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CLAN MUNRO ASSOCIATION, U.S.A.

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SPRING 2010



Clan Munro Gathering  
**Williamsburg,  
Virginia**

Thursday, October 7 -  
Sunday, October 10, 2010



## HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

The Clan Munro Association will gather at the **Williamsburg Hospitality House Hotel** beginning Thursday, October 7, 2010, with departures on Sunday, October 10, 2010. The hotel location information is as follows:

**Williamsburg Hospitality House Hotel**  
415 Richmond Road  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185-3536

Hotel reservations are the responsibility of each individual and cannot be accepted by the 2010 organizing committee. Room rates are lower this year, and we encourage you to book early. Please ask for the Clan Munro Association group rate of \$119.00 per night. Suites can be reserved for higher rates. Applicable taxes will be added. **The CMA rate is available only until September 6, 2010.** Keep in mind that the Hospitality House has the usual cancellation, no show, and early departure policies.

**Reservations can be made by calling: 1-800-522-2063 or 757-229-4020 by September 6, 2010.** Ask for the reservation office and identify yourself as a member of the Clan Munro USA Association. The fax # is 757-229-9557 in case it is needed. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. There is no availability to use the web to register.

## “A TASTE OF COLONIAL HOSPITALITY”

We look forward to hosting the Munros in America’s Historic Triangle, starting in Williamsburg, Virginia’s colonial capital. Faithfully preserved and restored, the historic area is now a town-sized museum, a living history experience. You can just picture the founding fathers striving to govern a colony on the verge of independence. Plan to come take a step into the past with your fellow clansmen and women!

Activities planned for the 2010 Gathering include a tour of reconstructed and restored buildings on the 301-acre historical area, and more than 500 buildings, some original 18th century structures; a lively interplay from an expert on James Monroe and his involvement at the College of William & Mary; authentic colonial fare at candlelit taverns, chances to shop, visit museums, and of course, the annual Banquet Saturday night; and the Kirkin O’ the Tartan on Sunday morning.

Attendees have several choices of airports: Dulles or Reagan in D.C., RIC in Richmond, Patrick Henry in Newport News (probably the closest), or Norfolk International. Check-in starts on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010 at the Williamsburg Hospitality House. The hospitality suite will be open all day to relax and catch up with old and new friends!

The Board will meet on Thursday morning. In the evening, the current Board of Directors will meet for dinner. Others can choose

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# DNA UPDATE

## CMA-USA Board approves donations

At the 2009 Gathering in Olympia, Washington, the Board recognized the need for more Scottish participation in the DNA Project. The view concerning one's family history is different for Scots since they already live in their ancestral homeland. It is hoped that Scottish Munros would be more willing to participate if their test were paid for and also open to sharing family information. With that idea in mind, the Board approved for those who are interested to donate to a fund established by CMA. The money would then be used as willing Scots are identified. If you would like more information, please e-mail one of us using our contact information below.

## Seeking descendants of Spence Monroe

As many already know, President Monroe had two daughters who survived him, but his son died as a child. We are seeking descendants of the President's father, Spence, who would agree to participate and hopefully be open to sharing family information.

## Name profiling web site

In the November/December, 2009 issue of *The Highlander* was an announcement about a web site <[www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames](http://www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames)> showing the concentration of surnames in the world. Data was used from telephone directories and national electoral registers for the period 2000-2005. Visitors to the site type in a last name and are shown which countries are heavily populated with people having that surname. For example, the results for Munro and Monroe are as follows:

<b>Munro</b>	Frequency per thousand
New Zealand	674.72
Australia	605.78
Canada	485.26
United Kingdom	318.48
United States	30.52
<b>Monroe</b>	Frequency per thousand
United States	185.44
Canada	14.21
New-Zealand	7.05
United Kingdom	7.05
Ireland	5.14

Additional data can also be learned from the web site.

Contact information with FT-DNA Have you stopped receiving e-mails informing you of your matches? If so, you need to edit your personal page on the FT-DNA web site and update your e-mail address.

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# Dr. James E. Monroe

## Chieftain of the Skagit Valley Highland Games



The Skagit Valley Highland Games was pleased to recognize and honor Dr. James E. Monroe of the Clan Munro, as its first ever Chieftain of the Games this July 11 and 12 in Mount Vernon, WA. Jim has been a tireless volunteer since the very first Skagit Valley Games were held at

Skagit Valley College in 1995, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Celtic Arts Foundation, the sponsoring organization of the Games, since 2002. Professor emeritus of biology at Skagit Valley College, Jim and his wife Jane have made their home in Mount Vernon for many years. In March of this year, the Celtic Arts Foundation Board of Directors established a new operational support fund called, the James E. Monroe Endowment Fund in his honor (additional information about and contributions to this fund can be found on the Foundation's website: <<http://www.CelticArts.org>>).

In addition to the Skagit Valley Highland Games, the Celtic Arts Foundation presents the Mastery of Scottish Arts concert at Benaroya Hall in Seattle each year, as well as the Winter School for Fiddling, Piping and Drumming. Performers and instructors primarily come from the UK, with renowned Canadian and US individuals participating as well.

Jim Monroe, or "Doc" as his friends call him, has been an integral part of the growth of the Celtic Arts Foundation and Skagit Valley Highland Games. His steadfast support, generosity and even-keeled leadership as a Board member have all contributed greatly to the successes we've enjoyed - and won the Celtic Arts Foundation many friends along the way.

As part of the Opening Ceremonies, the Celtic Arts Foundation awarded Jim with a custom hand-blown vase in the colors of the Munro tartan. Similar vases (also in the Munro tartan) were awarded to the winners of the Northern United States Highland Dancing Championships, held in conjunction with the Skagit Valley Highland Games. Fellow Board member and piper Tyrone Heade wrote a new 2/4 March pipe tune in honor of Jim titled "James E. Monroe, Chieftain." The tune was also presented to Jim as part of the opening ceremonies.

We congratulate Jim for this special recognition, and thank him for his passion for his Clan and his culture!

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*Submitted by Skye K. Richendrfer, Executive Dir. of the Celtic Arts Foundation, Mt. Vernon, WA*

## Proposed DNA study of cadet families

If you are a descendant of one of the cadet branches, please contact Charles Munroe. He is in the planning stages of a DNA study focusing on these families. The ultimate goal is to identify Scots who would be willing to participate in the study. Charles' contact information is as follows: ccmunroeii@msn.com tel: 805-905-8708