



Scott's Reflections

Much of the work we do for our members and our two clans is done behind the scenes. I would like to mention just some of the things that your Officers have accomplished in just this past month.

We have found excellent new Society Tent Sponsors for you to meet at Highland Games and events in Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania. Volunteering at a Society Tent is a pleasant and rewarding experience and we will help you learn how to do it. Just send an email to me at president@macdougall.org or talk with anyone at the next Society Tent you visit. You may also fill out the volunteer form at the end of this newsletter.

We have now added new Discussion Forums and other pages for our members on our web site. You can get there by clicking the red button below.

We are tracing several members whose Society membership is about to expire because our Bylaws require their membership dues to be paid in order to maintain their membership. We want our members to have every opportunity to remain with us but we are in the process of preparing final reminders. We hope that all of our members decide to maintain their membership. We do not want to lose any of you.

Anyone can renew their membership online very easily by clicking the red button below or by mailing a check or money order to:

**Clan MacDougall Society of NA
P.O. Box 6595
Williamsburg, VA 23188-5225**

Many of our members contribute generously to our Dunollie Preservation Fund which is used to support our clan projects in Scotland. This month our Board of Directors approved our next donation to Dunollie. The details are in an article below.

And, of course, we prepare this newsletter for you each month. We hope you enjoy them and will consider contributing items to make them even better.

Many of our Officers will be hosting Society Tents and attending events this summer. Please stop by and say hello to them. Our biggest event of all will be our July weekend at Grandfather Mountain, NC. Our meetings and Annual Founders Dinner on Friday July 13 will be held for the first time at our new venue at Whispering Waters Farm, a scenic country location at 274 Shulls

Mill Rd, Boone, NC 28607-5388. Come enjoy our Annual Founders Dinner with us at Whispering Waters Farm!

We need to have your registration in advance so arrangements for the meals can be made. The link to the Registration Form is in this issue. We hope to see you there.

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

Scott MacDougald
President

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Board Approves Castle Access Contribution



The tourist draw to Dunollie Museum Castle & Grounds continues to expand rapidly with over 16,000 people from all over the world touring the Clan MacDougall ancestral seat in 2017. Once visitors reach the castle compound on the top of the hill, they are rewarded with wonderful views across Oban bay, down the Firth of Kerrera and out to the islands beyond. The 150 yard walk up the inclined pathway to the castle requires quite an effort for some, less able, visitors. In response to visitor feedback, Dunollie staff has developed a plan to ease the journey.

The new "Castle Access Project" will install hand railings along the path up to the castle compound with resting benches along the way. New lighting will be installed along the path as well as in the under-croft of the Dunollie keep to enhance the visitor experience while laying the infrastructure for future improvements. The project is expected to be completed well in advance of next year's Gathering.

At it's most recent meeting in April the Society's Board of Directors reviewed the plans for this Dunollie Access Project provided by Dunollie staff. Since that meeting, the Society has finalized all of the required documentation to complete our contribution to this project.

Thanks to the generosity of our members donating to the Society's Dunollie Fund, our Society had the funds on hand to support the proposal with a contribution of \$6,300 which will cover about half the cost of the total project. Additional funds have already raised by Dunollie. This tangible care of one of our ancestral sites is something in which we can each take pride. Thank you for your ongoing support!

2019 MacDougall Clan Gathering
Pre-Registration Now Open



Dunollie, the Seat of the Clan MacDougall, is proud to be hosting the International Gathering in 2019.

The team, which includes Madam Morag MacDougall, is working on bringing together a week of engaging events to celebrate the fascinating heritage of this ancient Clan. This will include a wide programme of activities for all ages.

Please Note: Registration for the event is limited. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please make sure you book soon to avoid disappointment.

The registration prices will be as follows:

Adults: £45 Under 16's*: £15 Under 5's*: Free

*(please note we do also have limited numbers allocated for children's tickets)

The registration ticket will include:

A welcome pack and welcome reception
Colour programme with details of all activities
and interesting facts and articles.
Priority booking for all activities
Entry to Dunollie Museum Castle & Ground
Farewell address and refreshments

[Register Here](#)



Founders Dinner Reservation

The Annual Founders Dinner will be held Friday, July 13, 2018 during The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Registration is required for those planning to attend. Please register soon.

[Get Form Here](#)

New Members

William McDougall

Jim Falls, WI

Willie Gluck

Silver Spring, AL

Kenneth Patterson

Colorado Springs, CO

Stephen MacDougall

Lewiston, ME

Shari Ireland

Sunland, CA

Charles White

Wheeling, WV

Upcoming Games

Victoria Highland Games

May 20, 2018

Topaz Park

Victoria, BC

San Diego Highland Games and Gathering

June 23-24, 2018

Brengle Terrace Park

Vista, CA

Greenville Scottish Games

May 26, 2018

Furman University

Greenville, SC

Embro Highland Games

July 1, 2018

Canada's Outdoor Park

Embro, ON

Garrett County Celtic Festival

June 2, 2018

Friendsville Municipal Park

Friendsville, MD

Kincardine Scottish Festival

July 7, 2018

Victoria Park

Kincardine, ON

Fair Hill Scottish Games

May 19, 2018

Fair Hill Race Track

Elkton, MD

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

July 13-15, 2018

MacRae Meadows

Linville, NC

Scottish Fest

May 27, 2018

Orange County Fairgrounds

Costa Mesa, CA

Orillia Scottish Festival

July 21, 2018

Couchiching Beach Park

Orillia, ON

Ohio Scottish Games and Celtic Festival

June 23-24, 2018

Lorain County Fairgrounds

Wellington, OH

Fergus Scottish Festival

August 11, 2018

Fergus, ON

Minnesota Scottish Fair

July 20-21, 2018

Eagan Central Park

Eagan, MN

They Will Be Missed

Samuel Steele

Newlands, NC

2 February 2018

John MacDougall Davis

South Coley, WA

17 April 2015

Charles P. McDowell

Southport, CT

9 December 2017

Jean Craig Saunders

Warwick, RI

9 December 2017

William H. Worrell

Decatur, GA

22 October 2017

Peter S. MacDougall

Moorestown, NJ

19 January 2017

A Taste of Home



Millionaire's Shortbread

This recipe adds real decadence to the traditional Scottish treat. Members can find semolina flour and Lyle's Golden Syrup on Amazon if they are not available locally.

Shortbread base:

200g flour (7 oz.)
100g semolina flour (3.5 oz.)
100g granulated sugar (3.5 oz.)
200g butter (7 oz.)
pinch of salt

Heat oven to 180°C (350°F)
Grease a square tin.
Mix dry ingredients.
Mix in butter to form a firm dough.
Place dough in tin and bake 25 minutes.
Remove from oven and cool completely.

Caramel layer:

175g butter (3/4 Cup)
100g condensed milk (3.5 oz.)
82.5g golden syrup (1/3 Cup)
175g granulated sugar (3/4 Cup)

Heat all gently in saucepan, stirring constantly,
until mixture reaches 105°C. (221°F)
Remove from heat and pour over shortbread base.
Allow to fully cool.

Chocolate topping:

100g milk chocolate (3.5 oz.)
100g dark chocolate (3.5 oz.)

Melt chocolates in microwave in 20 second bursts,
stirring between bursts.
When smooth, pour over caramel layer.
Allow to fully cool before serving.

Pair with a nice cuppa and be prepared to smile. May
require a long walk after.

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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 by clicking the image
below.



Member Sets Good Example



After a full day of tending our table during Tartan Day festivities at the historic Landmark Center in St. Paul, Minnesota, Georgette and I headed west to meet up with long-time Society member James McDougall for a late dinner. McDougall, now a resident of Minnetonka, MN, is the patriarch of a large family of our kinfolk mostly living near their family's homestead in Iowa. Extending our day turned out to be one of the best decisions I have made in some time.

James is knowledgeable and passionate about his heritage and we enjoyed a vibrant and ranging conversation over some lovely almond encrusted Minnesota walleye. He shared with us a book he authored detailing the journey his ancestors had taken from Bowmore, Isle of Islay to the midwestern plains. This is a tale he recounts to his children and grandchildren each year as they gather in reunion, followed by a written quiz he administers. I am at once astounded and admiring at this commitment to preserving his family story.

My favorite memory of the evening is when James spoke of his ideas for a second book. "My next project..." He begins, rapidly laying out the details, and I am brought up short. I suddenly realize that I expect a gentleman of 95 years to be slowing down and am a bit ashamed. There will be no slowing down with this one. He continues to teach, even when he may not realize he is doing so.

Kyle Jones
President Elect

Volunteers

Members who would like to support their clan by becoming more involved in Society activities should submit a Volunteer Form.

You can get the form from the button below.
We look forward to your help!

[Volunteer Form](#)

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. and may be sent to Clan MacDougall Society of N.A., Inc., Treasurer, P.O. Box 6595, Williamsburg, VA 23188-5225
