



The Tartan Day Fios



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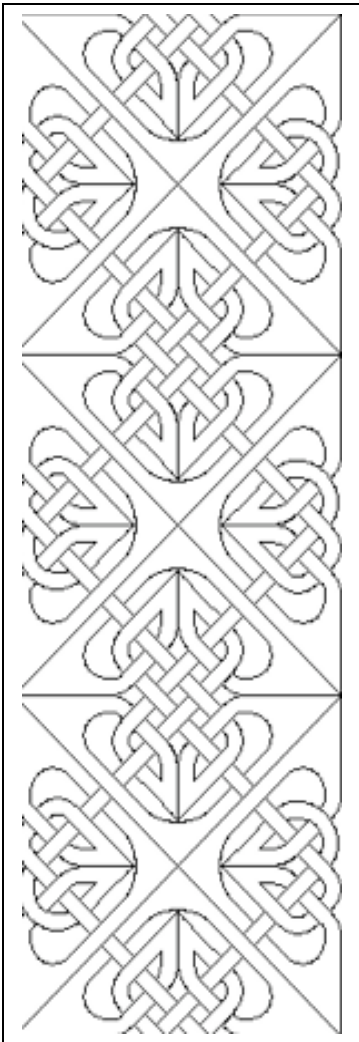
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Colorado Tartan Day Festival Celebrates Third Year in Olde Towne Arvada



The bagpipes and drums could be heard once more in McIlvoy Park in Olde Towne Arvada as the Colorado Tartan Day Festival got under way for the third year. The crowd was larger, the clan tents more numerous, and many a complementary word was heard throughout the day. The event was capped off by a dinner and ceiledh at the Elks' Club. The haggis, prepared by John Shields, was consumed in record time. The second annual Kitchen Piping Contest was held, followed by a concert performed by Angus Mohr. The celebrations continued late into the night.

Plans are already underway for Tartan Day 2012. Join us again at McIlvoy Park on April 14 for what we hope will be an even bigger festival.





CTDC in Photos



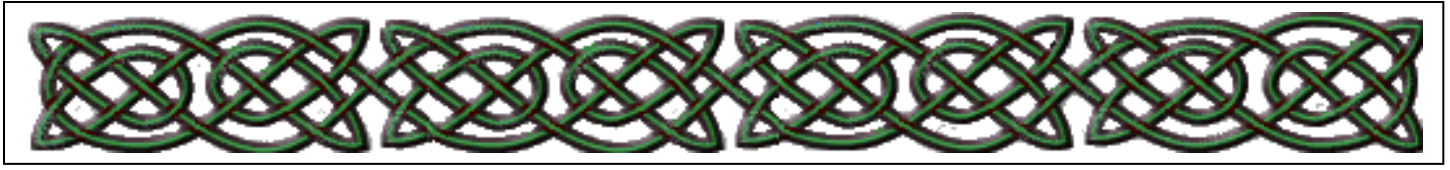
Members of the Colorado Tartan Day Council gathered at the Elizabeth Games July 17-18. From left to right: Chris Cunningham, Valerie Cunningham (CTDC President), Timm Herrod (Member at Large), Rob Roy (Vice President), Annalee White (CTDC Secretary), and Jamey White (Member at Large)



The Colorado Tartan Day Council at the Highland Tea Fundraiser, February 2011.

Members of the Colorado Tartan Day Council gather outside the Tartan Day tent at the Highlands Ranch Scottish Festival. From left to right: Larry Hay (Chieftan of St. Andrew Society of Colorado), Valerie Cunningham, Chris Cunningham, Sheryl Cunningham, Cory Waggoner, Annalee White, Jamey White, MontyWaggoner, PJ Roy, and Rob Roy.





The History of Tartan Day

People all over the world now celebrate the heritage of the Scots, but there is some confusion as to when these celebrations first occurred, where these celebrations first took place, and on which date each year we recognize Tartan Day.

On August 6, 1320 the Declaration of Arbroath was signed. The Declaration was in the form of a letter, sent to the Pope, intended to confirm that Scotland was to be seen as an independent, sovereign state. For that reason many people in the United States, Scotland, and Argentina observe Tartan Day on, or as near as possible to, April 6.

Some countries mark July 1 for their Tartan Day celebration, as July 1 marked the repeal of the Act of Proscription, which was a law forbidding the Scots from wearing the tartan. These countries include Australia and New Zealand.

Canada was actually the first country to observe Tartan Day in the mid 1980's, when Nova Scotia issued a proclamation calling on

all provinces to recognize April 6 as Tartan Day. This occurred in April of 1987.

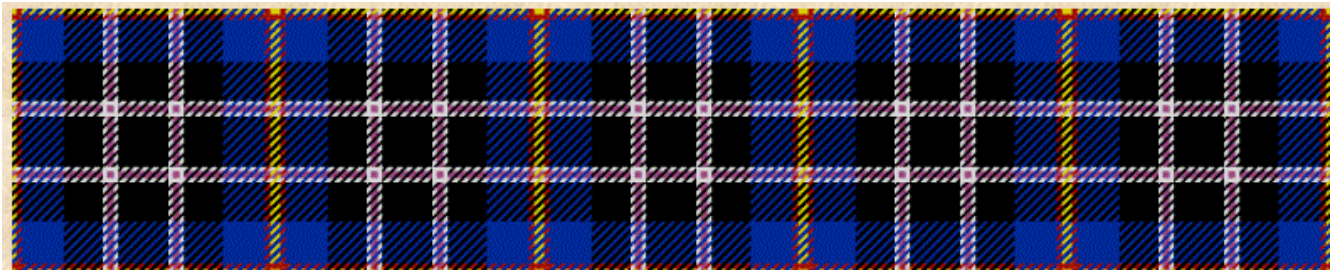
The first nationally observed Tartan Day in the United States was August 6, 1997, the first time that the contributions of the Scots were observed on a national scale. In 1998 U.S. Senate Resolution 155 recognized April 6 as National Tartan Day, followed by U.S. House Resolution 41 in March of 2005.

Regardless of the date on which it is celebrated, Tartan Day has become an international observance of the many contributions that those of Scottish heritage have made to the many countries in which they have settled. Wherever you might be on the next Tartan Day, may your celebrations be filled with piping, dancing, haggis, and a wee dram, but above all with honor and gratitude to the many Scots who have shaped your lives.



Upcoming Events

Longs' Peak Highland Games	September 8-11 Estes Park, CO
Highland Tea Fundraiser	October 1, 2011 (visit our website for details)
St Andrew Dinner and Ball	November 12 at Denver Merriott
Whisky Tasting/Angus Mohr (CTDC Fundraiser)	November 12 at Celtic Tavern



The official Colorado Tartan

Colorado Tartan Day Council

At the recent AGM the following individuals were elected to the various offices of our organization:

President: Valerie Cunningham

Vice President: Rob Roy

Secretary: Annalee White

Treasurer: Cory Waggoner

Members at Large: Timm Harrod, Jamey White