

Ste. Genevieve, Missouri Hosts First Ever Scottish Festival & Games



The small historic hamlet of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, nestled on the west bank of the Mississippi River, hosted its first ever Scottish Festival and Games over the weekend of April 7 & 8. Despite unseasonably cold weather and wind chill readings in the high 20s Fahrenheit, a great weekend was had by all the Scottish athletes, clan members, arts and crafts vendors, pipe and drum corps, and the numerous visitors from parts near and far. Attendees came from the nearby metropolis of St. Louis, MO, to the faraway cities of Memphis, TN and Kansas City, MO. Event organizers proclaimed it a resounding success!

Clan commissioners Bob Macauley (Southern Missouri) and Mike Macauley (Northern Missouri) were in attendance manning the Clan MacAulay tent. Despite being the first year for this festival, and a stiff, moist breeze blowing out of the east over the Mississippi River, Bob and Mike were thrilled with the turnout, especially the number of new MacAulays met.

The festival hours ran from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Saturday, and, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sunday. The parade of tartans wound its way for over a mile through historic, downtown Ste. Genevieve with locals lining the sidewalks to wave encouragement and support. The parade was led by a pipe and drum corp.

The MacAulay Clan booth featured information on several notable MacAulays, pictures of the Ardencaple castle and tower, and MacAulay Clan history. Copies of the latest clan newsletter were distributed to a number of visiting MacAulays who expressed interest in learning more about current clan functions.



The tent also featured the clan crest stamp for kids with passport books and some decidedly “non-periculum dulces” for the youngsters as well.

The newly acquired custom printed shower curtain served exceptionally well as a table cloth of focal interest for the tent! See picture below right. These can be obtained on-line through various vendors and are a practical, but impressive way to dress up a clan tent. With coupon, our 6' X 6' version cost less than \$50 and that included shipping.



All in all the weekend was an outstanding success! Some more pictures are shown below. They include pictures of new MacAulays met during the festival, the pipe and drum band making its way through the clan and artisan tent area and our impressive clan sword, MacScalibur! MacScalibur never fails to bring visitors to our tent. Feel free to call or email Bob or Mike if you want more information about how they plan and configure their tent.

The next function for Bob and Mike will be the St. Louis Scottish Games held September 28 and 29 in Chesterfield, MO, a suburb of St. Louis.



