



Clan MacDougall Society of North America

MONTHLY NEWS



November 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 announcement or know of a special event, please send a photo along with relevant information to kyle@macdougallmn.org.

Scott's Reflections



A few days ago we published our November issue of this newsletter but inadvertently included an incomplete text which has now been updated for this issue. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

This month we introduce you to Valerie McDougall, our newly elected Vice President for Membership. Like the rest of us, Valerie is a volunteer. You are making her new job a little easier when you verify your contact information advising us of your postal, email or telephone changes. We appreciate that.

Your Society representatives usually work to serve our two clans without fanfare but once in a while one gets noticed. This fall at the Fresno Games in California our Regional Commissioner, Cuff Burrell, was awarded the Spirit of the Clans Award for best clan tent display. Congratulations, Cuff!

For our members who would like to become more involved in any of our Society activities and support their clan, you may click on this link to obtain our [Volunteer Form](#). We look forward to your

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New Members

Michael McDowell
Mt. Pleasant, SC

Brent Rowley
Goose Creek, SC

Raymond Cozy
Altadena, CA

Kelsey Deanne
Malibu, CA

Michael McDowell
San Antonio, TX

Richard McCullough
Henrico, VA

Kelly Floyd
Atlanta, GA

Barry Cooper
Buford, GA

Mark MacDowell
Decatur, GA

help.

This is our final e-newsletter of 2017 but we will return in January. Meanwhile our December issue of The Tartan newsletter will bring you stories of the Holiday season.

*Cuimhnich air na daoine o'n d'fhàinig thu.
Remember the men from which you came.*

Scott MacDougald
President

Member Search Uncovers Founder

By Kyle Jones, President Elect

As you are by now aware, we have been conducting a serious effort to restore contact with members who have gone "missing" over the years. Sometimes this is as easy as a Google search but often requires some more involved detective work. It was therefore a great pleasure to hear a "Hello?" on the other end of the line from Life Member, Barbara Peterson after a 3 month search.

We had a lovely chat, in which I was able to not only update her contact information and that of her brother, but also to hear the story of her father, Donald McDougal, Jr. It turns out her Dad was Member #5 - one of the founders of our Society!

Our Society operates through the tireless and dedicated work of many officers and I was reminded immediately of President Scott's traditional closing remark: "Cuimhnich air na daoine o'n d'fhàinig thu. Remember the men from which you came." To remember, we need to know and retell our stories, so I asked Barbara if there were memories she wished to share. I received the following from her mother a few days later:

Alice Bryan
Cumming, GA

David Minor
Wetumpka, AL

Michael Tillman
Atlanta, GA

Matthew Schnupp
Brookhaven, GA

Laurie Klein
Midlothian, VA

Gregory MacDougall
Glen Allen, VA

Lara Franklin
Keller, TX

A hearty welcome to each of you!

Flowers of the Forest

We are always sorry to learn of the loss of our members. We offer sincere sympathy to their loved ones.

Rita Bealer
Pottstown, PA

Robert C. Gates
Seattle, Washington

Ressie MacHoul
Manchester, Maryland

Helen Buck-Kaplan
Monroe Township, New Jersey

David H. Acton
Colorado and Georgia

Phyllis Cole
Vista, CA

MacDougall/MacDowall Books

If you are looking for gift items related to your clan, our web site has a Book Section describing the best books about Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall.

Each book description includes suggestions where to purchase the book, its approximate cost, and whether the profits are directed to the preservation of the clan heritage. Our clan books are listed on our web site at

<http://macdougall.org/2014/02/16/macdougall-and-macdowall-books/>



Donald McDougal Jr. and wife Sharon

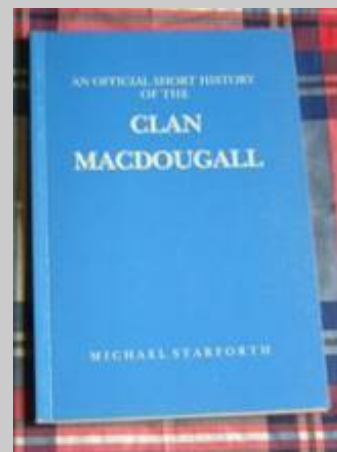
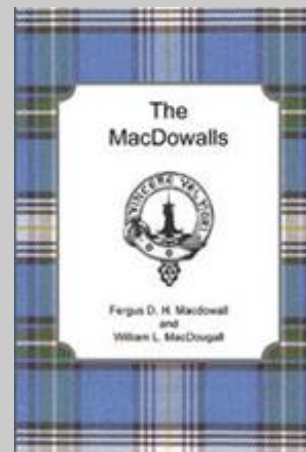
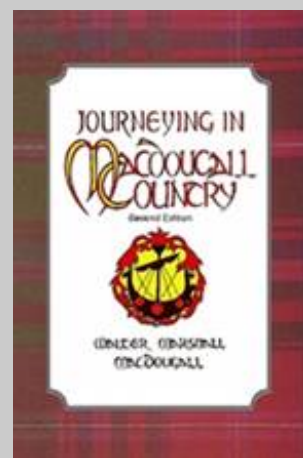
In 1962, my husband's father asked him to become involved in establishing an organization comprised of McDougal family members. My father-in-law (Donald McDougal) had done a very detailed search of his ancestry and had published his findings. In that process, he had established a friendship with the Chief of the Clan in Scotland. Madam Coline MacDougall and her husband came from Scotland to attend one of our annual family Thanksgiving Dinners.

There was an interesting story they shared with us at that dinner. Madam Coline MacDougall's husband legally changed his last name to MacDougall. (See Note below - ed.)

I think their visit stimulated interest in the Clan and soon my husband and I became very involved in the creation of our Society. Don and I spent many hours at a facility in downtown Chicago searching for names and addresses of people with the last names of MacDougall or McDougal. This was before computers became so helpful and this facility housed directories around The United States.

Upon completion of the search, we typed letters to all of those on our lists. We were encouraged with the number of responses. Don's cousin Edward, who was a lawyer, wrote Articles of Incorporation to make us a non-profit organization. Don became the Secretary-Treasurer and I helped him send membership cards and letters to the new members.

My husband's Aunt Margaret McDougal-Leonard lived in North Carolina with her husband Lowell and other family members. She knew twin gentlemen (Brothers, John and Wylie



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McDougall. -ed.) who were very interested in Clan MacDougall. They joined us at our table at Eseeola Lodge. We met up for the subsequent Gathering at Grandfather Mountain. Together we formed the Clan MacDougall Society of the United States and later it was decided to expand to include interested people in Canada. John McDougall became the first President and my husband, Donald McDougal Jr, became the first Secretary-Treasurer of the Society.

NOTE: In the Spring 1969 issue of The Tartan, Madam MacDougall's account of her husband's name change appeared as follows:

"Madam MacDougall's parents were Colonel Alexander James MacDougall of MacDougall and Dunollie, and Colina Edith, daughter of Alexander MacDougall, barrister at law of Soroba and Battlefields, Scotland. She was born at Dunollie, as were her two sisters, Mrs. S. J. Hadfield of Edinburgh and Miss Hope MacDougall of Oban. She married Mr. Leslie Grahame Thompson, an architect of renown, whose specialty is church architecture.

Upon the death of her father without male heir in 1953, Madam MacDougall, as the eldest daughter, was in line to succeed to the Chiefship of Clan MacDougall. In order that sons they might have would follow in the line of succession of Chiefship, and to preserve the name, Leslie Grahame Thompson legally took the name MacDougall."

Officer Profile

Web Site

www.macdougall.org

Facebook Page

Clan MacDougall Society of North America
<https://www.facebook.com/clanmacdougall/?fref=ts>

Twitter

twitter.com/Clan_MacDougall

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, photos, or items of interest to our newsletters may contact:

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Your Contact Information

Please help us keep our records up to date by sending your email, telephone, or postal address changes to:
records@macdougall.org

John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarships

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

Volunteers

Our Society is a volunteer organization needing contributions of time and skill from its members. If you would like to help at 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 telling us of your interests to president@macdougall.org. You may also click on this link to obtain our



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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.

Our new VP for Membership, Valerie McDougall resides in London, Ontario, Canada, where she is raising her teenage son, and working full time for a large development company as a Financial Analyst.

Her interest in Clans MacDougall and MacDowall and Scottish history lead her to join the CMSNA in 2013, when she met then VP for Canada, Scott MacDougald, at the Kincardine Scottish Festival. Valerie became the Ontario Representative working with Regional Commissioner Chris MacDougall, soon after. She hosts Clan tents at Festivals in South Western Ontario, where she enjoys meeting new people and discussing the Society and its benefits with them. Valerie finds a sense of pride when she sees the expression on people's faces when they learn about Clans MacDougall and MacDowall or a piece of Scottish history.

Her friends and family may say she talks about the Society and Scottish history every opportunity she can. Valerie has a passion for family history and is currently working on her genealogy. She has traced her family back to 1600 to Berwick, Scotland on her Grandfather's side and to Islay on her Grandmother McEachern's side. Valerie is also working on some research for McDougall Cottage in Cambridge, Ontario where James and Robert McDougall came to Upper Canada from Kelso, Roxburghshire in 1851. Her family also lived in that area which was the home of the Clan MacDowall branch called MacDougall of Makerstoun.

Her goal is to encourage and educate other MacDougalls,

MacDowalls, and their associated families to become more involved in the Society, as well as helping to keep accurate data in our databases to provide our Regional Commissioners and State/Provincial Representatives with up to date membership history for their regions.

If you feel you can help contribute to her research, or have any questions, comments and or concerns regarding the Society please feel free to contact her via email at vmcdougall@live.ca or via cell 226-236-6702.

Salado, TX Games a Success

The 56th Scottish Gathering & Highland games were held in Salado, TX on November 11th and 12th, 2017. Our Tent Sponsor, Brent Rich, and former SE Regional Commissioner Gene McDougald hosted our Society display.

Festivities began Friday night with the gathering of the clans near historical Salado Creek. The following day consisted of the Highland games competition, numerous Celtic musical and dance performances, fellowship among more than 20 clan families, Scottish food booths and several bagpipe demonstrations.



Brent Rich mans the tent.



Visiting with fellow Tent Host former SW Commissioner Gene McDougald.

Clan MacDougall Takes Alexandria, Virginia



Our Society was well represented at the 47th Annual Christmas Walk Weekend & Parade on December 2nd in the Old Town section of Alexandria, Virginia. Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioners William and Catherine McHoul were joined by several kinsmen in tartan array for the walk which was followed by a year-end wrap-up lunch. Many new faces were among those attending and a good time was had by all!