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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 [president@macdougall.org](mailto:president@macdougall.org).

## Ashby's Reflections

Mo dheagh chairdean  
My Good Friends

Tha e soilleir nach eil an t-Sultainn ann. Ghabh mi turas a dh'Alba fad na mhòir-chuid dhen mhios sin agus chan eil mi air a bhreith air an obair agam fhathast. A dh'aindeoin sin bha an turas uamhasach innteanach agus sgrìobhaidh mi mu teagamh mu sheallaidhean dheth an dèidh greis.

It is clear that we are not in, but rather past, September. My travels in Scotland for the better part of that month put me behind schedule. However, it was a very interesting trip, to which I will doubtlessly refer in the future. I will try to relate events that have happened in the Society this autumn in this and the October newsletter, which I hope will appear shortly.

We are pleased to see the continued success of our scholarship winners. Emma Schiff, of Oak Park, CA, took first place in the World Junior Championship Highland Dancing Competition at the Cowal Highland Gathering in Scotland. We included in our report the success of other North American competitors in that competition that you may know. Here in North America, Connor Civatte, of Trendon, North Carolina, captured second place at the Junior U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Championship. The extraordinary performances of these young people continue to provide strength and vitality to our heritage. Tha sinn fad 'nan comain // We are grateful to them.

Our Flowers of the Forest section reports on the sad loss this last week of our former Ontario Regional Commissioner, Max McDougall. Max was a mainstay of our Society for many years and we miss him.

We have had very successful games this autumn, two of which, the Virginia Highland Games and the Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival are described here. There will be more reports in the October newsletter.

We conclude with an account of an honor granted by the State of Georgia and the City of Statesboro for many contributions to the community by one of our prominent McDougald families.

Tìoraidh an-drasta

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## New Members

**Stephanie Loden**  
Alexandria, VA

**John MacLucas**  
Gathersburg, MD

**John Dowdle**  
Alexandria, VA

**Sean Flood**  
Herndon, VA

**Nathan Works**  
Grand Marais, MN

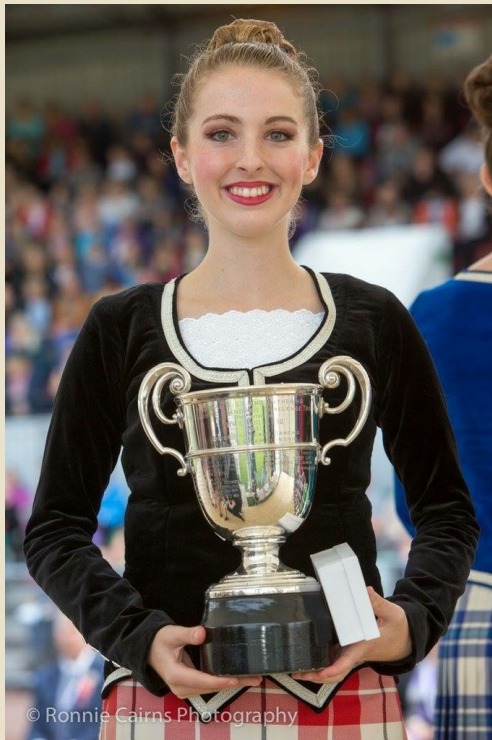
**Dave Davie**  
Billings, MT

**Anne Burgamy**  
Milledgeville, GA

**Guy McDowell**

## The World Championship Highland Dancing Competition

The largest Highland Dancing competition in the world, the World Championship finals, was held at the Cowal Highland Gathering this last August. Emma Schiff, from Oak Park, CA, and a recipient of one of this year's John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarships, emerged victorious in the World Junior Championship competition.



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Sophie Dunn and Morgan McDougall, both of Ontario, Canada, took second and third place respectively in the World Junior Competition

Erin Blair, also from California, won the World Juvenile competition for the second consecutive year, while the Adult World championship was won again by Ontario's Marielle Lesperance.

A World Highland Dance Championship has been held annually at the Cowal Highland Gathering since 1934. It is held under the auspices of the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (SOBHD). The SOBHD standardizes dance steps for competitors, establishes rules for competitions, and certifies competitions and instructors.

## Tents at Highland Games

### October

**1 - Scotland County Highland Games**  
Laurinburg, NC

**7-9 Seaside Highland Games**  
Ventura, CA

**14-16 Stone Mountain Highland Games**  
Stone Mountain Park, GA

**22-23 Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games**

Richmond, VA

### November

**December**  
**3- Scottish Christmas Walk**  
Alexandria, VA

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## Membership Year

Membership Dues are on a calendar year basis ending on 31 December. Dues may

## The Junior U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Championship

Connor Civatte of Trenton, NC, this last September placed second in the Junior Division at the U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Competition at the Edinboro Highland Games and Scottish Festival in Pennsylvania. Connor was a John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship winner in 2014

and an acclaimed performer at the Society's 50th anniversary celebration at Grandfather Mountain in July 2015. Examples of his performances at the National competition can be seen on his YouTube channel, "thekidfiddler11", at [MSR 2016 Nationals](#) and [Aldavalloch](#).

### 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 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 may be tax deductible in the U.S.

### Flowers of the Forest Maxwell McDougall



be paid, or prepaid, online for one or more calendar years through Paypal at: <http://macdougall.org/membership-information/>

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We are saddened to report the passing of our past Regional Commissioner for Ontario. Sargent Maxwell McDougall was born January 3, 1928 the son of Daniel McDougall and Margaret Sharkey of Edinburgh, Scotland. Daniel's family can be traced back to the 1700's in Scotland. Max passed away October 24, 2016, in Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. He was the beloved husband of Freda Harland and predeceased by Audrey Bonathan. He was the beloved father of Dianne the spouse of Stephen Love, grandfather of Cpl. Ryan Love (Claudia) and Erin Mitchell (Darryl), and great-grandfather of Alice. He is remembered by his step-children Stephen, Philip and Pauline and families. Max was retired from Scarborough Board of Education, 3rd Class Engineer.

He had served with the 48th Highlanders of Canada as a Rotary Cadet, eventually joining the Regiment, gaining the rank of Sargent. He transferred to the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers where he served for 3 years. He volunteered in the 48th Highlanders Regimental Stores, every Tuesday and Friday night since 1969. He was part of the 48th Highlanders Drill Team and volunteered at the 48th Highlanders Museum at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on King Street, Toronto.

Maxwell met Audrey in Toronto. They were married 47 years until her death in 2002. They loved to dance, starting with square dancing and then becoming very involved with Scottish Country dancing.

He met Freda at the Cairngorm Club of Toronto, famed for its cèilidhs and dances. He loved his Brass Band and Scarborough Pipe Band. He tried to learn the Pipes on occasion.

He was the Ontario Regional Commissioner of the Clan MacDougall Society for many years and recipient of our Society's Appreciation Award in 2008. He attended many Highland games over the years, hosting the Clan MacDougall tent. One of his many ventures was to produce and sell a Barefoot MacDougall pin to raise funds for donations to Gylen Castle and to Dunlilie Castle. Maxwell loved exploring his roots and visited Scotland many times.

Walter Macdougall, our Past President, reflects that:

He was as solid as a rock, and MacDougall all the way through. He was rightly proud of his military connections, which was a very important part of his life. If the Clan Society needed something done in his area of the world, Maxwell was the man. As host of our Clan Society 1994 regional meeting in Toronto, Maxwell did an outstanding job. He was also very active at the 1993 regional meeting in upper New York State. When our Chief's son, Robin, came over for a visit to the U.S. and Canada, Maxwell provided a chance for him to visit Ontario. Despite the fact that he was a big man, Maxwell was light as a feather in a Highland Dance and could go on forever while the rest of us were thinking of bed.

His funeral was held at the Scarborough Chapel of the McDougall and Brown Funeral Home. Our President-Elect, Scott MacDougald, attended along with a large number of Max's other friends. Scott relates that the chapel was full and about 25 people had to stand on the side and at the back throughout the service, performed by the Regimental Chaplain. There were around 50 of his old soldier friends present including a few currently serving. At the end of the service each one marched up to the casket in their military kilt, or uniform, or regimental cap and saluted, then took off their poppy and placed it onto a wreath on top of his casket. Then each saluted and marched out of the room. The piper led everyone else out of the Chapel. The sounds of those pipes at the end of the funeral were deeply moving. After most had left the Chapel, Scott went up to the casket, placed his own poppy on it and said "Buaidh no Bas Max".

We are all deeply saddened by Max's passing but honored that we

knew and had the opportunity to work with him.

## The Virginia Highland Games Great Meadows, VA Reported by Sandra MacDougall

The weather was beautiful on both days at the Virginia Scottish Games at Great Meadows. We had many interesting visitors, including old and new friends, a number of which joined the Society.



There were many dogs and lots of fun events for the entire family. And, of course, the bagpipes and music were glorious.



## Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival Estes Park, CO Reported by Doug Fowler

This year's festival turned out very well. We arrived on Thursday; the sky was clear and temps in the 70s. Hauling the tent and all the gear was a chore, but one we were prepared for. Friday morning started out looking like a repeat of Thursday, temps in the 40s, but warming fast. The crowds were not large since it was a work/school day, but we did have quite a few curious MacDougall's and MacDowell's stop by the tent to chat or ask questions.

The sound of the pipe bands was in the air along with the smells from the food vendors; haggis, scotch eggs, and Scotch, what more could you ask for. There were roughly 100 clans this year, much the same as past years.



Clan MacDougall marched in the parade on Saturday morning along with other clans, bands, Celtic dancers, and military societies. We wound our way from the west side of Estes Park through the people lined streets and ended at the east side visitor's centers. About 20 marched under

the MacDougall flag this year, many for their first time. Saturday was a very busy day, large crowds with a lot to do and see. We had a lot of visitors at the tent and the clan reference materials got a lot of use that day.

On Sunday, we participated in the Kirkin' o' the Tartan. It was a very nice and Robert MacDougall, our past Colorado and Rocky Mountain Region Representative, was remembered along with others that had been lost in the past year.

All in all, this was a very good festival.

## Dedication of the McDougald Parkway 2014

We annually celebrate the heritage of MacDougalls, MacDowalls and associated families at the Grandfather Mountain Meetings and Games. In 2014 these events were followed by a second celebration of McDougald history. Nancy Wilkinson Van Valkenburg, together with her mother Sibyl McDougald Wilkinson, and sister, Sarah Hereford, made a special trip to South Georgia for the July 20, 2014, dedication of the McDougald Parkway in Statesboro.



Sibyl at the Dedication

The State of Georgia and City of Statesboro named the Parkway in honor of the contributions made by McDougalds to that area in a number of ways, including the turpentine industry, civic leadership, donation of land for a church, and founding of a school which is now Georgia Southern University.

The Georgia General Assembly's resolution devoted a paragraph to John Alexander McDougald (1864-1926), who served first as a City Council member from 1908 through 1910, and then as mayor, 1911 and 1912. The resolution noted that McDougald, successful in the turpentine business, was a major donor in the bid to establish the First District A&M School, now Georgia Southern University, and that as mayor he "cast the vote that brought about a complete sanitary sewer in Statesboro." The resolution mentions other members of the McDougald line, going back to William Alexander and Catherine Bouie McDougald, who immigrated from the island of Jura, Scotland, with their youngest child, Dougald McDougald, to North Carolina in 1841. John A. McDougald was Dougald McDougald's son.

About seventy-five people met that Saturday at the Second St. John Missionary Baptist Church for an indoor program followed by the unveiling of the signs. The McDougald-Outland turpentine still stood very near the current location of the Church. When employees at the still sought to build a church in 1896 McDougald gladly provided the land. The Church's pastor, the Rev. Craig Tremble, gave the invocation and benediction, while the church's choir performed during the program.

Michael H. McDougald, John A. McDougald's grandson and chairman of Georgia Public Broadcasting, said at the ceremony that "the street is not really being named just for him. It's being named for the family as a

whole." Nancy reflects that this gives Sarah and her, their children and cousins a lot to live up to because, as Sibyl said, "The ones who earned the honor are all dead."