

TURNBULL CLAN REFLECTIONS FROM 2016

Included in the memories of 2016 are three members of Turnbull Clan Association, whose contributions to TCA have gone above and beyond, earning the distinction of being awarded the John F. Turnbull Lifetime Achievement Award. John G. Turnbull, NY, Mark A. Turnbull, NH, and Janet Turnbull Schwierking, TX, received TCA's highest honor.

John served as past President and was instrumental in the organization of TCA as it is today. Mark has faithfully served in numerous roles, including being a tent host to the Loon Mountain New Hampshire Games and by sharing his expertise by mentoring other tent hosts. He also serves as Archivist, having the largest collection of Turnbull Clan documents and memorabilia, dating back to the beginning of TCA.

Janet served tirelessly for many years as Clan secretary, and in this role, came to know members personally. She's been an encourager to all. In addition, she faithfully edited the Bullseye for many years.

Congratulations to all three on receiving the John F. Turnbull Lifetime Achievement Award.



Janet Turnbull Schwierking, John G. Turnbull, and Mark A. Turnbull

Wally Turnbull, President and Honorary Chief of TCA, was made an honorary fireman with the New Smyrna Fire Department when he presented the New Smyrna Fire Department Honor Guard with membership into Turnbull Clan Association.

Other news of the year, included a successful AGM in Olcott, New York with tent hosts Chris and Tim Nelson, the 306th birthday celebration of John Trumbull, Revolutionary War Governor of Connecticut, and the representative Turnbull Tent Hosts at many Highland Games across the USA, including new representation in Wisconsin.

We look forward to all that 2017 has in store. If you have a special event or news you'd like to share, contact editor@turnbullclan.com. We'd love to hear from you.



Wally Turnbull makes New Smyrna, FL Fire Department Honor Guard Turnbull Clan members.

SCOTLAND 2017, A YEAR OF HISTORY, HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGY

For those of you who are planning to visit to Scotland this year, there are some exciting surprises awaiting you. This is a year of a collaboration of History, Heritage and Archaeology, which in essence, has been planned throughout 2017, with presentations covering many events full of action.

For starters, a cultural awareness of the impressive Scottish traditions and clan family stories, with their unique and mesmerizing myths and folklore. As well, a knowledge of the land itself, which entails the heritage of the battlefields, exploring the landscapes or visiting the wondrous monuments and the many ancient and not so ancient listed buildings throughout Scotland.

There are no less than six world heritage sites included in this year's events, including St. Kilda, Edinburgh's Old town and New town, the historic Orkney's, showing off their Neolithic culture, New Lanark, the Antonine Wall and the Forth Rail bridge. Visiting these sites is aimed at broadening the awareness, understanding and beliefs of what Scottish archeology is all about.

The year also encompasses an archaeological awareness of some recent excavations of Mesolithic and some unknown Pre-historic sites throughout Scotland. This is the year for visitors to explore Scotland's colourful past as never before.

So, with more to learn about this year's 2017 celebrations, a visit to the Dig website <https://digit2017.com> which has been planned and co-ordinated by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and Archaeology Scotland, will put you in the picture.

The Turnbull Clan will also be contributing to these celebrations in the coming months. Watch the Newsletters for our role.

A Lifetime Dream Come True

Editor's Note: It was a lifetime dream of James Turnbull, Alberta, Canada to visit Scotland, the home of his ancestors. So for his 65th birthday, he did just that. Here, he tells us about his trip.

I had always wanted to travel to Scotland, especially the birthplace of my Grandfather James Turnbull, who immigrated to Canada from Hawick. Having turned 65 in May of 2016, I thought it would be a fitting birthday present to myself to fulfill this dream. I was lucky enough to be accompanied by my wife Jill, our daughter Melissa and my cousin Gordon and his wife Donna, whose own grandfather had immigrated to Canada from Dundee. We spent a wonderful eleven days in Scotland first in Anstruther, exploring the kingdom of Fife, and then in Hawick visiting all the Turnbull sites. For anyone visiting Hawick, I would suggest having a beer at the Scotsman Pub. The people we met there were friendly and very entertaining, if you could understand them. Our daughter Melissa especially impressed the locals with her newly acquired taste for Guinness draft.

While visiting Bedrule to see the Turnbull Cairn, we spoke with a local lady who told us that she had come across a man who had just come away from the Turnbull cairn. The man was crying and when the woman approached him to see if he was alright. He told her that he was a Turnbull visiting from Australia and was just overcome with emotion at visiting where the history of our family originated. I must admit that it was an emotional experience for myself as well.

After our stay in Scotland my wife and I and our daughter Melissa flew to London with my cousin and his wife returned to Canada.



Top Right: Gordon Turnbull and wife Donna, Melissa Turnbull Pearce, Jill and James Turnbull pose at the Turning of the Bull Monument, Hawick.

Middle Right: Gordon and James at the Cairn in the Bedrule Kirk yard, Bedrule.

Left: Melissa, Jill and James ham it up at Fatlips Castle.

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Above: Melissa and mother Jill Turnbull enjoying tea at Turnbells in Hawick.

Sharing and Caring

Please remember Mark Turnbull, New Hampshire who has been admitted to the hospital.

How Did You Celebrate Burns Night?

Burns Night is a celebration of the life and poetry of Robert Burns, the celebrated author of many Scottish poems. The celebrations occur on or around the author's birthday, Jan. 25 and often include suppers with haggis and the traditional addressing of the Haggis. Turnbolls celebrated this night around the globe in many different ways.



The Van Burens celebrated by wearing the colors and having a traditional Burns night meal in Saginaw, MI.



Above: Clara Turnbull, originally from Bath, UK, and now residing in New York, NY, made sure the family enjoyed home-made haggis, just like back home.



Above: Chris and Tim Nelson of NY (standing right) celebrated at a formal dinner with friends in Ohio.

Right: The Bettschens celebrated by skating in kilts in Saskatoon, Canada, with a little piping thrown in.

(Not pictured) Kris Hammond and family from Bellevue, Nebraska, reports that they wore the colors, read poetry and watched a BBC Burns documentary, while enjoying a good scotch.



UK – New Classic album release

Bill Turnbull has now teamed up with Sony Classic to present a new album 'Bill Turnbull's Relaxing Classics'.

It is due for release on 18th November 2016, the album is a 3CD set, featuring some of the world's most beautiful and relaxing classic music. The album also features music from heritage artists, such as Leonard Bernstein, Vladimir Horowitz, Arthur Rubinstein and Eugene Ormandy.

Malasia - Hall an historical site

The state government at Kota Kinabalu proposes to gazette Turnbull Hall, the old Sabah College (now Maktab Sabah) building as a heritage site. State Tourism, Culture and Environment

Minister Datuk Masidi Manjun said the site had historical significance in education, producing many leaders. "Once gazetted, one of the conditions is that the building must retain its original form," he said. The celebration was also attended by other former students from the early 60s.

**UK - Midfielder extends his contract**

Scottish born soccer starlet, David Turnbull has committed his future to the club by penning a two-and-a-half year contract extension. The 17-year-old Academy product has been in sparkling form recently and is enjoying his second professional season in Claret and Amber. Operating in his preferred advanced role or as a deeper lying playmaker, he admitted he was "delighted" to secure his future with the club until summer 2019. He said: "I'm absolutely delighted to sign the new deal, it's been going on a while now and I hope I can go on to really progress as a player over the next few years."



by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

Australia - Horseman named as a Living Legend

Bathurst horseman Steve Turnbull was given one of the highest honours when named a Harness Racing New South Wales Living Legend at the Industry Awards Night in Sydney. Turnbull was recognised for his many achievements in his career including taking out 11 NSW Trainers Premierships. "To be classed up there with Dad and those other great names, it's a really great honour," Turnbull said. The 60-year-old has trained and driven winners in most of the state's feature races.

New Zealand - Old Wanaka boat due for a makeover

The oldest boat on Lake Wanaka - the 89-year-old FV Moeraki - was lifted from the Roys Bay for restoration in December. The kauri plank vessel was built in Port Chalmers in 1927 by Miller & Tunnage and belonged to the Pile family of Moer-

aki for 72 years before being sold and brought to Wanaka. It is now owned by Alex Turnbull and Graham Berry. Turnbull and his friend Barry McKay oversaw the lifting of the Moeraki and were excited to see the Australian hardwood keel was in great shape, making the restoration less problematic. Alex added that the renovation would not be one hundred per cent authentic, as that would cost too much, but it would ensure the boat would be shipshape for many more decades.

**USA – Coaching career for 36 years ends**

Mike Turnbull entered Vermilion Community College right out of Ely High School. He knew exactly what he wanted to do — stay close to sports. So he found



the best way possible to do that, by teaching and coaching. He coached baseball, boys basketball, volleyball, men's basketball and women's basketball, as well as being an assistant coach in both football and baseball. "I loved every day of what I was doing," Turnbull said. "I didn't miss any days. That's has to be luck. That has to be fate. You have to be blessed because your health was good. He will miss the interaction with his athletes. Being around kids keeps you young. You have to keep pace a little bit."

USA - Attorneys new Principal

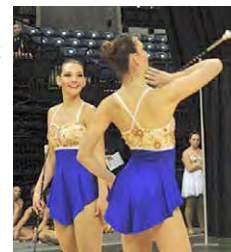
Cory Watson Attorneys have announced that Brett Turnbull has joined the firm as a Principal. Turnbull was also named



Co-Chair of the Cory Watson Complex Litigation Department and brings to the firm more than a decade of experience practicing personal injury law with a focus on wrongful death, product liability, business litigation and insurance bad faith. He is active in numerous professional organizations including the Alabama State Bar, Birmingham Bar Association, Alabama Association for Justice and the American Association for Justice.

USA - World's top competitors

Some of the world's best baton twirlers were in Stockton in January to compete in the first International Pan Pacific Cup, an inaugural event that has brought together competitors from the United States, Australia, Canada and Japan. The competition included the artistic pairs duo of Brianne Turnbull, 20, and Kaitlyn Turnbull, 18, the sisters from Fresno who rarely get the chance to compete so close to their hometown.

**UK - Food and Music Festival**

The ever popular Porthleven Food and Music Festival is going back to its roots this year after fears were raised over the event becoming "too big" and losing its original character. Positive discussions took place between the Porthleven town councilors and this year's three day festival chairman, David Turnbull.

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Bitty Bulls



In celebration of Scotland's most famous bard, Bitty has hidden some mice throughout this issue. Can you find all 14?



Robert Burns

January 25, 1759-July 1796

Robert Burns, known as Rabbie Burns, is considered Scotland's most famous poet. He was born into a poor farming family as the oldest of seven children. He worked many long hours helping his father farm their land and suffered from a lifelong stoop and delicate health. Burns was mostly educated by his father, but did briefly attend school before returning home to continue farming. Later in life he gave up farming and took up the work of creating lyrics for many old Scottish folk melodies, preserving some old songs and poetry using fragments of old Scottish songs, and creating some of his own. As a song writer and poet, he enjoyed a more affluent life, but was never wealthy. Shortly after having a tooth removed, he passed away, possibly from an unhealthy heart, at the age of 37.

Today, dinner parties are given in his honor on his birthday, January 25th. Among the festivities is the reading of one of his poems *Ode to a Haggis* as a toast to the uniquely Scottish creation.



To a Mouse

Robert Burns was a farmer and composed this poem after accidentally destroying a mouse's nest while he was out ploughing a field. A few excerpts of the poem have been provided in both the original form and in modern English.

Wee, sleekit, cow'rin, tim'rous beastie,

O, what a panic's in thy breastie!
Thou need na start awa sae hasty,
Wi' bickering brattle!
I wad be laith to rin an' chase thee,
Wi' murd'ring pattle!

I'm truly sorry man's dominion,
Has broken nature's social union,
An' justifies that ill opinion,
Which makes thee startle
At me, thy poor, earth-born companion,
An' fellow-mortal!

But, Mousie, thou art no thy lane,
In proving foresight may be vain;
The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men
Gang aft agley,
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,
For promis'd joy!

Still thou art blest, compar'd wi' me
The present only toucheth thee:
But, Och! I backward cast my e'e
On prospects drear!
An' forward, tho' I canna see,
I guess an' fear!

Wee, crafty, cowering, timid little beast,
Oh, what a panic is in your little breast!
You need not start away so hasty
With argumentative chatter!
I would be loath to run and chase you,
With murdering plough.

I'm truly sorry man's dominion
Has broken Nature's social union,
And justifies that ill opinion
Which makes you startle
At me, your poor, earth born companion
And fellow mortal!

But little Mouse, you are not alone,
In proving foresight may be vain:
The best laid schemes of mice and men
Go often askew,
And leave us nothing but grief and pain,
For promised joy!

Still you are blessed, compared with me!
The present only touches you:
But oh! I backward cast my eye,
On prospects dreary!
And forward, though I cannot see,
I guess and fear!

A Red, Red Rose

Burns wrote down the words to this old folk song and had it set to music in 1794. An excerpt of both the original verse and modern English is provided.

O my Luv'e's like a red, red rose,
That's newly sprung in June:
O my Luv'e's like the melody,
That's sweetly play'd in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonie lass,
So deep in love am I;
And I will love thee still, my dear,
Till a' the seas gang dry.

O my Love's like a red, red rose,
That's newly sprung in June:
O my Love's like the melody,
That's sweetly played in tune.

As fair are you, my bonnie (pretty) lass (girl),
So deep in love am I;
And I will love you still, my dear,
Till all the seas go dry.





BURNS
CRANACHAN
HAGGIS
MOUSE
NEEPS
POETRY
ROSE
SHORTBREAD
TATTIES
WHISKEY

S P O E T R Y D V S N S Y N O
W E Y B M E R R H D E Z E M T
A J I O U K V O H S E C K T N
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Q J E K H U Q S J X I Q Z K F
C A M M L G T P N C E R K K U
D N A H C A N A R C U R X N Z

Burns' Night began when close friends celebrated the Bard's life and career a few years after his death, but has since become a time to also celebrate Scottish culture. The meal with friends and family often includes reciting some of his poetry, sipping whisky, and enjoying a hearty meal with haggis, the "great chieftain o' the puddin'-race" as the centerpiece. Other tasty dishes include neeps (mashed turnips), tatties (mashed potatoes), cock-a-leekie soup (chicken and leek), cranachan (cream and raspberry and oat dessert), or tipsy laird (whiskey trifle), shortbread, and oatcakes.



Kid-friendly Cranachan

Cranachan is traditionally made with whiskey soaked and roasted oats and a wonderful soft cheese called Quark. Make and share these for a special Burns' Night celebration or a Valentine's Day treat with Scottish flair.

1/3 cup plain granola and 1/4 cup plain granola
2 cups of fresh raspberries
3 tablespoons honey
2 teaspoons sugar
2 cups of heavy whipping cream

Serves 6

Mash 1 1/2 cups of raspberries gently with a fork. Sprinkle the mash with the sugar and one tablespoon of honey and mix together. Set aside.

Whip the cream until thickened and then fold in the other two tablespoons of honey and the 1/3 cup of granola.

Place a spoonful or two of the raspberry mash into the bottom of a glass and then add a little bit of the cream. Sprinkle with granola. Repeat the layers. Finish by sprinkling the rest of the granola on top and add a lovely whole raspberry or two. Keep chilled or serve immediately.



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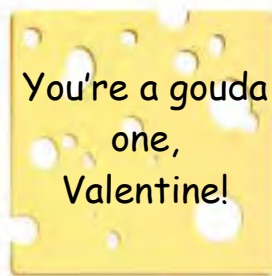
As a nod to Robert Burns' poem
To A Mouse you can make and
share these sweet little chocolate
mice.

Supplies:

- 2 foil wrapped chocolates
- string
- non toxic tacky glue
- 2 tiny googly eyes
- gray, pink or red craft paper
- scissors
- Cut out little half circles for the ears.
- Using glue, stick ears to flat bottom of chocolate and then glue second chocolate back to back.
- Unwrap the very end of the foil wrapper and insert a couple of inches of string, twisting foil back around it to hold it in place.
- Glue eyes on.

Optional:

- yellow craft paper
- hole puncher
- black marker
- Optional: Cut out yellow squares and hole punch in various places, including off the edge of the square to look like cheese. Write a cheesy message and include with your sweet little creature.

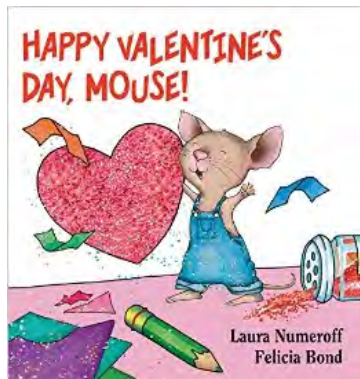


Celebrate Valentine's Day by making
this adorable family tree from
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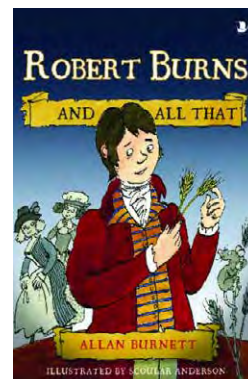
Tuck in with some sweet and silly books.



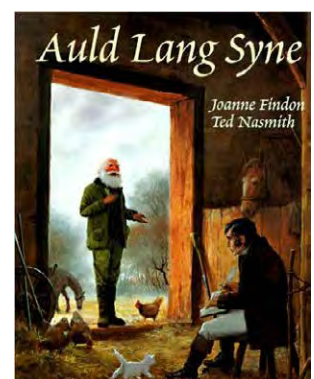
Happy Valentine's Day, Mouse!
by Laura Numeroff
Ages 4-8



My Luve's Like a Red, Red Rose
Poem illustrated by Ruchi Mhasane
All ages



Robert Burns and All That (Kindle Edition)
by Allan Burnett
Ages 7-9



Auld Lang Syne: The Story of Robert Burns
by Joanne Findon
Ages 6+

Did you find
all of the
hidden mice?



TCA Needs You

by Wally Turnbull, President

TCA exists to support its members but it can only exist with the support of its members. Welcoming in the new year is a good time to be reminded of all that Turnbull Clan Association (TCA) does for its members and to promote Scottish Clan Activities. James Turnbull (article page 2) tells us of the emotion felt from visiting Scotland and the Turnbull memorials found there. In 2014, TCA was able to dedicate the Bedrule Cairn because of help from clan members. The Turning of the Bull Monument, which stands as a magnificent reminder of the accomplishments of Border clans and especially of Clan Turnbull, is there because TCA and its members made it happen.

This year we want to expand the Turnbull presence at games and Scottish events everywhere. We are recruiting tent hosts and providing them with a basic kit to get more Turnbull tents up and running. To do that we need your help.

Dues contributions are voluntary but they are needed for TCA to serve you. Additionally, we need contributions to supply tent hosting kits to as many new hosts as we can recruit.

Please support your clan by contributing dues of \$24 per year and by contributing to the Tent Host Fund at www.turnbullclan.com. Your contribution of \$160 will cover the cost of a Tent Host Kit.

Together we can continue to make history and promote our rich heritage around the world.

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Above: Turnbull Vice-Presidents for Events, Claudia and Bill Trimble prepare a space for the Tent Host Kit supplies. Each Tent Host Kit contains a 96" vinyl Tent Banner, A Scotland Clan Map vinyl banner, Fatlips Castle vinyl banner, Turnbull Name Origin vinyl banner, Dress Tartan Flag, Binder of past Bullseye newsletters, Past Bullseyes for Turnbull visitors, the book *Rulewater and Its People*, Scottish Children's Books, and Scottish magazines.

It is Bill and Claudia's hope that they can add at least one new tent host each year. They are off to a good start with one new host in Wisconsin in 2016.

If you are interested in hosting a tent at a Highland games venue in your area, contact Bill and Claudia at events@turnbullclan.com. They are seasoned experts and anxious to help!