reservations under Group Code "**Clan MacFarlane Worldwide**" to get the discounted price when booking rooms. The dates reserved under Group Code "**Clan MacFarlane Worldwide**" are between August 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The currently reserved rooms will be released by July 10<sup>th</sup> if not booked by then. Your time is running out, so please hurry. I will see if I can get an extended week if possible.

**Please make your bookings now at: Staybridge Suites in Guelph. (the Holiday Inn – BOOKED SOLID)**

**Email: StaybridgeSuites.com/GuelphOntario**

**Phone#: 1-519-767-3300**

**Information on AMM Program contact is Barb Duff at [barbbduff@gmail.com](mailto:barbbduff@gmail.com)**

**Address: 626 Upper Horning Rd., Hamilton, ON Canada Phone# 905-719-5541 or 905-387-5541**

## **Thursday, Aug 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 pm** "Pipes, Plaid & Pageantry Parade" on the main street in downtown Historic Fergus. As the "Featured Clan" it would be great to have some of us wearing tartan marching in this parade. Those participating in the parade will have to gather early. John and I will be there by 6:00 to meet you. Please let us know if you plan to be in the parade. John & Barb will be staying at the Holiday Inn Hotel in case you need to get in touch.

## **Friday, Aug 11<sup>th</sup>**

**12:45 pm. – 3:00 pm:** University of Guelph historical talk on Scottish Charters for the MacFarlane Clan. Presenting this lecture are John Fraser who is the Scottish Studies Chair, Elizabeth Ewan is experienced in Medieval Scotland and Old Charters and Kathryn Harvey who is Head of Archival & Special Archival Collections. This will take place at the University of Guelph. The Bldg., and room number to be announced. Give me your email address if you plan to attend.

**4:45 – 5:00 pm.** Social get together for supper in Fergus at the Goofie Noofie Bar & Grill. Each pay his own.

**5:30 pm.** Festival program starts at the Fergus grounds and continues until 12:00 midnight.

**7:30 pm:** Official Opening - Tattoo & Clan Lighting of the Hearth (important for us to attend this and preferably in tartan) followed by a Celtic Concert on the Fergus grounds. The Red Hot Chili Pipers are entertainment for the evening. Fireworks are at the end of the Opening Ceremonies.

## **Saturday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon:** Clan Parade with MacFarlane's and Septs in tartan. We are the Honored Clan so it is very important to assemble 20 - 30 minutes before the parade in our tartan please if possible.

**Tours in Fergus and Elora:** You may do this on Thursday, Saturday or Sunday. if you wish you may take the bus down town to the library for a Historical walking tour of Fergus or Elora. Buses are available on Thursday, Friday, & and Saturday. To book a tour phone 1-519-816-5567. The tour takes about 1 ½ hours for Fergus and probably about the same for Elora.

**2:00 pm:** Clan MacFarlane AMM scheduled and everyone is welcome to attend at the large Clan tent but only paid up members are eligible to vote but you can give us your thoughts.

**6:00 pm:** Dinner & Ceilidh back at the Holiday Inn, Guelph (cost for dinner buffet meal will be \$35.00 Canadian) with payment required by Aug. 7th, 2017. **Dinners must be paid in advance.** We must pay the Holiday Inn in advance for them to prepare. The Ceilidh will follow dinner with entertainment by the “Steel City Rovers” from Hamilton, Ontario <http://www.steelcityrovers.com> Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/SteelCityRovers>. **This is free to all members, septs and family who wish to join us.**

## **Sunday, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Kirkin of the Tartan

Family Day – Your day is free to schedule your own activities or check out the entertainment. There is many children activities. Check the Fergus Games site we provided at the beginning of the program.

**6:00 pm:** Join us back in Guelph at “Fionn MacCool’s Pub” 494 Edinburgh Road South, Guelph at the corner of Edinburgh Rd. S. & Stone Rd. W. Everyone can order from the menu and pay for what they wish to eat and drink. <http://fionnmaccools.com/locations/guelph>

**NOTE:** If there are any lectures or events going on at the Fergus Games during the weekend that you wish to attend, just check their website for the programs and register if required.

## **Monday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 pm McFarland House** in Niagara-on-the-Lake. For those planning to stay and vacation longer, we plan to have lunch at the McFarland House. A tour is being provided for a cost.(Adults is \$6.25/ Children \$4.05). The tour guide will give the history of this family and **if you do not have transportation, we would be happy to arrange it for you.** Please let us know.

**3:00 pm. Tasting of Ice Wine:** featuring *Jamie McFarland* (the owner) has made himself available to give us a tour of his place and for an interview and question period if you have any questions on Ice Wine. We may even get some of his Family History as well for a spot in our *Loch Sloy*.

This will end our Program and if you wish to continue on your own with shopping at Niagara-on-the-Lake with the quaint little shops or see Fort George. Some may just want to continue onto Niagara Falls for the full tourist experience <http://fionnmaccools.com/locations/guelph>

**WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT TIME AND ENJOY SOME NEW EXPERIENCES.**

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## *We are CMW*

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You can always review our Games calendar for other Games in your area. Just go to <http://www.clanmacfarlane.org> We try to keep this up to date, but as life happens, things change. Be sure to contact the folks listed as the hosts to ensure we are still in attendance.

## Want to Participate?

**We are an ALL-Volunteer 501c3, so your willingness to help keeps our heart beating.**

Feel free to contact us if you want to host a tent, write an article, want to share photos, etc. You can reach out to us on our Facebook© page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/clanmacfarlaneworldwideinc/>

Or feel free to email me directly: Marie Robb: [zzrobb55@hotmail.com](mailto:zzrobb55@hotmail.com)

We publish an online quarterly magazine for our voting members that is available via the website.

From the website and our Facebook© page, you can see all the work CMW is doing to help preserve your heritage.

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