



# The Elliot Clan Society

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Catherine Elliot Shaw



Hello all,

This edition is a little late getting to you for a couple of reasons. Firstly, I retired at the beginning of May after a rather frenetic year of finishing up several major projects. Secondly, we are still looking for a national newsletter editor so I am taking a crack at learning how to put one together. Many thanks to previous editor Tanya Hendsbee for providing me a template for the format.

In addition to the chapter reports, you will find information about this year's schedule of Games and Scottish events across Canada compiled by the Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC). As Clan Elliot has been a member for several years, there is a profile on this important organization in this issue.

Elsewhere in this issue, we mourn the sudden passing of Tom Elliott, past Chair of the British Columbia Chapter, with a brief tribute.

The Celebrations section profiles the publication of a new book by Ontario East/Quebec West member, John Trent, a former professor of political science at the University of Ottawa. Celebrations is an occasional series showcasing the special accomplishments and milestones of our Canadian members. If you have a story to share about yourself or another member, please send it along.

Finally, an interesting bit of history in which an Elliot figured prominently in the training of Canada's first female licensed pilot.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing summer.

Yours aye,  
Catherine

## CHAPTER REPORTS

### ONTARIO WEST

*Carole Nickels, Co-Chair reports:*

The Ontario West Chapter met April 7, 2018 for a spring lunch at the Mandarin Restaurant in London. Eighteen members were able to attend a buffet lunch and spend time with friends.

On May 12, 2018 the chapter held its fundraiser at St. Anne's Anglican Church in Byron and raised \$80.00 which will be used for chapter expenses. Tables are rented from the church and Elliot members sell gently used items that might be of use to new owners. The sale is an opportunity to promote the clan and attract new members.

#### **July 15, 2018**

A summer gathering at the Country View Golf Course near Chatham, Ontario will take place on July 15, 2018. All members and their families are invited to join us for a buffet supper which will be followed by our famous raffle. Proceeds from the raffle are used for chapter expenses. Family members are welcome to attend.

#### **September 16, 2018**

The Elliot Golf Tournament will take place September 16, 2018 at the Dorchester Golf and Country Club in Dorchester, Ontario. This will be the 9<sup>th</sup> tournament which is open to friends and family of the Elliot clan.

#### **November 10, 2018**

The Ontario West Chapter will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at the Church of St. Andrew Memorial at 55 Foxbar Road, London. This year we will pay tribute to our Canadian Veterans with a guest speaker from The Royal Canadian Legion, Vimy Branch 145 London. A pot luck lunch will be held followed by our raffle. All family members are welcome to join us.

Carole Nickels  
Co-chair

### ONTARIO EAST & QUEBEC WEST

*Bob Elliott, Chair reports:*

The Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec chapter has been on hiatus for the past 6 months. When Eve confirmed that her trip to Hungary would coincide with the usual date for the chapter's traditional lambfest, we decided to let it slide and see if there was any reaction from any one. As expected the result was nada, nothing, zilch. I suppose the current membership is looking for more exciting ways to spend their time.

So shortly, I will conduct a survey of the current membership to elicit a change in leadership going forward as well as perhaps propose some more exciting activities.

For certain, I will host a table for family and friends at the Robbie Burns Supper sponsored by NewCap Radio Live 88.5 FM, The Scottish and Irish Store in support of the Sens Foundation which will be held in late January 2019 at the Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club. Our home is available for a revival of the lambfest in the early summer of 2019 if sufficient interest builds by then. Chapter members are invited to send me an email or call and share your thoughts and advice.

### NOVA SCOTIA

*Tanya Hendsbee reports:*

The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo takes place in Halifax each year. Check website for more information: [nstattoo.ca](http://nstattoo.ca)

If you are interested in social gatherings of Nova Scotia Elliots, you can contact me at:  
[thendsbee#@eastlink.ca](mailto:thendsbee#@eastlink.ca) or (902) 435-6111.

## IN MEMORIUM

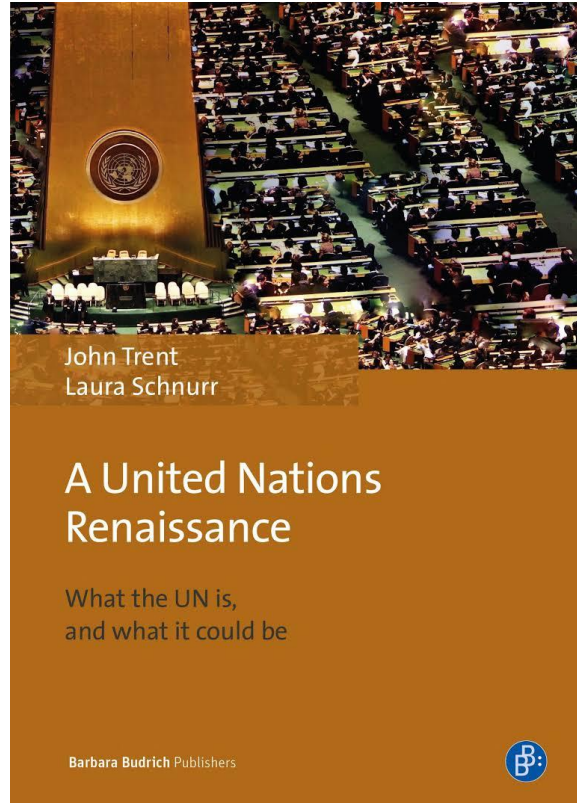
### TOM (THOMAS WESTLEY) ELLIOTT JULY 19, 1941 - DECEMBER 25, 2017

The Elliot Clan Society of Canada sends its sincere sympathies to the family of Tom Elliott, past Chair of the British Columbia Chapter. Tom is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Bente, children Lori (Clint) Hiscoe, Terri (Tom) Fugel, Wes (Julie) Elliott, and Cori (Nassim Tabri) Elliott, his much beloved grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Tom worked various jobs as a welder, small business owner, operator of a silver and gold mine, and realtor. At the age of 65 he “unretired” himself and started on another journey which took him all over North America delivering recreational vehicles. Tom’s passions were travelling with his family, camping, golfing, curling, and fishing and hunting. He was a member of the Coldstream Lions Club and the Rotary Club. Some of Tom’s greatest joys were watching his grandchildren in all of their activities, making Christmas cookies with them, or road hunting. Tom’s favourite time of the year was Christmas and he was known to play Santa Claus on occasion.



Daughter Cori, Chief Margaret, Tom and Bente Elliott at the Elliot Clan Gathering in Newcastleton, 2009.

## CELEBRATIONS!



Ontario East/Quebec West member John Trent is the co-author of a new book on the United Nations and its potential to manage the big global issues of our time, such as climate change, terrorism, sustainable development and human rights. The United Nations is well-placed for this, but the book explores the major changes required for it to be capable of effectively governing the world.

Here's what others have said about the book:  
"This book makes clear why this is such an important cause for our time. And its focus on mobilizing young people to the cause is a worthy recommendation."  
– Lloyd Axworthy, Past President, University of Winnipeg, former Foreign Minister of Canada

"A concise, crystal clear, superbly informed explanation of how the United Nations works – and why it matters." – Michael Byers, Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law, University of British Columbia

Congratulations John!

## AN ELLIOT IN CANADA'S EARLY AVIATION HISTORY

In the early 1920s, Jack V. Elliot operated an airline out of Hamilton, Ontario, providing passenger service and flights for people eager to experience the thrill of being among the clouds.



Photos: [thisdayinaviation.com](http://thisdayinaviation.com)

By 1925, he opened his own flying school and one of his pupils was Eileen M. Vollick. She had watched fascinated as the aerodrome, hangars, and runway were built near her home and became obsessed with not only the desire to fly and but also a career as a pilot. Many of the positions were taken by First World War veterans of the Canadian Air Force (later Royal Canadian Air Force). By the end of the decade however, the federal government was encouraging the creation of flying clubs to provide learning opportunities for civilians.

Having reached the required age of nineteen years, Eileen quickly began her lessons in a Curtiss JN-4 biplane, although she needed to sit on cushions to reach the controls! To prove her fearlessness, she even made a parachute jump off the wing (with another pilot at the helm) into the waters of Hamilton Bay 850 metres below. In March of 1928, after 16.5 hours of instruction, Eileen Vollick became Canada's first licensed woman pilot. She never realized her dream of being a commercial pilot however as, later that year, she married and moved to Elmhurst, New York.



After a successful period flying men, materials, and mail into northern Ontario, the Jack V. Elliot Air Service merged with the local International Airways.

### Newsletter Editor Needed

As you read in the President's Report on the front page, the Canadian region needs a new national newsletter editor immediately. We normally publish two issues a year of approximately 8 pages. If you have computer skills and are interested in this position, I'd love to hear from you.

Catherine Elliot Shaw

## CLANS AND SCOTTISH SOCIETIES

CASSOC was established in 1975 as a link between various clans and Scottish societies to promote the celebration of Scottish cultural heritage. It embraces history, music, dance, poetry, song, legend, sports, military tradition, costume, custom, culinary art, tale telling and the family structure, both Highland and Lowland.

Its members include: clans and family associations; social clubs; sports associations; Highland Games committees; Highland and Country Dance Associations; academic groups; historical, cultural and linguistic organizations; and Scottish regiments and their associations.

CASSOC supports the observances of traditional feast days and special occasions in Scottish cultural history and was instrumental in creating Tartan Day (April 6) in Ontario, following its origination in Nova Scotia in the late 1980s. The date was chosen as the anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, the Scottish declaration of independence. Tartan Day was officially recognized by the Government of Canada in 2010.

CASSOC publishes a quarterly newsletter *An Drochaid* (The Bridge) to provide information on gatherings, meetings, community and clan events. Each issue contains a variety of articles including news from Scotland, genealogical research, historical figures, recipes, and even Gaelic wedding vows.

To learn more about Scottish culture and history, visit the CASSOC website: [cassoc.ca](http://cassoc.ca)

## OF CANADA (CASSOC)



Ontario Central Chapter President Paul Elliot and his wife Wendy at the CASSOC Tartan Day Ceilidh 2017.



**SCOTTISH EVENTS ACROSS CANADA IN  
(COURTESY OF CASSOC – CLANS AND**

**2018  
SCOTTISH SOCIETIES OF CANADA)**

July 11 – 15  
Festival of the Tartans  
New Glasgow, NS

August 5  
Montreal Scottish Festival & Highland Games  
Verdun, QC

July 14  
Kamloops Highland Games  
Kamloops, BC

August 7 – 12  
Clan MacRae Gathering  
Niagara Falls and Guelph, ON

July 14 – 15  
Fort Edmonton Highland Games  
Fort Edmonton, AB

August 10 – 12  
Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games  
Fergus, ON

July 20 – 22  
Orillia Scottish Festival  
Orillia, ON

August 10 – 12  
Goderich Celtic Roots Festival  
Goderich, ON

July 21  
Cambridge Scottish Festival  
Cambridge, ON

August 10 -12  
Margaree Highland Games  
Margaree Valley, Cape Breton, NS

July 27 -29  
New Brunswick Highland Games  
Fredericton, NB

August 18 – 19  
Annual Festival of Cape Breton Fiddling  
Gaelic College, Cape Breton, NS

July 28  
The Foothills Highland Games  
The Foothills, AB

August 24 – 25  
Greenbridge Celtic Folk Fest  
Keene, ON

August 3- 4  
Glengarry Highland Games  
Maxville, ON

August 25  
North Lanark Highland Games  
Almonte, ON

August 4  
Annual Highlands Village Day Concert  
Iona, Cape Breton, NS

August 31 – September 3  
Carruthers Clan LLC Gathering  
London, ON

August 31 – September 2  
Clan Munro USA & Canada Gathering  
Halifax, NS

September 1  
Calgary Highland Games  
Calgary, AB

September 1 – 2  
Canmore Highland Games  
Canmore, AB

September 2  
Scottish Studies Foundation –  
Tall Ships Cruise  
Toronto, ON

September 7 – 9  
Festival Celtique de Québec  
Québec, QC

September 8 – 9  
The Beach Celtic Festival  
Toronto, ON

September 8  
Trenton Scottish-Irish Festival  
Trenton, ON

October 5 – 13  
Celtic Colours in Cape Breton  
Cape Breton, NS

November 24  
St. Andrew's Society Toronto Charity Ball  
Toronto, ON



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