



KUTZTOWN PIPE BAND



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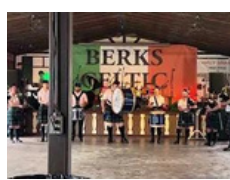
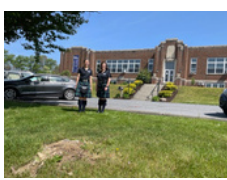
Welcome to our second quarterly newsletter! The KPB has been busy with some awesome events. In April, we had a professional photo shoot. May found us piping at Albright College Commencement, the West Reading Armed Forces Day parade and the Kutztown Memorial Day parade. Our educational outreach program 'Learn About Bagpipes' was presented to the students of The King's Academy. We ended June with three tune sets at the Berks Celtic Fest at the Reading Liederkrantz. Free intro to piping classes start Thursday, September 21st! Contact laura@kutztownpipeband.com



Where to catch us

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mon. July 31st - Kutztown Celtic Session (KCS) at the K'Town Pub 5-7 PM (tentative)
- Sun. August 13th - 2nd Annual Bagpipes at the Bandshell (Kutztown Concert Series at the Kutztown Park Bandshell) 4-6 PM
- Thurs. Sept. 14th - Bagpipes Calling 7:00 - 9:00 PM Kutztown Univ. Schaeffer Auditorium
- Fri. Sept. 22nd - "The Wall that Heals" Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Candlelight Vigil Kutztown Park - Time TBD



MEET *a Member*



Let's meet our Founder and Pipe Major!

- 1) **What is your full name?** *Laura Ann Sherrod*
- 2) **What is your current hometown?** *Kutztown, PA*
I am originally from Michigan, but grew up all over the country, including OK, TX, CA, TN & MN
- 3) **What is your vocation?** *Professor of Geology at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania*
- 4) **How many years have you been playing bagpipes?**
I started chanter class in 1996 in Kalamazoo, MI
- 5) **Why did you decide to play? What was your inspiration?**
I had always loved the bagpipes and my mom discovered that the local pipe band (Kalamazoo Pipe Band) offered FREE bagpipe lessons. My mom signed me up and I worked my way toward becoming part of the band and eventually participating in their teaching program.
- 6) **Have you ever been to Scotland?** *My mom took me to Scotland the summer after I graduated high school (1998). We spent a week in Ireland and three days in Scotland. The country is spectacular, and I hope to return someday soon.*
- 7) **Do you play any other instruments?** *I play flute, smallpipes, and uilleann pipes. Laura is too humble to say that she also plays piano and oboe, and has tinkered with numerous other instruments!*
- 8) **What is your favorite pipe band tune?** *"Steam Train" for the Kutztown Pipe Band because of the effort everyone has put into it. I am also a huge fan of the piobaireachd "MacCrimmon's Sweetheart".*
- 9) **Tell us about your best and/or worst piping experience.** *My best piping experience was [Bagpipes at the Bandshell 2022](#). This event was the 5-year anniversary concert of the Kutztown Pipe Band (established 2017). Every single member of the band played their best at that event, and we had an excellent audience. (Click text to view the concert!!)*
- 10) **Is there anything else you would like to share?** *Thank you to Diana Cook for creating the KPB Newsletters!*

New Feature!!!

Each edition of the newsletter will feature a band member, to help you get to know us better!



In late June, an aggressive cow was loose in Kutztown. It was even seen disappearing into the brush where we held our photo shoot. We had some fun with the news, hoping we gained a new band member. Let this blurb serve as a memorial to the cow, who was deemed dangerous and was euthanized.



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The Kutztown Pipe Band was awarded a 2022- 2023 Juniper Fund Grant by the Berks County Community Foundation. The funds are being used to augment our Educational Programs


(Learn About Bagpipes and Bagpipes Are Calling)
Special thanks to Diana Cook for leading the effort!

KUTZTOWN PIPE BAND

PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT, EDUCATION, AND INSTRUCTION WITH THE GREAT HIGHLAND BAGPIPES

Founded in 2017, the Kutztown Pipe Band is both a student group at Kutztown University and a non-profit community group in the Borough of Kutztown. Band members include faculty and staff from Kutztown University, staff and students from Kutztown Area School District, and residents of the Borough of Kutztown and nearby communities. Each band member is at a different stage in the journey to becoming proficient at the bagpipes and pipe band percussion. We are a learning and performing band that offers bagpipe and drumming instruction to anyone wishing to join the band and embark on the lifelong journey to mastering the Great Highland Bagpipes.




DID YOU KNOW?

- *KPB has its own Youtube channel 
- *You can learn a lot about us on our website www.kutztownpipeband.com
- *We are available for educational demonstrations, parades, festivals, weddings, funerals and memorial services (and lots of other events, too!)
- *We need drummers!!!
- *We have a celtic session group - See KCS corner
- *Catch our summer rehearsals at the Kutztown University softball fields - Thursdays 7:00 - 8:30 PM (through mid August, weather permitting)

CONTACT US:

Questions/Comments - friends@kutztownpipeband.com
Instruction/educational Outreach - laura@kutztownpipeband.com
Performance/band Manager - manager@kutztownpipeband.com

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- ✓ Donate - We are a 501c3 non profit, so all donations are tax deductible. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how.
 - ✓ Spread the word about our band to family and friends
 - ✓ Contact us if you're willing to carry our banner in parades!
 - ✓ Do you know of anyone interested in receiving our emails? Have them contact friends@kutztownpipeband.com
 - ✓ Learn to play the pipes or join our drum corps
 - ✓ Subscribe to our Youtube channel here 
- You can follow us on  and 

KCS CORNER

The Kutztown Celtic Session is a branch of the Kutztown Pipe Band which started in 2022 as a weekly session practice for our multi-instrumentalist band members. Our current session group members bring talent on acoustic guitar, fiddle, flute, smallpipes, uilleann pipes, vocals, whistle, and more! The KCS hosts weekly open sessions each Monday, welcoming anyone who has a love of Celtic music. Contact us at Laura@kutztownpipeband.com if you'd like more information about these sessions.

Catch us monthly at the K'Town Pub!

Next Date: 7/31 (tentative)

Watch a bit here!



Didn't get to see us? Click videos below:

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