

A New Stone Of Scone With A New Destiny



Kari and Warren MacLeod with their Stone of Scone

Interest is rapidly growing in a new international initiative focussing on a stone carving inspired by the ancient Picts. The Sconestone, which has been carved by Scottish-Canadian sculptor Warren MacLeod, travelled in August to Scone Palace, the

Crowning Place of the Kings of Scotland, to begin a journey that will take it round the world promoting and inspiring acts of kindness.

Keepers Of The Stone

The stone will be passed from hand to hand by Keepers of the Stone,

each of whom will hold it for no longer than seven days during which they will pledge to do an act of kindness before passing it along to the next Keeper. Each Keeper will also encourage friends, relatives and strangers to touch the stone and

pledge their own act of kindness.

The Sconestone was officially presented to the first Keeper of the Stone at Scone Palace on Saturday 29 August, during the massive open-air concert by Celtic rock band, Runrig, who have pledged their support for the initiative. 1. Bruce Guthro, lead singer with Runrig, is a native of Nova Scotia and met Warren MacLeod, the carver of the Sconestone, during one of his Songwriters Circle events in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Acts of Kindness

Thereafter, the Sconestone will travel to events across Europe and North America as it begins its journey to other parts of the world. Supporters will be able to follow its progress and the acts of kindness it inspires on the www.sconestone.com website.

The Sconestone is carved out of African grey wonderstone and is inspired by Neolithic Pictish orbs uncovered in

North East Scotland. It has six faces and three different patterns – three being a sacred number for the Picts and other Celtic races. The three patterns represent the past, the present and the future.

Sculptor Warren

for friends and family. Warren and Kari and the Sconestone team travelled to Scotland with the stone and were in attendance when it was presented to the first Keeper of the Stone, a well-known and award-



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MacLeod is based in Nova Scotia and his work on the Sconestone was inspired by his wife, Kari, and her acts of kindness

winning Scot, in front of 15,000 people at the Runrig concert at Scone Palace on 29 August.



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