



Clan MacDougall Society of North America

MONTHLY NEWS



July 2017

Welcome to our monthly report of events and activities of our Society. We are always looking for information to share with our members, so if you have a birth or wedding or know of a special event, please send a photo along with relevant information to kyle@macdougallmn.org.

Scott's Reflections

July is the month of our annual reunions at Grandfather Mountain and at our Founders Dinner at Eseeola Lodge in Linville, NC. July is also a month of transition where our Society Officers begin new terms of office as prior terms end. This month I, Scott MacDougald of London, Ontario, became your Society's President. Kyle Jones of Watson, Minnesota became my designated successor as President Elect. Kyle has also assumed the role of Editor of this newsletter. We both are looking forward to an active next two years for our Society.



Ashby McCown (l) presents the President's Cup & Flag to successor Scott MacDougald.

At the same time we bid farewell to three Officers, Bill Leroy and Peter Clepper who retired on June 30, and Ashby McCown whose Presidential term ended on July 7. In their long and distinguished careers as Society Officers each has served in several roles including President and as members of our Board of Directors. Bill Leroy has most recently served as Chairman of our Budget Committee and has done much to keep our budgets in balance. Peter Clepper has most recently served as our Editor of The Tartan newsletter and it is fitting that more will be said about his accomplishments in its next edition.

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New Members

Robert McDougall
Mount Laurel, NJ

Daniel Boggs
Seattle, WA

Benjamin Thomas Matthews
Greer, SC

Cody Dean Church
Greer, SC

Gordon Crowl
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Sandra McClintock
Laguna Niguel, CA

Jacquelyn McDougal
Greenville, SC

A hearty welcome to each of you!



Bill Leroy sporting the Great Kilt

Now I must say a special thank you to my predecessor Ashby McCown for all he has done as an Officer of the Society. Ashby is pictured below receiving his Presidential Medal from me at this year's annual Founders Dinner.



Ashby, your talent for a turn of phrase in both Gaelic and English will be long remembered!

Is fhearr na 'n t-òr, sgèulinnseadh air chòir.
Better than gold is a tale rightly told.

We have many dedicated Officers who remain to serve our Society members. I encourage you to look for their visits to an

Tents at Highland Games

August

[Monterey Scottish Games](#)
Monterey County Fairgrounds
August 5-6, 2017
Monterey, California, USA

[Fergus Scottish Festival](#)
August 10-13, 2017
Fergus, Ontario, Canada

[The Argyllshire Gathering Oban Games](#)
August 24, 2017
Oban, Argyll, Scotland

September

[Scottish Highland Gathering & Games](#)
Alameda County Fairgrounds
Pleasanton, California, USA
September 2-3, 2017

[Long's Peak Scottish & Irish Games](#)
September 7-10, 2017
Estes Park, Colorado, USA

[Fresno Scottish Gathering and Games](#)
Kearney Park
Fresno, California, USA
September 16, 2017

[NE South Dakota Celtic Faire](#)
Aberdeen, South Dakota
September 16, 2017

Volunteers

Our Society is a volunteer organization needing contributions of time and skill from its members. If you would like to help in our events or volunteer in another capacity, please contact your Regional Commissioner or your State/Provincial Representative listed on our web site or send an email to president@macdougall.org telling us of your interests.

We have need of representation at local events.

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event near you and to come say hello to them. You will find them listed on our web site games calendar at <http://macdougall.org/games-calendar/> as well in the column to the right of this message. If you would like to become more involved in any of our Society activities you may contact any of our Officers and Representatives, or email me at president@macdougall.org

Until I return with my column in our next issue I would like to leave you with this link to short video about the lovely and ancient site of Kilbride, Argyll at:

<http://www.friendsofkilbride.scot/>

and a link to a beautifully photographed article in The Hazel Tree at:

<https://the-hazel-tree.com/2017/07/04/kilbride-kirk-lerags/>

If you enjoy beautiful scenes of historic places related to our clan heritages, then these will please you.

Cuimhnich air na daoineo'nd'thàinig thu.
Remember the men from which you came.

Scott MacDougald
President

Grandfather Mountain Recap Reported by Georgette Kautz Jones

The 62nd Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games were held July 6-9 2017. As a first-time attendee, my general impression was "This is big!!" Until recently, we have only been to our local Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, which are small in comparison, though quite well done.

Thursday evening's torchlight calling of the clans ceremony kicked off the main event as folks were still setting up for the weekend. The weather for the weekend proved Scottish and beautiful, with rain clearing to sun on Friday and Saturday, the opposite. Unfortunately, Kyle and I were unable to stay through Sunday's closing parade, but considering the overwhelming number of clan tents, it was sure to be impressive. There were many vendors with interesting items, and the usual offerings of food, music, heavy games, piping and dance competitions to keep folks entertained. We spent most of our time visiting in the Clan MacDougall tent, getting to know the faces that connect with the emails and facebook posts, and greeting the many folks who stopped by to check out the Society booth and connect with their own heritage.

Specific events for our two clans were the Board of Directors meeting and banquet on Friday. The Founder's Dinner at Eseedla Lodge was excellent and very well-presented by the staff of the lodge. After dinner and some remarks and presentations, the President passed the torch and we honored those retiring, we shared stories of our Scottish and MacDougall and MacDowall connections. Richard VanValkenburgh then graced us with his music before sending us home at a reasonable hour to enjoy the magnificent lightning show in the skies above Grandfather Mountain.

Saturday after the games, a potluck picnic was held at a local church. The title of this event, "The Feast of Porky Campbell" is likely deserving of a color story in the Tartan, but I will leave that to someone in the know. We enjoyed Beacham

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Membership Year

Membership Dues are on a calendar year basis ending on 31 December. Dues may be paid, or prepaid, online for one or more calendar years through Paypal at:
<http://macdougall.org/membership-information/>

Submissions

Persons wishing to submit articles, or photos, of interest to our newsletters may contact:

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SoSA Seeks Fellows



Stephen M. Millett, Ph.D., FSA Scot and
Life member of the Clan MacDougall

McDougald's heart-healthy Carolina barbecue (who knew!) and a variety of sides including the presentation haggis from the night before (in puff pastry, an interesting twist for those of us used to the sheep's stomach).

It was a wonderful weekend of making new friends and enjoying a shared heritage in their fellowship. We'll be back, and I encourage anyone who is able to make the effort to get to Grandfather, as well as any local fair, festival, or games event and feel the love for yourself.

MN Welcomes New Representative Reported by Kyle Jones



"Welcome Aboard!" to Wade McDougal (r)

Our new Minnesota State Representative, Wade McDougal, began his duties at the Minnesota Scottish Fair on July 15th. Wade is a 5th generation American whose ancestors arrived in New York c.1840. His Great Great Grandfather, Charles Brown MacDougall, had moved the family to Montevideo, MN by 1867 where Wade and his wife, Stephanie, still reside. Wade, 33, works as a pipe fitter and receiver for Fagen, Inc. of Montevideo. He is a loving father, avid fisherman and, of course, a proud Scot!

A very hot day hampered attendance at the Minnesota games this year. A few MacDowells stopped to briefly chat. Otherwise, we spent the day visiting with our ancestral allies from Clan Cumming and our MacCallum and MacPherson friends in the next door tents. Such low traffic would usually be seen as a negative but in this case it allowed plenty of time to teach Wade all the particulars of running a clan tent.

Changes are afoot for next year as the City of Eagan, MN will be taking over the management of the Fair from the organizations that have run it in the past. The Fair will move to a new venue and, under the new municipal management will be open to all without an entrance fee. Hopefully, that will bring out a greater number of visitors. It may also provide more comfort as rumor has it the new venue has a good deal of shade to protect from the scorching July sun.

Society is organizing a Local Fellows' Group in Ohio or in the Mid-West for the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (SoAS) on the behalf of the Society based at the National Museums Scotland in Edinburgh. The goals are for Fellows to discuss and learn more about Scottish history, to socialize in ways Scottish, to strengthen the relationships of current Fellows as well as identify candidates as future Fellows, and to support the SoAS in Scotland. Fellows are encouraged to contact Steve directly at:

smillett@columbus.rr.com

MacDowall Cotton Tartan Available



Regional Commissioner Garnett Macdowall has cotton MacDowall tartan available.

The material is 56 inches in width and can be ordered by any length of choice from 1 yard up to 10 yards long. It is a 3.82 oz, 100% cotton fabric with a 210- inch (82cm) thread count. The cotton is a lightweight cloth that is easy to work with.

For more information about the cotton fabric as well as information on how to order the material, please visit the website:

<http://www.zazzle.ca/vincerevelmori>

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Join the Member Section

To be invited to our new Member Section, send your Facebook email address to kyle@macdougallmn.org.

