

THE BURNETT BANNER

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM CRATHES!

Very best wishes for Christmas and 2011 to all Burnetts and Banner readers from all of us at Crathes. 2010 has been an eventful year for us with events of prominence including the visit by Alexander and Vinny to Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and our Theatrical production of Monboddoo the Musical. As reported in the last Banner, the US visit was a wonderful experience for Alexander and Vinny and they hope to be able to return to America before long. Monboddoo the Musical is something in which we have great faith and aspirations and of which more can be read further in this edition of the Banner.

I would like to thank all who have contributed to furthering interest in the name of Burnett and in particular those members of the House of Burnett and others who have helped in the organisation of events. Whilst Grandfather Mountain is important amongst gatherings, there are many others where the society has an impressive presence thanks to the hard work of many helpers. The number of Burnetts at Sloan's Valley (see picture below) is a testament to that effort.

One message that I do have for readers is that we do like to hear from you and receive material for the Banner. Whether it comes in the form of articles, art, photographs or whatever, all are welcome to send contributions.

We are working on the programme for 2013 and intend to have it drafted by the spring edition of the Banner

James C. A. Burnett of Leys



Sloan's Valley, KY

57 Burnett's at a gathering at the Burnett Pavilion. The pavilion was built by David C. & Alive Burnett of Cookeville, TN at their vacation property in Sloan's Valley, KY

NOTE FROM HOB SECRETARY

Greetings;

I survived the first Blizzard of the winter. The 14 inches of snow wasn't so bad but the cold 60 mile per hour wind out of Canada was brutal. I blamed it on Alex Burnett from Vermilion Alberta, Canada but he hasn't taken ownership.

Congratulations to Tony Burnett of Muncie IN. and BB McGinley of Edmond WA. who were elected to a 3 year term on the Board of Directors.

The Boards first official act of 2011 is the election of the Executive Officers, (President, Secretary and Treasurer), of the House of Burnett. If you wish to run for any of these positions, contact the President or the Secretary and your name will be placed on the Ballot.

January 1st is fast approaching and if you haven't paid your 2011 dues please do so. You can make check for \$20 payable to the House of Burnett and send it to the Secretary or pay thru PayPal on the Burnett website. When you pay your dues for 2011 you will receive a Burnett Lapel Pin. If you have paid and did not get your pin let me know.

It is time to start planning for the 2011 season and at which games we are going to have a representative. Please let me know what your plans are. I will try to get some new banners made and come up with other things of Family interest.

I have been advised of the passing of Corrine Dunkee, Dr. Clem Burnett and Thelma Kosty. I will be adding their names to the flowers of the forest at the Scottish Games I attend.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a great 2011.

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ESTES PARK FESTIVAL

Helen Stocksill and some of her family at the Estes Park visit the Hay tent at the Estes Park Festival. Pictured here with Rodney (Hay) Village GSA Scot from Loveland CO are L-R, Brenda Jackson, Ashley Gretencord (backrow) Helen Stockstill, Daylene Linville and Rhonda Wilson. Sadly two of her grand daughters who went to Scotland in 2009 did not manage to as they were in college. Helen reports that there were over 80,000 people at the festival.



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IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM HMS BELFAST

Following the Admiral Robert Burnett article which was included in the Banner, Mark Palumbo has a suggestion to anybody who arrives in London for the next gathering or at any other time. A visit to the Imperial War Museum-HMS Belfast is well worthwhile. It's docked near the Tower of London alongside the Tower Bridge. To his surprise, while watching the history channel, he saw a piece on his great Uncle Admiral Bob Burnett.



GEORGE MEAD

25 YEARS WITH BURNETT SOCIETIES

In recognition of 25 years of membership of the House of Burnett (including the former Burnett Society), George Mead was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation of the many years of service to the Society and contribution towards its activities through the participation in Scottish Games and other activities that highlight our Scottish Ancestry. The certificate was presented to George by Edward Burnett of Ventura, California on September 10th 2010 at the Seaside Highland Games, Ventura, California.



George became a Charter Member of the Burnett Society in 1985 and the accompanying picture, from an early BreaghBurnettGazette, was taken at the 1986 Santa Rosa Highland Games.



L to R- Norm Burnett, Tom Burnett, of Chamblee, Georgia, Tracy Wrekham, of San Jose, California, Rose Mead, George Mead, Katie Mead, of Santa Rosa, California, Elizabeth Patten, of Tacoma, Washington, Stephen Kampmann, of Fresno, California, Betty Burnett, Anna Hibshmann, of Plainfield, New Jersey, Alexander Burnett, Mary Dunklee, of Fresno, California, the Chief - James C.A. Burnett of Leys

ELMA ASH BIRTHDAY

Elma Ash, who we were so pleased to have at our 2009 Gathering together with her daughter Terry Wood and grand-daughter, Rachel Rogerson, celebrated her 80th birthday on November 19th with a surprise party thrown for her by her family. We wish her well and she is hoping that she will be returning to Scotland in 2013 with more of her family. There was no sign of her 80 years when she joined the walk up Scolty Hill in 2009 but we will understand if she prefers a less energetic option on the next visit. Best wishes from us all.



The family members in the photo below are as follows (left to right): Randy Wood, Terry Wood, Richard Wood, Rachel Rogerson, Joan Rogerson, Logan Wood, Erin Muscari, Elma Ash, Liz Hedges, Kyle Cost, Linda Miller, Cindy Hoefler, Dotty Copeland.



James C A Burnett of Leys

GLASGOW, KY HIGHLAND GAMES



*Pictured Left to Right:
James Burnette, Secretary Lee Burnett, James'
Sister, Dixie Burnett and Walt Burnett.
Walt passed away in Aug, 2010*



The Mass Bands putting on a Great show!

BARBARA CORINNE DUNKLEE

We were very sad to hear that Corinne Dunklee passed away on November 28th. It must be remembered that her late daughter, Mary, was arguably the founder of the House of Burnett.



Mary formed the Burnett society in the 1970 which eventually developed, with Clan Burnett inc into the House of Burnett. Corinne and her daughter Peggy came to Scotland to the 2009 Gathering and was one of the stars of the week. Despite her advanced years and her health, she stoically addressed all the events during the visit, refusing to make good use of the wheelchair that we had provided for her. Peggy confirms how much she loved her visit here and how much she enjoyed the Scottish music, dancing and other activities that were organized during those few days. We very much enjoyed her company. She will be greatly missed.

Barbara "Cori" Dunklee was born in Athens, Tennessee on October 2, 1929. She passed away in Sanger on November 28, 2010 at the age of 81.

She was the retired co-owner of Yosemite Coins & Antiques. She was an avid bowler and was a life member and past president (12 years) of the F.W.B.A. (Fresno Women's Bowling Association).



Barbara is preceded in death by her husband Howard, and her daughter, Mary. She is survived by her son Daniel Dunklee and his wife Peggy of Clovis; daughter Beverly Pursell-Mangus and her husband Chet of Sanger; four grandchildren-Chaunacey Dunklee, Christopher Dunklee, Shari Humphry, and Katie Pursell. Also nine great grandchildren-Jonathon Russell, Christopher Winzler, Maia Dunklee, Meghan Winzler, Hunter Russell, Terran Dunklee, Jocelyn Russell, Samantha Humphry, Sean McInerney.

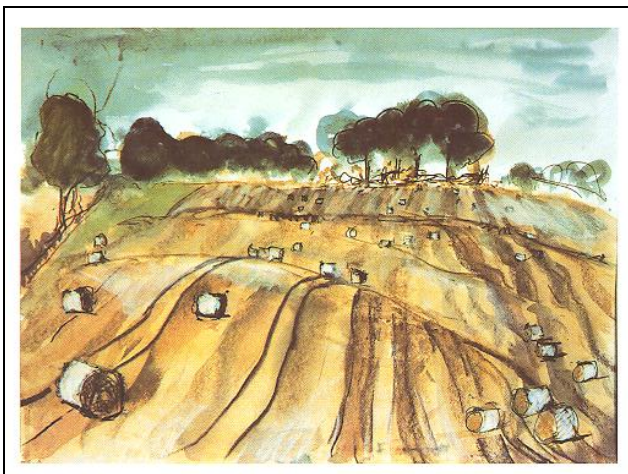
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BURNETT ART

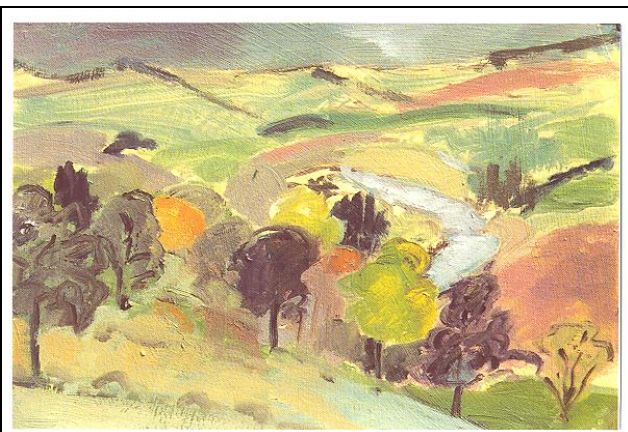
MARY BURNETT-STUART

Mary Burnett-Stuart is mainly a painter of landscapes, particularly the beautiful and as yet unspoilt countryside around where she lives near Huntly, Aberdeenshire in the Deveron Valley of Banffshire in north-east Scotland. Being a great admirer of two great Scottish artists, William Gillies and Dawyck Haig, both of whom painted the Border Country and the Tweed Valley, she tries, (inadequately so only she says), to look at the landscape as they did – not too literally – and to see shapes and colours that make the picture “work” so not all photographic. She particularly likes agricultural scenery with the marks and lines made by farm machinery and best of all straw bales. She paints still life too especially in the winter.

It was very sad that Mary’s husband, Joe, died earlier this year. A legendary scholar as head boy at Eton College, he later went on to head the bank of Robert Fleming and Co.



Straw Bales



Deveron – Spring

RACHEL ROGERSON

Hokkaido- Acrylic and graphite on canvas 2008
Rachel Rogerson grew up in Dallas, Texas and studied art at the University of North Texas. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 2008. Her artwork is often inspired by her travels and nature. Hokkaido was inspired by the courtship dance of the Japanese Crane. Traditionally, the crane is an allegorical figure and rendered literally. However, here the crane is depicted in a more expressive/abstract manner in order to emphasize the emotion their dance evokes, although the allegorical meanings, such as longevity and fidelity, still apply. We were very pleased that she came to the 2010 Gathering



Hokkaido- Acrylic and graphite on canvas 2008



Firmament - Oil on canvas 2010