

HIGHLAND PARK CAIRN

Memorial dedicated to the victims and heroes of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania

The Merriam Webster Dictionary defines “cairn” as:

cairn \ˈkarn\ *n*: a heap of stones serving as a memorial or a landmark

Cairns have a history for being memorials to honor the dead that goes back to ancient Africa, Egypt, Israel, Jerusalem, South America and almost every other country in the world. Examples of cairns are: The pyramids of Egypt and Stonehenge of England.

Project Description: Clan Gregor American Southwest, a regional genealogical and historical clan supporting Scottish history, proposes to construct a “cairn” (memorial) dedicated to the victims and heroes of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

Project Location: Because cairns are typically built on the highest point, the cairn will be placed in Highland Park, a pastoral setting that also resembles the homeland of Rob Roy McGregor (descendant of Kenneth McAlpin, the original king of Scotland), in the Glen Gyle area of Scotland. The United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence have a strong basis in Scottish history. The cairn will be constructed in the center of Highland Park (bounded by Coty, Gilbert, Wyandotte and Olive Streets) on a hill that can be seen from all sides of the park.

Cairn Details: The cairn will be built by brick and stone masons and volunteers. The cairn will consist of donated rocks from every state, from the Twin Towers remains, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. Rocks donated from the local Shreveport-Bossier area will be especially appreciated. Each rock will represent a dedication. The rocks will be set in mortar. The cairn will also contain a time capsule that will include the names of the rock donors and their dedications. The cairn will be approximately 8 feet tall, with a base diameter of 5 foot square. The cairn will contain from 3,000 to 5,000 rocks.

Examples of cairns in Scotland

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Public Service Announcement

Vernon Love, Bagpiper and Project Director for the Shreveport Highland Park Cairn dedicated to the Victims and Heroes of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on New York, Pentagon, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania) will accept the Native American Medicine Wheel from Jeweler and Silversmith Larry Perry who finished the Wheel after Jerry Fairbanks a Chippewa Native American, Jeweler and Silversmith who died in 2008.

The Presentation will be September 4, 2010 at 1 o'clock P.M., in Greenwood, Louisiana at the Greenwood Flea Market at Turquoise Trader Booth number 135. A 480 lb beam from the South Tower of the World Trade Center and memorabilia from some of the victims with local ties will be on display there every week end in August and the 4th and 5th of September. Everyone is encouraged to bring and donate a rock to be used in the building of the Cairn..

On September 11th, 2010 at 11am, Chief Shalala of the Choctaw-Apache Tribe(Native American Metal of Valor recipient, Viet-Nam U.S Army Veteran and Purple Heart Recipient), will have a 911 memorial Service and direct Native American Blessings for Victims and Heroes of 911, and the Native American Medicine Wheel. The Memorial Service will be at the Choctaw- Apache Center at 35 Lonnie Rd, Zwolle, Louisiana. Everyone is encouraged to bring and donate rock to be used in the building of the Cairn.

The Choctaw-Apache Community of Ebarb is located in Western Sabine Parish and includes in its Ancestral Territory the Municipalities of Converse, Noble, Gray Hill, Blue Lake, and Ebarb. Officially recognized by the State of Louisiana in 1978, the Tribe is the second largest of eight officially recognized American Indian groups within the State. The tribe is currently seeking Federal recognition by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

For more information and to provide volunteer and to donate rocks for the **Highland Park Cairn**, call **Vernon Love**, Cairn Project Director and Vice President, Clan Gregor American Southwest, 318-226-1522. Rock drop off points: Turquoise Traders, Greenwood Flea Market booth 135, Greenwood, Louisiana, ph 318-736-6059; Choctaw-Apache Tribal Center, 35 Lonnie Rd., Zwolle, Louisiana, Ph 318-645-6757. Rocks should be about 10 to 12 inches in diameter.