



Clan MacDougall Society of North America

MONTHLY NEWS



March 2018

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 newseditor@macdougall.org.

Scott's Reflections



The best laid schemes o' mice and men ... Last month I told you we are planning for our Society's 53rd Annual Gathering at Grandfather Mountain in a beautiful area of western North Carolina. Since then we have been informed by the lovely Eseedla Lodge, where we have held our Annual Founders Dinner for five decades, that it has now changed to a member's only event venue. Since we are not all members of the Eseedla Lodge, we have had to change to another nearby location. We will miss them and I think they will miss us with our colorful tartan dress, kilted guests, musical entertainment, and our special closing ceremony where we all join hands in a circle to sing Auld Lang Syne to say our farewells at the end of the evening. Farewell Eseedla, we have very much enjoyed our long relationship together and we appreciate all you have done for our Society members who have gathered there over the past half century.

The staff of Eseedla Lodge has graciously assisted our Past President Malcolm MacDougall and his wife Judy who heads our Hospitality Committee to find a new venue which is nearby and suitable to our needs. For our Friday Events we have chosen Whispering Waters Farm,

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Join the Member Section

Did you know that in addition to our usual, public [Facebook](#) page, we also have a "[Members Section](#)" page?

This is where we do things like meeting live streams and other items only available to our members.

To be invited to our new [Members Section](#), send the email address associated with your Facebook account to newseditor@macdougall.org.

New Members

Timothy McDougall
Norway House, MB

a scenic country location with a view of Grandfather Mountain. The address is 274 Shulls Mill Rd, Boone, NC 28607-5388 and their web site is whisperingwatersevents.com/

Whispering Waters Farm is on Highway 105 and is 11 miles north of our previous venue of Eseedla Lodge in Linville. For those familiar with the area it's 6 miles north of Seven Devils, or 3 minutes north of Foscoe on the east side of Highway 105. It's on the same Shulls Rd as the nearby Hound Ears Club.

Come enjoy the weekend with us. On Friday afternoon July 13 you are welcome to come to observe our Board of Directors Meeting, participate in our Annual General Meeting of members, enjoy our Social Reception and Annual Founders Dinner, and then stay for the entertainment. Here is a link to our Registration Form for you to come enjoy our Annual Founders Dinner at Whispering Waters Farm.

[2018 Dinner Registration Form](#)

Our traditional events on Saturday and Sunday are unaffected by our move to Whispering Waters Farm for Friday afternoon. Our Society Tents on Grandfather Mountain will be staffed by Society Officers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 13-15.

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

Scott MacDougald
President

Annual MacDougall Society Gathering at Grandfather Mountain Games July 12-15, 2018

We will gather again at the Grandfather Mountain Games to celebrate our Scottish, and more specifically our MacDougall/MacDowall, heritage. This has been a tradition since the founding of our Society in 1965 and we hope as many members can join us as possible.

Our program begins on Friday July 13 but on Thursday evening July 12 some of us will gather at our Society Tent on MacRae Meadows on the mountain to watch the Torchlight Opening Ceremony at dusk. You are welcome to join us; bring a jacket for the cool evening air.

Our Society events for our weekend include:

Friday July 13

Society meetings in the afternoon at our new location:

Whispering Waters Farm
274 Shulls Mill Rd, Boone, NC 28607-5388

2:30 pm Society Board of Directors Meeting
(open for members to observe)

4:30 pm Annual General Meeting of the membership

5:30 pm Reception with cash bar and piper

6:30 pm Founders Dinner followed by entertainment

Those who plan to attend the dinner at the Friday Reception and Annual

Matthew Duval
Millersville, MD

Ken McDowell
Calgary, AB

Carol Spilman
West Hollywood, CA

Pamela Lewis
La Mirada, CA

A hearty welcome to you all!

Upcoming Games

Dunedin Highland Games

April 7, 2018

Highlander Park

Dunedin, FL

dunedinhighlandgames.com

New York Tartan Day Parade

April 7, 2018

Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY

nytartanweek.org

Loch Norman Highland Games

April 21, 2018

Rural Hill

Huntersville, NC

ruralhillscottishfestivals.net

Southern Maryland Celtic Festival

April 28, 2018

Jefferson-Patterson Park

Prince Frederick, MD

cssm.org

Texas Scottish Festival

May 11-13, 2018

Wise County Fairgrounds

Decatur, TX

texasscots.com

Victoria Highland Games

May 20, 2018

Topaz Park

Victoria, BC

victoriahighlandgames.com

Greenville Scottish Games

May 26, 2018

Furman University

Greenville, SC

gallabrae.com

Garrett County Celtic Festival

June 2, 2018

Friendsville Municipal Park

Friendsville, MD

gccelticfestival.com/

Founders Dinner should complete the attached [registration form](#) and return it to the Society.

Saturday July 14 and Sunday July 15

Our Society Tent on Grandfather Mountain will be staffed by Society Officers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 12-14. Information about the Grandfather Mountain Games is on their web site at www.gmhg.org/

Come join us at our Society Tent at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain for weekend activities including:

Saturday July 14

On Grandfather Mountain, Highland Games during the day.

Sunday July 15

On Grandfather Mountain, Highland Games and Parade of the Clans

Volunteers

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

We look forward to your help. You may also contact any of our Officers and Representatives listed on our web site at www.macdougall.org or send an email to us at president@macdougall.org to discuss your interests.

Thank you for your support.

Flowers of the Forest

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

Velma McDougald



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.

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Velma Lee McDougald passed away peacefully in her home on March 2, 2018 at the age of 79. Velma was born in Kemp, Texas on December 25, 1938 to Clifton Smith and Annie Henson. She was one of ten children. She was predeceased by her son Chris, her parents, and six of her siblings.

She married her high school sweetheart, Felix Eugene McDougald Sr. on November 8, 1957 and recently celebrated sixty years of marriage. Velma and Eugene were blessed with three sons, Felix Eugene Jr., Christopher Lang, and Michael Andrew, and later with five grandchildren and recently with one great granddaughter. Velma loved her family and was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Velma had many passions. She loved to teach young children, retiring after thirty-two years in several different public school systems. She loved working with her flowers and her garden, and she also loved working along-side Eugene, the Regional Commissioner, in the Society' Clan Tent at Highland Games in Texas. Over the last twenty years, she created many of the materials they used in the Clan Tent, including history charts, sept posters and photo books. She enjoyed learning about the clan and even discovered that her family and Eugene's family originally came from the same Hebrides island of Jura.

Velma will be greatly missed by all her knew her.

Jerry (Geraldine) McDowell



Jerry (Geraldine) McDowell of Norfolk, Virginia passed away on January 5, 2018 just days before her 100th Birthday. Jerry was an active member in the Scottish community and a long-time member of our Society who attended our Society events at Grandfather Mountain for many years. Jerry will be greatly missed by her family, and remembered by the many friends she made at so many gatherings of our Society. More complete details are available at legacy.com

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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: macdougall.org/membership-information/

Submissions

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

Tartan Editor

editor@macdougall.org

or

Newsletter Editor

newseditor@macdougall.org

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

Dunollie Hours Extended



Opening Dates:

Friday 30th March—Sunday 28th October*

*Important: We will be closed Friday 25th May for a private function.

Opening Times:

Monday—Saturday 10 am—5 pm

Sunday 12 pm—5pm

[Tickets and Admissions Information](#)