

San Antonio Area Attractions

The Alamo – 10 min walk from our hotel!

Riverwalk – our hotel is there! Shops, restaurants, markets, art, and history.

Spanish Missions – there are 5 in town.

Hop-On Hop-Off Trolley Tour

Boat Tours

Historic Market Square

Briscoe Western Art Museum

Paris Hatters – famous custom hat shop at Broadway and Houston Streets, right around the corner from the Alamo.

Japanese Tea Garden

Historic Pearl Brewery

La Villita Historic Arts Village

Tower of the Americas, McAllister Park

SeaWorld & Six Flags – amusement parks.



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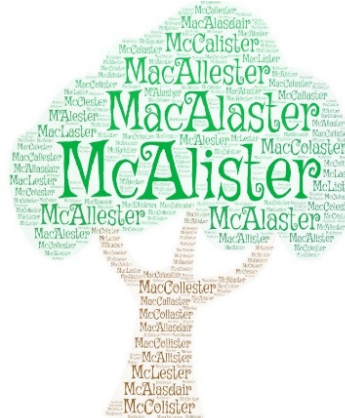
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About Our Clan

Clan Alasdair (the MacAlasdairs) descends from Somerled, 12th-century Lord of Argyll, through his grandson Donald, who founded the mighty Clan Donald (the MacDonalds).

Clan Alasdair eventually had four separate branches: the McAlesters of Loup (the chiefly family), the MacAlisters of Tarbert, the Macalisters of Glenbarr, and the Alexanders of Menstrie, whose name was anglicized after they migrated to the Lowlands in the early 14th century.

Lynn C. McAlister, Clan Historian
M.A. (Scottish History, University of Aberdeen), FSA Scot
<http://macalisterhistory.com>



Master of Ceremonies – Bob Weenig

Registration Chair – Jean Stewart

Genealogy Chair – Frank McAlister

Bazaar – Rebecca Aulvin

Planning – Jeanie McAlister, Elizabeth

Morgan, Bob Weenig, Frank McAlister,

Jean Stewart, Mike Stewart

2024 Biennial Gathering

Clan McAlister of America



**Holiday Inn San Antonio
Riverwalk**

San Antonio, Texas

October 17 – 20, 2024

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00-5:00 pm Tour San Antonio on your own

2:00-5:00 pm Registration

2:00-5:00 pm Hospitality Room Open
(Bolero)

See old friends, make new ones, get reacquainted, catch up on the news, bring a snack and a drink, hang out. Talk with our genealogy and DNA researchers.

5:00 Dinner on your own

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We will have a **memorial service** on Saturday for those members who have passed away since the previous Gathering. If you have a recently deceased loved one, please check to make sure that we have him or her listed so that we can honor the passing.

If you have a **Genealogy or DNA question**, please jot it on a note card and give the Genealogy card to Frank or the DNA card to Nancy so that we can research these and get back to you!

Don't forget to visit the **craft and bazaar table** in the back of the Conference room. If you see something you like, snap it up or it will be gone! Anything left by Saturday afternoon may be auctioned at the end of that session.

PLEASE NOTE: We will be documenting this Gathering for our website and journals. If you prefer **NOT** to be included in video or audio recordings, contact Mike Stewart and he will make sure to adhere to your wishes. Otherwise, we will assume that you consent to possible publication. Thanks!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Welcome to San Antonio and the 19th Biennial Gathering of our McAlister Family!

9:00 – 9:15 **Opening Session**
Announcements
Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome to San Antonio

9:15 – 10:45 Family Introductions

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:30 **Publishing Your Family
History on Amazon** – Hal
McAlister

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:00 – 1:30 **Entertainment –
Alma de Jalisco Mariachi**

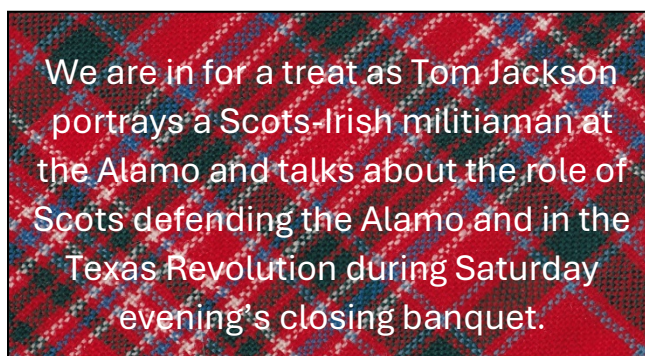
1:30 – 2:30 General Membership Meeting

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 – 3:45 **Y-DNA – Making Men Feel
Important since 300,000 BCE** –
Jim Brewster - Subject Matter
Expert at FamilyTreeDNA

4:00 – 6:00 Hospitality Room Open (Bolero)

6:00 pm Dinner (on your own)



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 – 9:30 Announcements

9:30 – 10:00 **Entertainment – Bluebonnet
Scottish Country Dancers**

10:00 – 11:00 **Scottish McAlisters** –
Hal McAlister

- Introduction to *Scotland's People* research tool
- Glenbarr Abbey Status

11:00 – 11:15 **Whisky Trails and Tartan
Tales** (Three McAllister Sisters)
– Jamie McAllister Blanchard

11:15 – 11:30 Memorial Service

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:00 – 2:15 **Y-DNA Analysis of Virginia
Pioneer James McCallister
(J04)** – Jim Brewster & Bill
McAllister

2:15 – 2:30 Installation of CMA Board of
Directors

2:30 – 3:30 Auction

3:30 Free Time

5:30 **Entertainment –
San Antonio Pipes & Drums**
Piping in the Haggis

6:00 **Closing Banquet
Entertainment – Tom Jackson**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00-9:30 **Kirkin' of the Tartan (Bolero)** –
Elizabeth Morgan, Chaplain