



The Tartan

A Grand Weekend: Annual Meeting at the Grandfather Mountain Games



Once again our Society met at the Eseeola Lodge pavilion in Linville, NC for our 45th Annual General Meeting and for our Board of Directors meeting (see article below). Our numbers were smaller than in recent years, but those in attendance came from Alabama, Maine, and Texas, among others.

President Sandra MacDougall welcomed new commissioners and representatives, then reported the past year's events. Nancy Kane announced the Somerled Award to Pat McDougal for her many years as editor of *The Tartan*. The winners of the Appreciation Award for 2010 were Tammy Rondinaro for her public relations work for the Society and Terry and Jennifer McDougal for their work with *The Tartan*.

As we adjourned to cross the road to the Lodge dining room, a cloudburst broke an eight weeks' drought. Only slightly dampened, we had our garden reception in the Lodge hall. Before another excellent dinner and program, Jeanne MacDougall did a fine Address to a Haggis. We are an equal opportunity clan and the better for it.

The next two days of the Games were fine, clear, and not too hot. Attendance was somewhat better than the past year. Buzzy Bramble brought our extra haggis from the Lodge kitchen to our tent, giving a sample to anyone who asked. Our area became quite active. We cut a fine figure in the Parade of Tartans as well.

At the end of the afternoon, Beacham McDougald arranged our traditional Porky Campbell pork barbecue in the Games area. Attendance was highest ever for this memorable and tasty event.

Sunday dawned well with a threat of rain later. On behalf of the St. Andrews Society of MacRae Meadows, our own Bruce and Beth McClintock of Dexter, MO, presented a \$300 contribution to Beacham, who is also vice-chairman of the Scotland County Highland Games in Laurinburg, NC. The contribution was for the children's portion of the October 1-3 event.



Society members Bruce and Beth McClintock present St. Andrews Society contribution to Beacham McDougald for Scotland County Games.

Two young Scots were making the rounds and stopped at our tent. They talked about Argyle and about their mission to save Scotland's trees. We all made a contribution. Their impressive message follows:

"Trees4Scotland was founded in 2008 and is dedicated to planting native permanent woodlands in Scotland.

By working with landowners, businesses and the general public, we have a completely sustainable model that will continue to plant trees long after Teaghlach Wood is completed.

Scotland currently has about 17% woodland coverage and unless this is increased dramatically we will not achieve our climate change targets. The European average is about 32% woodland coverage - and this is still not enough.

We are passionate about our trees, regeneration of wildlife habitats and about tackling climate change."



By the time we finished about the trees, the Games were winding down and the skies clouded over. We packed up and said fond goodbyes. Several who planned to leave on Monday joined for an informal dinner, making plans for another year.

Some Society members gather for an impromptu post-Games dinner and fond farewell.



President's Message

Autumn greetings to All Clan MacDougall Members and Friends!

What a great time everyone had at Grandfather Mountain this July. Judy and Malcolm MacDougall did a wonderful job planning and organizing the annual meeting, dinner, and entertainment at the Eseeola Lodge. Buzzy Bramble and Keith Place set up and hosted at the tent Friday to Sunday, and Beacham McDougall provided delicious BBQ at the Chief's Tent on Saturday evening with a large crowd attending. Musicians at the BBQ included Kathleen Brown, a very talented bagpiper and awardee of a John A. McDougall Scholarship. The Chelsea House High School Orchestra from Michigan also provided entertainment and had the attendees dancing in the aisles with their upbeat Celtic fiddle tunes.

I'd like to welcome all the new Board Members. A hearty welcome is also extended to:

- **Gene McDougald**, *the new Southwest Region Commissioner*
- **Fain McDougal**, *Board member and Texas State Representative*
- **Art Dingley**, *Northeast Region Commissioner*
- **Bob "MacOly" Olsson**, *Commissioner of the newly created North Central Region (Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota)*

The Society has a very active and involved leadership team. There are Committees currently working on youth involvement, history of the various Septs, outreach to members through more frequent electronic communication, and much more.

Please contact your Regional Commissioner or State Representative if you would like to help at the Games/Festivals or get more involved with the Clan MacDougall Society. Contact information can be found on the web site www.macdougall.org.

Everyone is encouraged to support local games and festivals, and to enjoy the benefits of our common heritage with those seeking camaraderie and connection.

Slante,

Sandra

Board of Directors Meeting:

Motion Passes to Rotate Meeting Locations

The Board convened in the pavilion of the Eseeola Lodge immediately following the Annual General Meeting, our President Sandra MacDougall presiding. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read, and the financial report was accepted as well. Commissioners in attendance gave brief reports, as did our Vice President for Canada, Scott MacDougald.



The Board passed three motions:

- Scott MacDougald will undertake a project to clarify the names and history of our various septs.
- The bylaws are amended to include Board membership to officers whose terms of appointment do not coincide with normal Board elections.
- In recognition of our nationwide membership, either a Board meeting or an Annual General Meeting will in future be held at a place other than Grandfather Mountain. (One of these meetings will continue each year at Grandfather Mountain.)

The Antigonish Highland Games July 4–11, 2010:

Clan MacDougall Society Named Clan of the Year

The Antigonish Games in Nova Scotia are the oldest continuously held highland games outside of Scotland, celebrating their 147th anniversary in 2010. Although the opening ceremony is held on Friday, there are events throughout the week, bracketed by opening and closing church services. Events included ceilidhs, highland hikes, kilted golf tournaments, an art exhibition, a highland dancing show, a square dance, a cemetery mass, a pastoral airs concert, a Scottish Trivia night, a street fair, and a street parade.

The centerpiece of this year's games was an exhibition based on *An Leabhar Mòr*, the Great Book of Gaelic. This book was published in 2003, the fruit of bringing together visual artists, calligraphers, and a selection of significant Gaelic poems from the last 1500 years. The book includes 100 Gaelic poems, from Ireland, Scotland, and their common ancestral culture, along with a facing page for each poem of visual images incorporating a selection of lines in special calligraphy. Some of the original artworks were on display on the Games grounds. From Wednesday through Sunday, Gaelic scholars led groups on walking tours of the shop displays, reading and explaining the poetry.

We gathered on Thursday, MacDougall Day, at the John Paul Center. Those who marched also talked, exchanged stories, and felt pretty good by the time they reached Cairn Park. Shirley MacDougall, President of the Antigonish Society, welcomed us. John R. MacDougall gave the invocation. Debi Helm reviewed our Clan history. Cathy MacDougall paid tribute to our founding members. The MacDougalls returned to the John Paul Center for hospitality and more conversation. I spent some time describing the activities of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America and its members, and the importance of Nova Scotia to us. Neil MacDougall sang, accompanied by Jim Cameron on the keyboard. The afternoon was completed when the Clan's Chair for the Games, Fiona MacLean, announced that the Clan MacDougall Society of Antigonish would be named Clan of the Year at a ceremony the next day. The award acknowledged the vigorous rebirth of the Society, historically a central pillar of Highland tradition in Antigonish County.

The games officially opened on Friday afternoon, with the national anthem, *O Canada*, sung in Gaelic. The competitive events took place over Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, where we were joined by Massachusetts Representative and Board member, Sheila McDowell and her husband, Edwin.

The athletic events were fun to watch, particularly with Antigonish MacDougalls keeping their southern cousins informed of participants and incidents in current and past competitions. The quality of the competition in fiddling, dance, and song was, as expected, very good. On Saturday afternoon, a Kirking of the Tartans was held, after which it was announced that the MacDougalls had been named Clan of the Year, this honor being presented for the first time at this year's games. An inscribed copy of *An Leabhar Mòr* was presented to Shirley to commemorate the event.

--Ashby McCown



Young competitor at the Antigonish Mod.

Making a Difference: John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Program 2010

Nancy Kane, chair of our Scholarship Committee, forwarded two letters from two recent awardees, Amy Spens (who attended dance workshop at Piping Hot Summer Drummer) and Beth Frieden (graduate diploma for Gaelic speakers from the University of Strathclyde). We appreciate their graceful acknowledgement of our support. Our scholarship program is a modest one, but we make it possible for young people to advance in Scottish Highland culture. Members donate to this program, so that the \$1,000 budgeted grew to \$1,712 this past year.

Here are this year's recipients:

Jean Stein	(\$250) –	14 years old, to attend Marguerite Reid Memorial Workshop in King of Prussia, PA for highland dancing
Kathleen Brown	(\$600) –	High school freshman, to attend Invermark College of Piping and Drumming Workshop for piping
Riley O'Connor	(\$250) –	12 years old, to attend Balmoral School of Piping & Drumming camp for drumming
Maren Seul	(\$250) –	10 years old, to take highland dance lessons at Calder School of Highland Dance Piping & Drumming camp for drumming
Maiah Seul	(\$250) –	8 years old, to take lessons with her sister
Amy Spens	(\$600) –	16 years old, to attend Piping Hot Summer Drummer workshop for dancing
Megan Welker	(\$372.50) –	Senior at Northwestern University, to conduct research in Scotland to create a song cycle in collaboration with British composer Ben MacDougall
Matthew Corcoran	(\$250) –	Rising college freshman, to attend Balmoral School of Piping & Drumming Camp for piping

One of Ours Excels at Saint Andrews University

At the Spring 2010 commencement services for Scotland's oldest university, the University of Saint Andrews, Devon MacDougall from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was awarded the degree of M.A. (Honours) in Mathematics. He was also granted Honorary Life Membership in the Saint Andrews Students' Association for his services on behalf of his fellow students. He was elected, and then re-elected Senior Student for John Burnet Hall (the one that overlooks the 18th hole of the Old Course). His candidacy for Students' Association president was also recognized, particularly his debate performance which stimulated discussions of topics that are of growing importance to students at Saint Andrews.

Going forward, Devon has accepted a summer internship with Canada Life in London, and will enter the one-year M.S. program in Actuarial Sciences at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh this Fall. Congratulations Devon!



Proud graduate Devon MacDougall surrounded by supporters following commencement at St. Andrews.

Order Now for Newly Designed Clan MacDowall Tartan

Clan MacDowall clansmen may officially wear any of these three tartans: Hunting Stewart, Galloway Hunting, or MacDougall. However, since each of these tartans is also worn by others they are not unique to Clan MacDowall. To resolve this issue and to create a distinct tartan for his clansmen, Fergus D.H. Macdowall, the present Clan Chief, has designed a MacDowall Tartan. This blue tartan is the one used on the book cover of *The MacDowalls* published in June 2009.



MacDowall Tartan



Coat of Arms of the Chief of Clan MacDowall

This MacDowall Tartan was designed through alteration of the sett of Hunting Stewart Tartan. The colors of the MacDowall Tartan derive from the symbolic use of the colors displayed in the plain Arms of ancient Galloway carried by the Chief. The central device of the Arms, the silver (white) lion rampant, is represented in the tartan by a white square crossed by the yellow overstripe as the gold crown. The lion romps in a blue field indicative of the Irish Sea around the Rhinns of Galloway where the original families were based. Their family seats and the oak badge are represented by the crossing green bands, with the white overstripe to symbolize the widespread family. This clan tartan was registered by the Scottish Tartans Authority on November 12, 2007.

Until now this Tartan was only woven in limited quantities for the Chief of Clan MacDowall and not commercially available. Now Garnett Macdowall, the grandson of the Clan Chief, has agreed to accept orders for the tartan fabric to be accumulated until a roll of tartan can be custom woven. Here are the details.

Fabric: The material is a 14 oz, 100% wool fabric.

Size: The material is 60 inches (5 feet) in width. This is considered a double-width length. Typically a male seat measurement of up to 46" would take 4 yards of double-wide material and anything greater than 46" would take 4.5 yards or more to get a good finish for a male's kilt. Female's kilts require less material. Please verify your own requirements with your kilt maker before ordering.

Cost: The MacDowall tartan material costs \$75 US dollars per yard for orders within the US or overseas, or \$75 Canadian dollars per yard for orders within Canada. This includes the cost to manufacture and ship the material.

Contact: Inquiries and orders for the material can be directed to Garnett Macdowall through email at garnett_mac@hotmail.com, or by telephone at 1-250-650-1640.

–Scott MacDougald

Flowers of the Forest

Annie Ethel Marjorie Norris(MacDougald)

died on January 8, 2010, at the age of 85. She was the daughter of Allan and Almenia MacDougald, and wife of Hugh Norris, whom she married on September 11, 1943.

She lived all of her life near Staffa, Ontario, on the MacDougald family farm, which her grandfather had cleared from forest land purchased from the Canada Land Company in 1855 after he had emigrated from the Islay. A highlight in her life was a trip to Scotland with her brother John and wife Dolly and their son Scott. For her this was a great experience which took her back to Islay, where her grandfather was born, and then through the isles to Oban to meet our Chief's parents. Annie is survived by her brother Colin, son John, son Harry and wife Barb, daughter Joyce and husband Bob, and fifteen grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her husband Hugh and daughter Mary predeceased her.

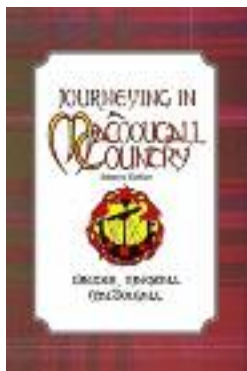
Ruth Dougall,

life member of Clan MacDougall Society, passed away July 14, 2010, in Ottumwa, Iowa. She was 91 years of age and very much enjoyed her membership in the Society. She is survived by her niece, Barbara Blockley of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and family members who are also members of the Society.

Barrett MacDougall

of Portland, Oregon, died of natural causes on April 24. He was born on July 7, 1940, to the late Alexander Barrett MacDougall and Dorothy Helen Flynn MacDougall. He received a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of British Columbia and a doctorate in urban studies from Portland State University. He retired from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. He is survived by former wife and close friend Meg Lynch and the extended Lynch family.

Two Books We All Ought To Have



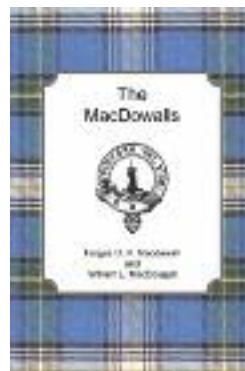
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Curiosity and love for his ancestral homeland have led Walter Macdougall to lifelong research in his clan territory of Argyll. His travels have taken him to numerous castles, manors, churches, and graveyards. He has formed solid friendships with many of his kinsmen, those who had not emigrated but had "stayed home." His book is a personal tale, but what he learned he has fully documented. This book portrays a highland clan, its land, its history, and its culture.

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