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Welcome to our monthly report to you of happenings in our Society. We are always looking for information about YOU, so if you have a birth or wedding or special event, please send us a photo and information to president@macdougall.org. For more information, please check our website at www.MacDougall.org.

Malcolm's Meanderings -- Notes from our President

Greetings,

Well, it's nearly that time. In approximately two weeks some of us will have the distinct honor of joining our Chief and many fellow MacDougalls and MacDowalls for our clan's special celebration of Homecoming Scotland 2014.



We've promoted the event for many months, so you're doubtless familiar with the plans in general. Madam MacDougall and her Dundlie staff have brewed an exciting agenda. It promises to be a fun-filled and emotional five days.

As a bit of a twist, on Thursday of that week our Society will host a table at the Oban (Argyll) Games. Our presentation will be focused on introducing the North American Society and explaining its purposes and how we display at local games.

We will provide a full Homecoming report, including an in-depth article in a future issue of *The Tartan*.

Of course, our visit comes during the inexorable approach of the Scottish independence referendum. As some of us gawk wide-eyed at our heritage, many of our kin folk back home will be wondering about the atmosphere on the eve of the 18 September vote. It will certainly be interesting and, no, I do not intend to offer an opinion.

Back on this side of the pond, there are still a number of Scottish games and Highland events you can visit through late summer and into fall. We plan to display at a number of them, as listed below.

Have a wonderful late summer...and Yours Aye,

Malcolm MacDougall
President

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New Members

Scot Alsop
Green Cove Springs, FL
Ann Briggs
Clearwater, FL
Terry & Judy MacDougall
Waynesville, NC
Judy Jo McClintock
Katy, TX
Bo McDougald
Lafayette, LA
David McDougald
Lafayette, LA
Michael McDowell
Elkin, NC
Susan Pederson
Hartland, MI
Paul Searles
Costa Mesa, CA
Andy Sims
Houston, TX
Jeremy Sylvester
Chapel Hill, NC
Sutton Truluck
Big Piney, WY
Barbara Wooten
Mason, OH

Never too early: Plan to celebrate 50 years of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of our Society's founding. At their July meeting the Board of Directors began discussing how we will mark this milestone.

One thing is certain: The Society will have a major celebration at Grandfather Mountain next July, since that's where the Society was formed.

It's not too early to plan to be a part of this very big occasion. As we approach the event, there will be a good deal of information on what to expect, who will be attending and why you will want to be there.

A committee has been formed to plan the event and they welcome your suggestions. It is chaired by Buzzy Bramble, Board Member and Regional Commissioner. Others serving on the committee at this point are Past President Sandra MacDougall, President Elect Ashby McCown and former Scholarship Chair Nancy Kane.

We also hope to make 2015 more than a retrospective. It is the beginning of our next half-century of building a stronger, more vital and dynamic Society.

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MacDougall Tents at Highland Games

Please notify us if you've signed up to host a tent at other games!

AUGUST

9 Fergus ON Scottish Festival
16
Bracebridge ON Highland Games
16 Maine Highland Games, Topsham, ME
24-28 MacDougall Homecoming, Oban, Scotland
28 Oban (Argyll) Games
30-31 Virginia Scottish Games, The Plains, VA

SEPTEMBER

19-21 SCOTFEST, Tulsa, OK

OCTOBER

4 Scotland County Highland Games, Laurinburg, NC
4 North Alabama Scottish Festival, New Market, AL
10-12 Seaside Highland Games, Ventura, CA
18-19 Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA

NOVEMBER

7-9 Salado TX Scottish Gathering

Scholarship Winner

John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Winner

Maria Elizabeth Taylor

Maria is from Michigan and graduated in 2012 from Alma College, a small central Michigan Scottish school. She was able to compete in, perform and study

Highland dancing throughout her college career. . She has passed her Associate's, Member's, and Fellow's exams with the British Association of Teachers of Dancing, as well as the Judge's exam through the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing. Maria's goal is to become a respected teacher, judge, and examiner and to ultimately open her own dance studio. Few Highland dancers pursue dance after graduating from college. We wanted to support and encourage Maria and awarded her a \$500 John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship for 2014.

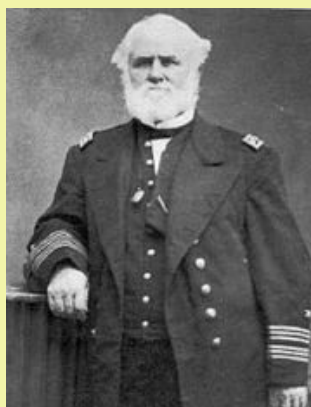
Our Scholarship Program supports one of the key purposes of our Society. Donations to our Scholarship Fund help defray the costs, are accepted year-round and are greatly appreciated by the Society and recipients. The Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions to its endeavors can be tax deductible in the U.S.



Famous MacDougalls

Read Admiral David Stockton McDougal

Rear Admiral David Stockton McDougal, born in Ohio in 1809, was appointed a midshipman in 1828. During the next three decades he served in the Mediterranean, West Indian, and Home Squadrons as well as on the Great Lakes in Michigan. He commanded *Warren* (1854-56), *John Hancock* (1856), and *Wyoming* (1862-64) in which he cruised in the Far East protecting American merchant ships from pirates and Confederate raiders. On 16 July 1863, *Wyoming* boldly entered the Straits of Shimonoseki to engage shore batteries and three ships of the powerful feudal Japanese daimyo Prince Mori, clan chieftain of the Choshu. During an hour's brisk action, she sank one ship, heavily damaged the other two and pounded shore guns. The little-known naval engagement was a prelude to the larger-scale 1863 and 1864 Shimonoseki Campaign by allied foreign powers. In 1869 McDougal assumed command of the South Pacific Squadron. He retired in 1871, was appointed Rear Admiral (Lower Half) in 1873, and died in 1882.



Two Navy ships, both destroyers, were named for him. The first *McDougal* (DD-54) was launched in 1914, serving in WWI primarily as a convoy escort, and was scrapped in 1934. The second *McDougal* (DD-358) was launched in 1936, served gallantly in WWII, and was scrapped in 1949.