



#Year of Stories starts January 2 in the [Kilted Ancestors Facebook group](#). We ring in the new year with an overview of some of the drop-in sessions we have on tap throughout the year to get you fired up and ready to share the stories of your Scottish ancestors.

Each month throughout the year will have a dedicated theme and each week, Clare and I will give you a prompt to help you along in getting your stories written down. Then each month, we will have a guest (or two) dropping by to help you even further.

Monthly topics:

Jan – Folklore
Feb – They moved to Scotland
March – They Left Scotland
April – Crime Stories
May – Police Stories
June – Skeletons & Scandals
July – Weaving & Textiles
Aug – Mining
Sept- Steel Works & Ships
Oct – Retail & Shopping
Nov – Food & Recipes
Dec – Scottish Drinks

All of these events are free. Spread the word. The more the merrier.



As well, we have four conference events happening throughout 2022. Each conference has a theme, and the speakers will give presentations based on that theme. The plan for the year is:

19 March - Emigration/Immigration

Speakers & Topics:

Dr Marjory Harper - Voices of the Diaspora

Dr Keir Strickland - Excavating the Highland Clearances

Jessica Evershed - The Highland & Island Emigration Scheme Database

Christine Woodcock - Scots in Atlantic Canada

18 June - Crime and Punishment

Speakers & Topics

Donna Moore - The Lock Trilogy: historical crime fiction novellas

Chris Paton - The Mount Stewart Murder

Robert Howie - The Story of Jekyll & Hide (Deacon Brodie)

Roddy Greig - Fife FHS Kalendar of Convicts

10 Sept - Industry/Occupations

Speakers & Topics

Stephen Clancy - Paisley Weavers

Justin Parkes - Scottish Steelworks and the Coal-fired Ironworks Industry

Irene O'Brien - My Ancestors Was... Researching Ancestor Occupations

Neil Fraser - Historic Scotland's Industry Collections

**10 December - Uniquely Scottish
Speakers and Topics**

Paula Duncan - Kilt Making as a Heritage Craft

Nick Fiddes of DC Dalgleish - All About Tartan

Carol Jackson - Ellis Gin

Chef Gary MacLean - Scotland's Larder

Registration opens January 2 for the these quarterly #YS2022 #KiltedKulture conferences. You can register for one, all four or mix and match to suit your interests. Each conference is £10 (\$17cad)

Just an FYI that if you book for all four events, you will be invited to a FREE event on October 15th to help you put your stories together so that they can be shared with others and across the generations.

For more on the speakers visit: <https://www.genealogyvic.com/>