

New Programs for 2016
scottish cultural village

of the grandfather mountain highland games

Located in the chieftain tent

We are proud to present another entertaining schedule at the Village for 2016. Experts in Scottish history and lore plus skilled demonstrators will share their unique knowledge on a myriad of topics. Every thirty (30) minutes, a new topic will enlighten you and enhance your enjoyment of our Games. Review the schedule below and mark those you don't want to miss. A brief bio of our experts and demonstrators follows the schedule. See you at *The Village!*



Receive a special **“Scottish Cultural Village Pin”** when you attend at least five (5) programs at the Scottish Cultural Village. Bring this program and get an official stamp in the spaces below for each session you attend. Get five (5) stamps and receive your commemorative pin while supplies last!



Friday

- 11:00 Men's Great Kilt.** — “So you're going to wear the great kilt, here's how!” All of the mysteries of the great kilt will be revealed through a wee chat and an entertaining demonstration. Discover why it looks fantastic on all men!
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- 1:30 Blacksmithing** — From the Hearth to the Battlefield: the Role of the Blacksmith in Scottish History. Learn what made the blacksmith a key figure in historical Scottish Life.
- 2:00 Scottish Tea Industry**—The Welsh, the Irish and the Scots all love their cuppa. (The Americans tossed theirs into Boston harbor!) The work day in the factories and offices revolve round the obligatory tea breaks. But what about the Scots and their part in the history of tea? America's household brand was thanks to an entrepreneurial Glaswegian whose motto was “From the Plantation to the Teapot.” Come to an audio visual presentation about Scotland and her Tea times.
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Scottish Cultural Village Experts and Demonstrators

The Village's list of experts and demonstrators is below. Don't miss an opportunity to hear and learn from this impressive group of individuals who will both entertain and enlighten you on all things Scottish.

Blue Ridge Brass / Pipes & Drums. The band was formed in 1985 at the request of the GMHG Board of Directors. Its purpose was to play the anthems for the opening ceremonies of the games and music for the worship service. The band is currently composed of fifteen brass players, six pipers and three drummers. They have played all opening ceremonies and worship services for the games since 1986 and have also performed at the National Cathedral Kirkin' of the Tartans, The Kennedy Center For The Performing Arts, Arlington National Cemetery and many other churches and highland games around the Southeast. The band is under the direction of James Laughridge who is also the composer and arranger for the band.

David Burress. David is owner and head smith at Calerin Forge and is a 3rd generation metal smith. David was the first blacksmith hired by the Biltmore House upon opening its historic horse barn. He and his son Caleb teach annually at the internationally acclaimed John C. Campbell Folk School during Scottish Heritage Week. He was formerly the blacksmith for the Village of Yesteryear at the N.C State Fair. He also teaches and holds regular classes at his own school (Calerin Forge Custom Iron and School of Ancient Crafts) in Balsam, N.C.

Dr. Bruce Durie. Bruce Durie is considered one of Scotland's top genealogists, with an international reputation. He is best known for his BBC radio series, "Digging Up Your Roots," as author of 30 books, including the best-selling "Scottish Genealogy" now in its 3rd edition, and for the much-acclaimed Postgraduate Program in Genealogical Studies at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. He is Shennachie (Genealogist and Historian) to the Chief of Durie, and to COSCA. Bruce is currently the Fulbright Senior Scottish Studies Scholar, researching Scots-American migrations at St Andrews University, Laurinburg, NC.

Pipers and Drummers. Enjoy hearing from an experienced piper and drummer. Members of the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming will talk about their instruments and share information about how the musicians communicate while playing. They will also answer your questions and perform a few tunes.

Larry Satchwell. Larry has been part of the Heavy Events since 1978. He retired from throwing in 2007 after 30 years. He is a certified Heavy Events judge and for the past several years it is his voice announcing from the field informing everyone about what is taking place during the throwing events.

Virginia Watson. Virginia is an award-winning costume designer who has been creating beautiful Renaissance and Medieval clothing for over 30 years. After her initial training in pattern-making for clothing, she trained under world famous boot maker and founder of Merrell Shoes, Randy Merrell. For a number of years she designed and made custom leather boots, handbags and leather garments in Potomac Leather Co., a company which she cofounded with her husband, Bill Watson. After many trips to Scotland and England, studying every piece of historical clothing she could find, Virginia found her true calling - making Celtic historical clothing. Twenty years ago, started another company, Wolfstone Kilt Company. Her latest collection, "The Mists of Time," is inspired by Scottish and French clothing, circa 1750s and it continues her business mission of, "Creating clothing for your romantic journeys through time."

Peter Wilson. Scottish born and raised, Peter Wilson is President of Great Scot International in Charlotte, NC. The company has been importing Scottish food and beverages for over 16 years and supplying trade and retail customers across the US. GSI is also heavily involved in the supply of tartan fabric and merchandise, representing a leading Scottish textile company in the US. GSI's websites are www.thescottishgrocer.com and www.thescottishweaver.com.

Mark Wrinkle. Mark has been participating in Highland Games as an athlete for approximately 15 years. He is the former Under 200 lb., 40-50 year old World Champion. He was also Athletic Director for Western KY Highland Games for several years and served as a commissioner for the Southeast Scottish Amateur Athletic Association for Kentucky.

The Event Director for the Scottish Cultural Village is Betty Johnson. If you have questions, comments or ideas for future programs, come by the Village or email her at: bettyj0415@gmail.com.