

## THE GLENALADALE FESTIVAL 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Glenaladale Festival ran from June 25 to 3 July 2022 to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of the 1772 Glenaladale Settlers in St. John's Island (PEI). The Festival took place at the Glenaladale Estate at 257 Blooming Pt Rd, at the Tracadie Cross Community Centre, St Bonaventure Church, and the Early French and Scottish Cemetery.

Glenaladale Heritage Trust spearheaded the Festival with PEISSHS members Carl MacDonald and Myrna Babineau serving on the planning committee. A wonderful programme of all things Scottish was set out, including Highland sports, film screenings, whiskey tasting, workshops and lectures, book launches, a closing tartan dinner and Memorial Mass, and of course lots of music..

PEISSHS members Catherine MacDonald, Marc MacDonald, Myrna Babineau, and Dan McAskill all gave lectures. The PEISSHS had a book launch of our second edition *Glenaladale Settlers 1772* and we also played a big part in the daily genealogy gatherings.

Everyone attending seemed to really enjoy themselves and gave nice comments to all. Although the weather wasn't great, there was a warm feeling about the whole week from celebrating and being with our Scottish kinfolk.



*Practicing Some Highland Dancing (Wm Thompson)*



*Participants in Table Weaving Workshop*



Left:  
*Poster for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the Festival. The Barra MacNeils gave it their all to a sellout crowd opening night. (Hannah Morgan)*



*Pipers from College of Piping & Celtic Performing Arts prepping for the opening ceremony. (D. MacDonald)*



*Provincial archaeologist Erin Montgomery showing artifacts to Kenzie MacDonald, a direct descendant of Capt. John MacDonald of Glenaladale. (D. MacDonald)*



*84<sup>th</sup> Highland Regiment of Foot re-enactors at Capt. John MacDonald's cairn, Early French & Scottish Pioneer Cemetery. (M. Babineau)*



*Visitors to the Festival: Scottish author Angus MacDonald with Ottawa resident and ardent piper Donald MacDonald. Scotland's foremost tartan historian Peter MacDonald examining a piece of original Glenaladale tartan. (M. Gallant)*



*Paddle Canada added a special element to the Festival, paddling the Hillsborough River from Charlottetown then retracing the portage which ran to Tracadie Bay via Glenaladale. What a wonderful tribute to The Ancestors! (H. Morgan)*