

TCA Joins Homecoming 2009

2009 marks the 250th anniversary of Scotland's national poet and international cultural icon Robert Burns whose message of friendship in his imaginative and emotional poetry lives from generation to generation. His poem *Auld Lang Syne* set to music heralds in the New Year for English speaking people everywhere. To celebrate this occasion, the Scottish government is organizing a year full of events and is calling 2009 the "Homecoming Year."



Edinburgh Castle on a summer's eve, photo by Wally Turnbull

People of Scottish descent from around the world are invited to participate in the celebration. The planned events kick off with Burns Night on January 25th and continue until St. Andrews Day, November 30th.

Emphasis is being placed on those things that make Scotland exciting and unique. Culture and heritage, the enlightenment and innovation, golf, poetry and the arts, and of course the water of life, whisky, will all find a place in the year long calendar of events.

TCA is joining in the celebrations and unveiling the Turning of the Bull monument at the Hawick Heritage Hub during this historic year. There will be Turnbulls from all corners of the globe gathering in the Borderlands where it all began.

The largest single event being planned is the Clan Gathering, July 25 and 26, Edinburgh. The object of the two day event is to stage an international Clan Gathering and Highland Games to celebrate Scotland's rich history and cultural traditions and to hold the largest Clan Gathering in history. The Scottish government is using this event as an opportunity to thank Scottish societies from around the world for their role in keeping Scottish traditions alive.



Birg-O-Doon, Ayrshire, an inspiration to Burns poetry



Robert Burns birthplace, Alloway, Scotland

The Clan Gathering will be culminated with a showcase Parade of Clans. Clan members will walk the Royal Mile together ending at Edinburgh Castle.

The events of the entire year will be enhanced by providing an educational component associated with each event which will encourage people to try out the various disciplines and learn more about them. Additionally there will be an emphasis on youth participation which will be nurtured through school and community group engagement prior to the event.

"Scotland is a land of five million people...For every single Scot in their native land, there are thought to be at least five more overseas who can claim Scottish ancestry - that's many, many millions spread throughout the globe...A trip to Scotland - a trip back home - is surely the best way to feel connected to this ancient land. A way to feel part of something greater than the here and now. Tracing your family history is a journey of discovery that leads you to explore the lives and times of ancestors who lived hundreds of years ago - and perhaps even thousands of miles away - in circumstances which are all but unimaginable today. Retracing the footsteps of your ancestors...will make your home coming the most dynamic and exciting experience of your life." (www.homecomingscotland.com.)

If you have always wanted to celebrate your heritage and visit the land of your ancestors or enjoy Scotland so much that you would like to return then 2009 will be a great time to do so. For Turnbulls the unveiling of the magnificent *Turning of the Bull* monument will make the celebrations an even more meaningful occasion to return to the homeland and walk in the footsteps of ancestors. The *Bullseye* will carry updated information, dates of events, places to stay, and much more in upcoming issues.

From the President

by Wally Turnbull

*Wishing is good time wasted,
Still it's a habit they say;
Wishing for sweets I've tasted,
That's all I do all day.
Maybe there's nothing in wishing,
But speaking of wishing I'll say:*



Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina in the morning.

The catchy tune *Carolina in the Morning* says it well but you can only imagine it until you witness the glory of the Blue Ridge Mountains of the Appalachians for yourself.

Yes, they really are blue. Scientists say that the trees release hydrocarbons into the atmosphere and create the blue haze on the mountains. Personally, I think it's magic. Then there are the Brown Mountain lights but I dare not tell you about them or you may think I have gone over the edge. I think you should Google that and decide for yourself.

The 2008 TCA AGM is being held at the Grandfather Mountain Games in the absolute heart of the Blue Ridge about 5 miles from a great spot for viewing the Brown Mountain lights. I have been blessed to see a lot of God's Earth and it is true that *nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina in the morning*.

Picture a pristine mountain high up on the Blue Ridge with a profile like the head of Grandfather. A winding road lined with giant wild rhododendrons zigzags its way up. On top sits a great flat meadow. The meadow is circled with colorful tents hosted by the Turnbulls and our cousin clans. In the center, athletic and piping competition, marching, games, and all sorts of fun go on all day long. On one side food booths offer an incredible array of once a year treats. On the other side the best Scottish singing artists stir your blood, make you laugh, and bring sweet tears to your eyes. Can you picture this? - Now, picture yourself there.

Sharing and Caring

A get well wish is extended to Nancy Mykel who has had heart surgery recently and is on the road to recovery.

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Meet the Family

It is a pleasure to introduce myself as Kenneth James Turnbull from Queensland, Australia; one of the original members of the Turnbull Clan Association. My father, Alex, known by his Rover Scouting mates as 'Scottie', was



Kenneth and Patricia Turnbull

born in Carmyle, Stirlingshire and emigrated to Australia in 1915 with his parents at the age of two. His great grandparents and grandparents had resided in nearby Arith, owning a Grocery business and on a recent visit to the town in 2007, my wife and I found the original store and some of the family gravestones at the local churchyard, historically verifying my ancestral heritage.

Born in Australia and now 66, I am married to Patricia Anne with four grown up children. I still enjoy teaching at a small school of 600+ in the hinterland of the Gold Coast on Tamborine Mountain. I am a teacher at Secondary level in the Visual Arts and Digital Production.

As a child, I attended a private Presbyterian school, where I learned to play the bagpipes for our newly formed Army Cadet Pipe Band. I wasn't brilliant, but enjoyed the experience; through the renowned Bagpipe Instructor; Danny McPherson. As mischievous schoolboys, we even had a go at playing some popular hit tunes.

After leaving school, I completed an apprenticeship in the Printing Trade, bought an old Land Rover, then travelled Australia for about ten years; working in several major Newspapers. In that time, I either joined or helped organise a Four Wheel Drive Club in several areas; one being in Darwin, Northern Territory. Another was formed 1100 km. away (700 miles) at Alice Springs in Central Australia, which is also a part of Northern Territory. Occasionally, we were called on for assistance with our Search and Rescue team in these harsh environments

Through these clubs, many exciting and challenging weekend trips were made into the tropical and desert regions. When I took my wife out on our first date in Darwin, she must have wondered what she'd let herself in for, as the track to the club beach party was very rough and muddy and one needed to hang onto whatever was available to stay in the seat (*we had no seat belt laws then*).

While we were based in 'The Alice', we often made weekend trips with the club into these unforgiving desert areas, sometimes as multiple drives, by linking three vehicles together with steel tow-bars to move through the hot, red sand dunes. As a keen photographer (*in my father's footsteps*) I captured many scenes we encountered through these breathtaking desert regions, especially the dawns and sunsets. *Editor's note: The next Bullseye will feature Kenneth's Australia and his photographs. Stayed tuned...*

Mark Your Calendars

2008 AGM - Grandfather Mountain Games, NC July 10-13

This year's Annual General Meeting is being held at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina. This is one of the most beautiful venues for a Highland Games event. Located just off the magnificent Blue Ridge Parkway, the area is famous for beautiful forests, mountains, trails, and scenery. In addition to the scenery, there are many fun things to do in the area.

The town of Blowing Rock boasts a picturesque park in the center of town, surrounded by quaint shops, ice cream parlor, restaurants and art studios. Visit the Blowing Rock monument and experience the famous winds of the John's River Gorge.



Nearby Tweetsie Railroad – a Western themed Amusement Park – still runs one of the original steam engines used by the East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railroad. The narrow-gauge railroad began operations in 1882 on track laid through the rugged Blue Ridge chain of the Appalachian Mountains. The name Tweetsie was given to the railroad by the locals because of the shrill “Tweet Tweet” train whistles that echoed throughout the mountains. This is a must stop for young and old alike.

Grandfather Mountain is the highest peak in the Blue Ridge mountain range and the only private park in the world designated by the United Nations as an International Biosphere Reserve. In addition to providing a perfect setting for highland game activities, the park is also home to environmental habitats for native wildlife, a nature museum, nature trails, and its mile high bridge.

The games begin the evening of July 10 and continue throughout the weekend. TCA has reserved a block of rooms at the Days Inn, Blowing Rock, NC. To reserve your room, and receive the special rate of \$89 per night, call 828-295-4422 and mention Turnbull Clan gathering. (Rooms are filling up and will be held until June 10 ONLY, so reserve now!) The AGM be held at the beautiful Chetola Resort, Saturday night at 6:00 PM and will be followed by a wonderful buffet dinner. This important meeting will include updates on the Turning of the Bull monument and the 2009 unveiling in Scotland. (Reservations for dinner are required. Cost is \$25.00 per person.) If you are flying, the best airfares are into Charlotte, NC (2 hrs. away) or Greensboro, NC (2 ½ hrs.). Asheville, NC, home of the famous Biltmore House is just two hours away and also has an airport.

From Down Under

TCA member Cara Cox of Perth, Australia, shares a photo of **Owen Edson Turnbull Ledger** - who is turning 2 on the 11th May 2008. Owen is the son of Melissa and James Ledger, of Inglewood, Perth, Western Australia and is Cara's grandson.

Thank you Cara for sharing with us. It is always fun to see the future of the Turnbull clan growing up.

I would like to encourage other TCA members to do the same and keep us updated on family news and additions.

Fun vacations, birthdays, grandparents' visits are always fun to feature. Send photos and information to Betty Turnbull, 5216 Tahoe Dr., Durham, NC 27713 or email be at: editor@turnbullclan.com (Original photos received by post will be returned.)



Owen Edson Turnbull Ledger

Monument Update in Photos

Just in from Angela Hunter!



Turnbull Clan Association, Inc.**Financial Statement for the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2007**

		%	Budgeted	%	Variance	Yr Ended 12/31/06
Beginning Balance	\$10,270.16					\$8,386.13
Revenues						
Dues	4,944.00	95.74%	4,500.00	100%	444.00	3,980.00
Contributions	215.00	4.16%	0.00	0.00%	215.00	550.00
Interest	5.08	0.10%	0.00	0.00%	5.08	51.57
Total Income	\$5,164.08	100%	\$4,500.00	100%	\$664.08	\$4,581.57
Expenses						
Semi-fixed Expenses						
Bank Fees	649.35	7.30%	100.00	1.13%	549.35	116.54
Foreign Exchange	27.60	0.31%	0.00	0.00%	27.60	0.00
Legal Expenses	20.00	0.22%	20.00	0.23%	0.00	40.00
Scottish Organization						
Membership	25.00	0.28%	25.00	0.28%	0.00	25.00
Website	180.00	2.02%	200.00	2.27%	(20.00)	262.37
Advertising	370.00	4.16%	250.00	2.83%	120.00	325.00
Genealogy (Arms project completed)	4,276.75	48.05%	4,276.75	48.48%	0.00	1,130.82
Stationery & Misc						
General	457.51	5.14%	400.00	4.53%	57.51	407.85
Postage General	245.99	2.76%	150.00	1.70%	95.99	369.17
	6,252.20	70.2%	5,421.75	61.46%	830.45	2,676.75
Game & Tent Expenses						
Tent Expenses	162.71	1.83%	750.00	8.50%	(587.29)	184.00
Game Expenses	350.82	3.94%	150.00	1.70%	200.82	16.00
AGM	(692.03)	-7.78%	100.00	1.13%	0.00	1,327.79
Brochures	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
	(178.50)	-2.01%	1,000.00	11.34%	(386.47)	1,527.79
Bullseye Expenses						
Printing	1,873.54	21.05%	900.00	10.20%	973.54	1,398.54
Stationery and Misc.	70.16	0.79%	100.00	1.13%	(29.84)	108.80
Postage	882.92	9.92%	1,400.00	15.87%	(517.08)	753.72
	2,826.62	31.76%	2,400.00	27.21%	426.62	2,261.06
Total Expenses	\$8,900.32	100%	\$8,821.75	100%	\$870.60	\$6,465.60
Cash Ending Balance	\$4,436.98					\$10,270.16
Increase/(decrease) in net assets	(\$5,833.18)					



William C. Trimble – Treasurer

Turnbull Clan Association

Notes: The 2007 beginning balance included 2007 dues paid in 2006 and deposits for the 2007 AGM trip to Scotland made in 2006. The Genealogy arms project was completed in 2007. The 2007 AGM credit balance reflects reimbursements made in 2007 for expenses incurred in 2006.

Turnbulls in the News

Gem Sorting: Finding the Next Earth

First published in Astrobiology Magazine



Margaret Turnbull
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The thirty-seventh most westerly star in the constellation, Gemini, is a yellow-orange star like our own sun. The star is called 37 Geminorum, but for astrophysicist Margaret Turnbull, the star is special because it offers a case study for considering what might qualify as a good candidate for harboring habitable planets.

In building her list of stars that might support planets with liquid water and oxygen, she has to exclude suns that are extreme: either too young or too old, that rotate too fast, or that are variable enough in brightness to cause climatic chaos on any nearby world.

At a distance of 56.3 light-years away, the star 37 Gem has yet to show tell-tale signs of having such planets, or any planets--but future NASA and European telescopes are looking to target stars just like 37 Gem since they might share some of the same properties that made our own solar system habitable. More than 100 extrasolar planets have been found so far using ground-based telescopes Turnbull's search for other suns capable of supporting the conditions for life to flourish less than one hundred light-years away yielded about 2,350 stars to consider further.

Turnbull recently presented her results to a group of scientists from NASA's space-telescope project, the Terrestrial Planet Finder (TPF), which will search for habitable planets by using visible light with the "signature" of water and/or oxygen from an Earth-type planet. After TPF's scheduled launch around 2013, will follow the European Darwin project involving six space telescopes.

The stellar list was pared down from an even larger list (17,129 stars within 450 light-years, or 140 parsecs), which Turnbull and adviser Jill Tarter of the SETI Institute first published in *Astrophysical Journal*. The list became known as the Catalog of Nearby Habitable Stellar Systems (or HabCat).

To support complex life, a candidate star must be the right color, brightness, and age. If it is a middle-aged star like our own, it will have burned through enough fusionable light elements to produce heavier metals like iron, but not so old that it is collapsing or so young that life is only a distant future prospect. Based on what fragments we know about how complex life appeared on Earth, Turnbull's search aims to find the 'Goldilocks' of stars that seems 'just right'.

New Doors Open for Special Needs Adolescents

by Peggy Revell, The Guardian, Prince Edward Island, Canada

It started off as a school project, but one Holland College student has kick-started research and curriculum development for teaching cooking to adolescents with special needs.

"These people can be contributing members of society. They can be independent. They just need to be given the tools," says Alexandra Turnbull, who created the curriculum and pilot study for her degree in applied arts in culinary operations. The idea came from her family's experience caring for her sister Victoria, who has Down syndrome. It wasn't until signing up for a children's after-school cooking class that Victoria learned how to navigate the kitchen. "I kind of thought there was an imbalance there," said Turnbull.

"Developmentally delayed students in P.E.I. have their own personal educational plan, but programs that teach basic life skills like cooking are often optional," said Bridget Cairns of the P.E.I. Association for Community Living.

Turnbull ran a pilot project with five students in the special education program using the curriculum she developed. Many of these students had never grocery shopped, cooked or done dishes before. "The kids loved to cook," she said. One of the students enjoyed the experience so much that his educational plan was changed to include it, she said.

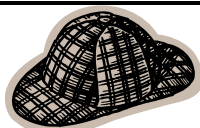
Turnbull has started distributing her research results, hoping this gets developed further by experts and made into standard curriculum for Island schools. "I think it has sparked people," said Chef Craig Youdale, the program coordinator overseeing students like Turnbull, who will be Holland College's first graduates from its degree programs.

The Association for Community Living has already taken Turnbull's work, planning to add more research and recipes, and make it available to communities all across Canada, said Cairns. If curriculum like this is implemented, Turnbull said it would have a far-reaching effect on these students' ability to live with independence.

"Programs like this could be a precursor to vocational training, which would mean these teens, when they become adults, could be out working in the food service industry," said Turnbull. Turnbull's program is being adopted in 10 schools with the Eastern School District this autumn.



Turnbull shares her
cookbook which includes
symbols for ease of use.



CD!

CD follows clues...

If we think about it, there are many ways to see professions. What I mean is, chemists can make wonderful cooks, because narrowing it down, they mix ingredients to achieve results. Well, how about librarians being a form of detective? They are always searching for clues and for answers. Recently a fellow detective sent the following query: "After whom is Turnbull blue named?" These days detectives are aided by many search engines, yet our learned librarian member, Fiona Turnbull and this detective have been assiduously searching for the answer and to date, we've not been able to find it. Can anyone help us?

This is some information as to what is Turnbull or Prussian blue: Prussian blue is any of several deep-blue pigments that are composed of complex iron cyanides and hence called iron blues. The most common of these pigments are Prussian, Chinese, Milori, and toning blue. *Source: Britannica on Line Encyclopedia.*

Looking forward to any clues before we get the blues ☺,

Until the next "how interesting,"

A. Turnbull Clan Detective

Contributions to this column are welcomed at detective@turnbullclan.com

Membership Secretary Needed

Do you have basic computer skills and an interest in people? Are you interested in a great opportunity to become more connected with your extended family? Can you give a few hours a month in volunteer service? Your clan association needs you!

Janet Schwierking is retiring as Membership Secretary to concentrate on TCA genealogy research. TCA urgently needs someone to fill this vital role. The immediate need is for the next 18 months from June 2008 through December 2009 with renewal options.

Duties of the Membership Secretary include recording and maintaining membership records, mailing welcome packets to new members and answering correspondence. You would work with Janet, a pleasure and privilege in itself, to learn the process and assure an orderly transfer of duties.

If you are interested in serving in this position or would like to recommend someone please contact Wally Turnbull by email president@turnbullclan.com or by phone 919-361-5041. This is a great opportunity to support your clan association and to get to know a lot of the world's most wonderful people (not that we are biased, or course).



Thomas Turnbull Jr.,
Roberto Copa Matos,
Stewart Turnbull, Peter
Turnbull, Iere Patricia
Turnbull, Isabell Bannister

Happy May Birthdays

Lee Turnbull, Mark
Turnbull, Karen Torrey,
Andrew Turnbull, Sarah
Williams, William Turnbull
Lewis, Johannes Hoyer,
Barbara Schell, Shirley
Turnbull, Iain Day, James
Rule, Kenneth Walentarski,
Dorothy Trimble, Hugh
Turnbull, Martin Turnbull,
Richard Turnbull, Don
Turnbull, William Turnbull,
Doris Bable, Bonnie Nipar

Happy June Birthdays

Susan Turnbull, Owen Turnbull
Ledger, Sarah Turnbull Snow,
Wally Turnbull, Marsha Smith,
Janis Hall, Fred Turnbull,
Thomas Turnbull Stevenson,
Alexander Turnbull, Mary Ellen
Turnbull Longley, Jeff Goody,
Leighanna Sult, Betty Lange,
LeRoy Trimble, Alice Morgan,
James Trimble, Janis Dairiki,
Allen Turnbull Jr., Brian P.
Turnbull, Valeria Turnbull,



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And the Winner is...

**Fiona Turnbull
Congratulations!**

Don't despair. If you didn't win last time you have a chance each issue in 2008 to try again. Look for the embedded © in one of the articles and be the first to tell me where it is.

Email me at editor@turnbullclan.com. I will send you your prize and announce the winner in the next issue. Don't miss your chance to win your own box of these all time favorites.

TCA Congratulates Trustee Sandy Turnbull

TCA Trustee Sandy Turnbull of Mulgrave, Australia has been elected Secretary of the International Association of Amateur Heraldry (IAAH). The Association's mission is promotion and education in the fields of the art and science of heraldry. An international organization, existing only in cyberspace, is composed of a diverse assembly of professional and non-professional genealogists, heraldists, historians, and graphic artists to serve the Association's mission. For more information log on to www.amateurheralds.org.