

## Clan Paisley at the Richmond Highland Games

After a four-year hiatus, the Richmond (Virginia) Highland Games opened to huge crowds on November 4-5, 2023. A new location and new dates posed some challenges, but Dorey Park in Henrico County was a beautiful and roomy venue. Diane Langston and Jenette Lineberger set up the Clan Paisley tent on Friday afternoon. On Saturday and Sunday, they were joined by Diane's son David Langston and his friend Amanda. The beautiful weather contributed to the crowds' enjoyment of the Tartan March, the Clan march, mass band, concerts, Clan tents, athletics, food, and merchandise vendors. For a small fee, people could bring their dogs and there were hundreds of all kinds parading through the crowds.

The Clan Paisley tent was busy. Twenty-two people stopped to talk. Three different individuals had a parent that was born in the town of Paisley, Scotland and were delighted to see our tartan on display. Children were excited to receive free Paisley Print felt stickers. Many wanted to buy the stuffed Scottish cow, but were vetoed by the parents! The coordinator of the Middle Tennessee Scottish Clans was next door in the Oliphant clan tent, and was glad to see Clan Paisley again! A Clan Malcolm/McCollum friend of retired Clan Paisley tent host Harvey McCollum stopped by to say hello. Unfortunately, no Paisley relatives came by to visit.

The Richmond games are fun, very well attended (clans, vendors, visitors) and are easy to access. I recommend that Clan Paisley make this an annual event. - Diane Langston



Jenette, Amanda, Diane, and David