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Tartan Day NC at the Museum of History

A Scottish Celebration for the Old North State



April 5, 2019 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — The North Carolina Museum of History will host [Tartan Day NC](#) on Friday, April 12, National Tartan Day, and Saturday, April 13.

Organized by [Celtic Force Enterprises](#), Tartan Day NC is a FREE two-day celebration of bagpipes, Highland dancing, genealogy discussions, demonstrations, Scottish food, music, and a few surprises—all to present some of the best of Scotland and tell the story of Scots in North Carolina. Tartan Day NC is supported by founding sponsor Our State Magazine and presenting sponsor St Andrew's Society of NC

Did you know that North Carolina has the largest concentration of Scottish descendants in the country? Scottish culture is everywhere and has touched United States history profoundly. Nine governors in the original thirteen colonies were of Scottish descent, as well as over half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Alexander Graham Bell, Neil Armstrong, Arnold Palmer, and Woodrow Wilson are only a few examples of influential historical figures with Scottish descent.

Congressman Mike McIntyre, member of the U.S. House of Representatives from North Carolina's 7th district (1997-2015), will be in attendance. As a proud Scottish descendant, Congressman McIntyre has been a pillar of the Scottish community in North Carolina; he played an essential role in making Tartan Day a recognized holiday! Due to his immense work in recognizing and preserving Scottish culture, Congressman McIntyre's efforts have been honored by the Scottish government. His efforts will also be honored during Tartan Day, on the front steps of the museum on Saturday at noon.

Two special live video chats are planned for Saturday in Daniels Auditorium with members of Clanranald Trust for Scotland who have served as consultants and extras in the very popular Outlander TV series. Hear what it is like "behind the scenes" of this blockbuster series based on Scottish history.

Schedule of Events for Friday, April 12

- 10 a.m. Piping on the Plaza
- 10 a.m. Views and Sounds of Scotland
- 10:45 a.m. JV Hudson - Pipe Tunes
- 10:55 a.m. Dr. Bruce Durie - *Clans, Families & the Real Story of Tartans*
- 12:00 p.m. Welcome on the Plaza with Wake & District Pipe Band
- 12:30 p.m. Dr. Bruce Durie - Performing *Songs of the Jacobites Part 1*
- 1:20 p.m. The Kilt & How to Wear It
- 1:45 p.m. JV Hudson - *History of the Pipes*
- 2:20 p.m. Dr. Bruce Durie - Performing *Songs of the Jacobites Part 2*
- 3:00 p.m. Views and Sounds of Scotland

Schedule of Events for Saturday, April 13

- 10 a.m. Piping on the Plaza
- 10:15 a.m. Author Suzanne Adair - *The Price of Highland Scots' Loyalty to King George III at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge*
- 11:00 a.m. Live Chat with Scotland - Members of Clan Ranald Trust Talk about their experience on set of *Outlander* TV series
- 12:00 p.m. Welcome on the Plaza with special guest Congressman Mike McIntyre - *Generations of NC Scots*
- 12:30 p.m. Trip Rogers - *Music of Scotland*
- 1:40 p.m. Live Chat with Scotland - Members of Clan Ranald Trust Talk about their experience on set of *Outlander* TV series
- 2:30 p.m. Wake & District Pipe Band
- 3:00 p.m. The Kilt & How to Wear It
- 3:30 p.m. Views and Sounds of Scotland

*Scottish mentalist and forensic mind reader, [Colin Cloud](#) will be performing at the celebration.

About Celtic Force Enterprises

Celtic Force Enterprises was founded in 2006 after years of involvement playing, producing and promoting Celtic music. The company now provides the best in music, tours and productions. CFE also co-produces Tartan Day South in Columbia, SC, a highland games that is one of the fastest growing festivals in the southeast.

Additional Events

To further celebrate N.C.'s strong Scottish heritage, Diana Gabaldon, bestselling author of the popular "Outlander" book series, will visit two N.C. Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources attractions for

ticketed events April 26-28.

Tryon Palace Events, April 26-27

- Friday, April 26, Tryon Palace will host “An Evening with Diana Gabaldon,” featuring an Exclusive Cocktail Hour in the historic Commission House and formal dinner on the South Lawn, as well as remarks from Dr. Gabaldon. At 5 p.m., mingle with Dr. Gabaldon and VIP guests at an exclusive cocktail hour, limited to 75 ticket holders. Enjoy light hors d’oeuvres and select drinks, as well as preferred seating at the Dinner on the South Lawn. At 6 p.m., join Tryon Palace for an affair to remember with an Outlander-inspired meal on the picturesque South Lawn. Hear remarks from Dr. Gabaldon and enjoy select drinks at the cash bar. Formal attire. Tickets for the VIP event will be \$450/person; tickets for Dinner on the South Lawn only are \$300/person.
- Saturday, April 27, Tryon Palace is excited to present “A Q&A with Diana Gabaldon.” Join Dr. Gabaldon on the South Lawn of Tryon Palace from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to learn about her writing process, research, and how she chose to include Tryon Palace in her bestselling novels. Dr. Gabaldon will answer visitor questions while time permits. This event does not include autograph, photo, or book signing opportunities. Tickets for this event are \$35 for tent seating, \$25 for lawn seating.

Tickets for both events go on sale Monday, March 18 at 10 a.m. at www.tryonpalace.org.

Alamance Battleground Event, April 27

- Saturday, April 27, at 6 p.m. the Paramount Theater, 128 E Front St, Burlington, will host Diana Gabaldon for a talk and book signing. VIP tickets for this special event are \$100 and include an opportunity for an autograph from Dr. Gabaldon, and a photo using your own device. General admission tickets are \$50, and do not include a signed book or photo. Tickets go on sale March 18. Tickets are only available through eTix at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/12794> or by calling the Paramount Theater box office at (336) 222-8497.

Proceeds from all events will benefit the support group for each site.

For information about the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-814-7000 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#) or [YouTube](#).

About the NC Museum of History

The N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About Smithsonian Affiliations

In association with the Smithsonian since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History is part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share the Smithsonian's resources with the nation. Smithsonian Affiliations is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at www.affiliations.si.edu.

About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the NC Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the NC Arts Council, State Preservation Office, and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-814-6800 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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