

Yes! Count me in!

I want to help stabilize the ruins of Guisachan, our Golden Retrievers' ancestral home!

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Mail to:

Friends of Guisachan
P.O. Box 101, Wayland, MA 01778

* Please make check payable to: **Friends of Guisachan**

Friends of Guisachan is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donation is fully tax deductible.

The Friends of Guisachan is a non-profit organization established in 2013. It was created to educate the public at large and Golden Retriever owners in particular about the history of the Golden Retriever and the Guisachan Estate in the Scottish Highlands where the breed originated in 1868.

Since its founding, Friends of Guisachan has commissioned and erected a life-size bronze statue of a Golden Retriever in the historic village of Tomich where the Guisachan Estate is located. The ownership of that statue has now been transferred to the Golden Retriever Club of Scotland.

The Friends of Guisachan also published a booklet in 2018 commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Golden detailing how this once popular hunting dog now serves mankind in many capacities.

The organization's website contains many articles about the history of the breed and Guisachan. It also maintains a store where items made of Guisachan tweed and other related goods may be purchased.

In 2018, the Friends financed the removal of trees growing within and around the Guisachan House ruins as a preamble to the stabilization of the ruins.

Restoration will begin with the filling in of windows and the stabilization of walls around them. The cost of each window will depend on its condition and that of the walls surrounding it.

Retrieving Guisachan: Our Golden Retrievers' Ancestral Home



A Guide to the Stabilization of the Guisachan House ruins.



The roof of Guisachan House was removed in 1939 to avoid taxes on what was then a magnificent mansion. In the intervening years, Guisachan suffered enormous decay and trees grew within its walls, leaving the house largely hidden from view. The trees were removed in 2018 in order to ascertain the state of the ruins. Much of the edifice has so deteriorated that it must be knocked down for reasons of public safety. But some walls can be stabilized.

To do this, we need your help. Individual gift options are possible.

- \$1750 will stabilize a large window
- \$1550 will stabilize and simulate a small window
- \$1250 will insert concrete lintel to existing window head
- \$800 will block a small window
- \$400 will repair adjacent window stone work
- \$200 will plaster and paint dummy window



When the trees were removed, the full extent of the magnificent ruins were revealed. and a security fence was erected. The cost was \$20,000.

There will also be a General Construction Fund to which smaller donations can be directed, the proceeds being used for the overall stabilization procedure.



Please visit and enjoy our website:

friendsofguisachan.org

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Replacing window glass would be costly and subject to vandalism so all windows will be boarded and painted to simulate windows.



A permanent stone marker telling the history of the Golden at Guisachan is on our wish list (\$15,000). To be hand carved by Emily Hoffnung, renown English artist.