

Clan MacFarlane Worldwide, Inc.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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Election Time!

If you are a voting member, this means you have paid for an annual membership in CMW. Time to participate in the Board of Directors elections.

Every year, we go through the process of nominating voting members to serve on the Board for a period of 3 years. The nomination period is over, but in June, the vetting process will be completed, and those members who are running for the Board will have their bios printed in the June issue of the "Loch Sloy!" our quarterly magazine.

Voting opens August 11 and closes September 11. We use an online email system to send out ballots. So please check your inbox/spam/junk for working emails from CMW so you can participate.

Not a voting member? Why not?! Join us: contact our Membership Director:

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Update: Annual Members' Meeting

Fergus, Ontario, Canada - August 11-13, 2017

Our Annual Members' Meeting ("AMM") will be held at the Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games. We are very excited for this event and hope you can join us. Our hosts, Barb and John Duff, have worked very hard to ensure we all have an exceptional experience while we are on their "home turf." The full agenda is posted here.

Looking for hotel reservations? The Holiday Inn is now fully booked, so Barb has secured an additional 10 rooms at the Staybridge Suites in Guelph. Phone is: 1-519-767-3300 and you ask for the group code for "Clan MacFarlane Worldwide." The hotel website is:

<http://www.StaybridgeSuites.com/GuelphOntario> .

Barb and John have also secured discount for the entrance tickets. When ordering your tickets, use the following instructions for your 15% discount:

"It is my pleasure to present Clan MacFarlane with a promo code unique to your Clan for a 15% discount on weekend or Saturday passes to the Festival.

To use it, simply go to

www.fergusscottishfestival.com/tickets

- from the ticket page choose weekend or Saturday pass;
- enter number of tickets (1);
- at the bottom left corner enter the code: **CLAN15MFA**
- press apply code; (continued)
- add to your cart and checkout

You will be able to print your e-tickets at home. Please bring



Highland Game Season is Open!

Looking for a Game to attend? We do post a calendar of events that we plan to attend, on our website: <http://www.clanmacfarlane.org> Just look for the **Event Calendar** on the right-hand side of the home page.

As we head into May, here are just a few:

- Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Arlington, Texas, May 5-7
- Alma, Michigan Highland Festival, May 26-28

We look forward to seeing you at a game!

And always find us on Facebook!

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

There are many imitations out there, but only one Clan MacFarlane Worldwide!

these tickets with you to the Festival where they will be scanned and you will receive your wristbands. That easy! Please note, you must redeem your promo code prior to July 20th.

Look forward to seeing you in August.”

For those who already purchased tickets, the event is working with Barb to see about a discount. That includes those of us who purchased camping sites with our tickets.

More from Barb:

This year Clan MacFarlane Worldwide are planning a gathering of clan members from around the world in Ontario, Canada during the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games for their annual AMM. The year 2017 is Canada's 150th 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 10th and ending on Saturday morning Aug. 12th.

<http://www.scottishleadershipconference.org>

To register for camping at Fergus Games:

<https://fergusscottishfestival.com/events/camping>

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 4th to 5th the weekend before our planned event in Fergus.

<https://glengarryhighlandgames.com>

Information on the AMM, contact Barb Duff at: barbbduff@gmail.com - Address: 626 Upper Horning Rd., Hamilton, ON. Canada



Program:

Thursday, Aug 10th evening: At 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.

Friday, Aug 11th noon: Festival program starts at 12:00 pm noon at the Fergus grounds and continues until 12:00 midnight. John & Barb will be staying at the hotel.

3:00 pm: University of Guelph historical talk on Charters for the MacFarlane Clan (time subject to change). This is currently planned to take place at the festival site.

8:00 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. Fireworks at the end of the Opening Ceremonies.

Saturday, Aug. 12th noon: Clan Parade with MacFarlanes and Septs in tartan. It is very important to assemble 20 - 30 minutes before the parade.

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.

6:30 pm: Dinner & Ceilidh back at the Holiday Inn, Guelph (cost for dinner buffet meal will be \$35.00) with payment required by July 30, 2017. We have to 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: <https://www.facebook.com/SteelCityRovers>

Sunday, Aug. 13th: Family Day – Your day is free to schedule your own activities.

6:30 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. 14th: At 1:00 pm McFarland House in Niagara-on-the-Lake. For those planning to stay and vacation longer, we plan to have lunch at the MacFarland House. I will endeavor to provide a guide or family member to teach us the history of this family and depending on numbers we may try to arrange for transportation. You could continue shopping at Niagara-on-the-Lake with the quaint little shops or continue onto Niagara Falls for the full tourist experience.

<https://www.niagaraparks.com/niagara-falls-attractions/mcfarland-house.html>