

Grandfather Mountain 2007

Fàilte gu Carolina a Tuath! [Welcome to North Carolina]

Come one, come all to the 9th Annual Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Song and Language Week, held at Lees-MacRae College, in Banner Elk, North Carolina, July 8, 2007 - July 13, 2007!

Come to the beautiful mountains of North Carolina, a state rich in Gaelic heritage. Enjoy Scottish Gaelic language classes for beginner, intermediate, and advanced speakers and singing classes covering a range of traditional Gaelic song forms, including waulking, or milling, songs and mouth music.

Other activities will include a cèilidh, a silent auction, viewing Gaelic videos, and hikes in the beautiful surrounding mountains. The workshop ends just as the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games are getting underway down the road at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain. As usual there will be a Gaelic tent at the games, and the North Carolina Gaelic Mòd will take place there on the Saturday of the Games.

The Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Song and Language Week is located at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina, in what is known as the “high country.” Banner Elk is located between Boone and Linville in western North Carolina. Lees-McRae College is close to the intersection of Highway 194 and Highway 184 in Banner Elk. The nearest airports are Tri-Cities, TN, and Charlotte, NC.

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Cò bhitheas a' teagasg? [Who will be teaching?]

Dr. Margaret Bennett was brought up on the isles of Skye and Lewis, in a household where singing, playing music, dancing and storytelling were a way of life. She has an M.A. in Folklore from Memorial University of Newfoundland and a Ph.D. in Scottish Ethnology from the University of Edinburgh. She is an accomplished researcher, folksinger, author and teacher. Margaret taught at

the School of Scottish Studies at the University of Edinburgh for a number of years. She currently lectures part-time at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow. She also holds an honorary Research Fellowship at the University of Glasgow School of Scottish and Celtic Studies. Margaret has published several prize-winning books and a number of articles.

Dr. Jamie MacDonald is a native of North Carolina and has spent many years studying Gaelic language and song. He was the first American to compete and win a prize at the Royal National Mòd in Scotland in Gaelic singing. Jamie has won medals at the Vancouver Mòd and at the U.S. Mòd, where he has won the men's Gold Medal four times. He earned his Ph.D. in Scottish Studies at the University of Edinburgh and has taught Gaelic and Gaelic song in Scotland and in the U.S. He is currently a member of the faculty at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia.

Beathag Mhoireasdan is a native Gaelic speaker from Uig in the Isle of Lewis. She has been involved for years in teaching Gaelic and Gaelic singing. Beathag has a particular interest in drama, and she has been involved in many plays and television shows as both actress and scriptwriter. She is a fluent Irish Gaelic speaker as well and teaches classes in Scottish Gaelic to Irish speakers. Beathag has served as a Gaelic translator and interpreter as well as adjudicator at many mòds and festivals, including the Royal National Mòd in Scotland, Mòd Vancouver, and the U.S. Mòd in Ligonier. For more information, go to Bethag's website at <http://www.beathag.com/>.

Cìsean [Fees]

All instruction, lodging for 5 nights and 3 meals a day from Sunday evening dinner to Friday lunch are included. There are options for tuition only for those not staying at the college and family members not attending classes as well.

Both single and double rooms are available and anyone wishing one can have a single room at the same price as a double. Cafeteria meals are quite good and provide a good selection to cater to most diets. A salad bar is offered at almost every meal and an ice cream bar is always available as well. Further meals and additional dorm room nights are available for a reasonable charge from the college for those staying for the Highland Games.

Clàr-Ùine [Schedule]

Check in will take place from 2:00 to 5:00 on Sunday afternoon. Dinner will be available for those who arrive before 6 pm. Classes will begin Monday and run through noon on Friday. There are a variety of special interest sessions being planned for the afternoon and opportunities for fellowship with other Gaelic learners in the evening.

