



Clan MacDougall Society of North America

MONTHLY NEWS



June 2014

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.

A View from the Tents -- From our President Elect

Sgrìobhar ann an Dàn nan dàn : Oir feuch, tha an geamhradh seachad, tha an t-uisge thairis, dh'imich e roimhe. Chithear na blàthan air an talamh, tha àm seinn nan eun air teachd, agus cluinnear guth an turtair nar tìr.

// It is written in the Song of Songs: For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land.



Although the rains may well not be over, winter has passed and in many regions the spring saw the first games of the year. These were opportunities to meet and discuss family matters - history, culture, music, costume, dance, language, athletics, genealogy and mutual acquaintances - in an atmosphere of Scottish tradition. There are more gatherings to come. We hope you can join us at future events and that, indeed, you can lend assistance at tents helping explain our Society and culture to those newly interested.

Yours Aye,

Thomas Ashby McCown
President Elect, 2013-2015

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New Members

Jamie Daugherty
North East MD
Joshua Davis
North East MD
Elliott Macdowall
Vancouver BC
Sally MacDowell
Glen Arm MD
Rick McDougal
Barre VT
Al McDougald
Monroe NC
Edward McDougall
Clearwater FL
James Ian McDougall
Clearwater FL
Melissa McDougall
Charlotte NC
Bill and Rose McHoul
Baltimore MD
Erin Moss
Lusby MD
Jeff Riggs
Elkton MD
Irene Toth
Hilton Head SC

Reminder: Grandfather Mountain -- July 11-13

We still hope you can attend this year's Society events at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games July 11 - 13.

Founders Dinner begins with a formal reception at 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 11 at the Eseeola Lodge. The reservation form was included in an e-bulletin several weeks ago. It will also be included in the spring issue of *The Tartan* which will be emailed this coming week.

Late Saturday afternoon July 12, both our BBQ and Annual General Meeting will be held nearby at the COSCA house on the campus of Lees-McRae College. The **Feast of Porky Campbell BBQ** begins at 4:30 p.m. The **2014 Annual General Meeting (AGM)** follows promptly at 5:30, providing an opportunity for all active members to participate

with questions or comments. If desired, you may submit them in advance.

Keep checking our website www.macdougall.org for more details and directions to Lees-McRae College.

Emily Valdez
San Antonio TX
Brian White
Chattanooga TN

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Just over two months until Homecoming 2014 -- August 24 - 28

Mary Freer and Jane Isaacson report from Dunollie that all is progressing "at high speed" with the 2014 Gathering.

Along with adding supplemental tours, the Dunollie staff has completed the new scullery and undertaken renovations in the Loom Room and the Old Drapers Shop. There are new paths to the Castle and to the Willow Garden "and the site is busy with happy visitors." They've also added some new staff.

The 2014 Clan MacDougall Gathering will last five days, during which you have the opportunity to meet the 31st Clan Chief, Madam Morag MacDougall of MacDougall and her family, as well as enjoy a busy program of trips and events.

Access www.dunollie.org/clan-gathering/. For accommodations, click on [Oban Rooms](#).



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A two minute drive from the centre of Oban or a pleasant 20 minute stroll along the seafront. Look out for signs for the woodland trail across from the War memorial or behind the Corran Halls.



MacDougall Tents at Highland Games

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

JUNE

28-29 San Diego Scottish Highland Games & Gathering: Brengle Park, Vista, CA

JULY

5 Kincardine (Ontario) Scottish Festival

10-13 Grandfather Mountain, NC - Annual Meeting and Founders Dinner

12-13 Skagit Valley Highland Games, Mount Vernon, WA

AUGUST

9 Fergus ON Scottish Festival

16 Bracebridge ON Highland Games

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23 California Celtic Classic: Dana Point, CA

24-28 MacDougall Homecoming, Oban, Scotland

28 Oban (Argyll) Games

NOVEMBER

7-9 Salado TX Scottish Gathering

Games Report: Costa Mesa meets Clan MacDougall

Clan MacDougall Society boasts a growing and active membership in the west, particularly in California. Our So. California Representative Darleen Weisz is a strong advocate for the Society in the region. Like many of our members she's also active in other Scottish organizations, serving as secretary of the area's Clans of the Highlands.

Darleen reports a great turnout at Scottish Fest in Costa Mesa recently: "MacDougalls and MacDowalls came by to visit, and we have some new members." One new member, Rick Serles, is shown here with Darleen at the Clan tent.



Meanwhile, at the modest but rapidly growing **Fair Hill Colonial Games** near Elkton, Maryland, five additional enthusiastic souls joined Clan MacDougall Society. Welcome all!

Scholarship Winner

John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Winner

Waverly Noble

Waverly was awarded a John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship for the requested amount of \$120.00. This would cover the cost of the three-day Marguerite Reid Memorial Workshop held in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Waverly is a Highland Dancer "through and through". She attained the Premier level and continues with weekly dance lessons. One of her teachers is Erin McDougal Bartow, a former scholarship winner, who praises Waverly's upbeat and positive attitude along with her dancing ability. Waverly is the teaching assistant for Erin's younger dance classes.



If you donated to our scholarship program, you should feel proud and happy. The Society accepts donations to our Scholarship Fund and our other charitable endeavors year-round. The Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions can be tax deductible in the U.S.

Famous MacDougalls

Patti Leonard

[Years ago, our Society printed a small booklet about the beginnings of the Society. This is a brief recap.]

At a supper in North Carolina in July, 1964, young Patti Leonard noticed a number of people wearing the same MacDougall tartan as her family was wearing, so she went to meet them, and then introduced them to her family. They all had a good time, and agreed to meet again. That Fall, the Leonards held their Thanksgiving family reunion in Chicago with Madame MacDougall of MacDougall and her husband as their guests, and invited

some of the MacDougalls whom they had met in July to join them. John W. McDougall in Nashville then organized the Society, and the first meeting was held at Grandfather Mountain in July 1965.

We are all indebted to Patti for introducing all these people to each other, and planting the seed that became our Society.

