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South American Clan MacDougall Connection

Frederico MacDougall is a 29-year-old Argentinean who found me on email several months ago. He wanted to know what I knew about his branch of the MacDougalls.

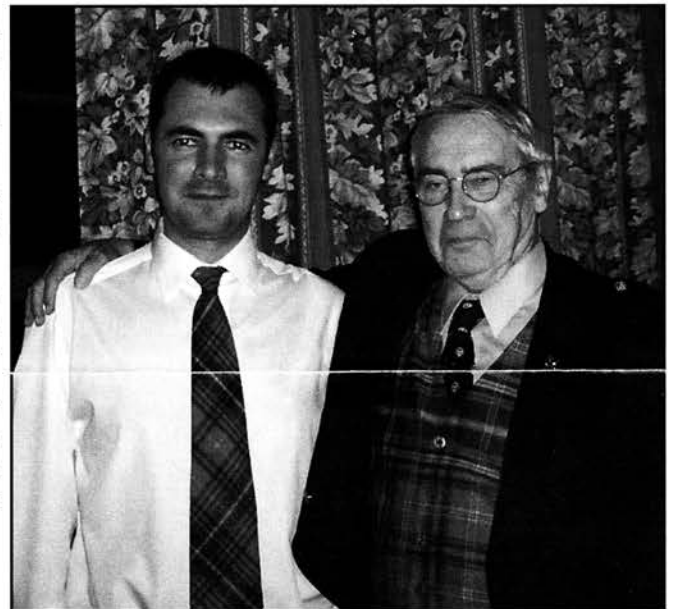
His ancestors, John and Susan MacDougall, emigrated from Argyllshire to Argentina in the early 1800s and raised many children. Descendants now live in Argentina, Uruguay, the UK and Canada.

Frederico is the youngest professor of economics at the University of Belgrano in Buenos Aires. He is also an investigator in the Department of Regional Economic Research, and a consultant to the media on economics.

He is very bright and funny, and he is planning, at my invitation, to attend the Games at Grandfather Mountain in July. He has written an article on his Branch for *The Tartan*, and I suggest that we use that as the basis for a presentation by him at our annual meeting.

While he is here, he will also be investigating the possibility of attending graduate school in this country in economics. He says the economy and politics of Argentina are beyond repair, and he would like eventually to emigrate here or to Canada. He is very enthusiastic about meeting his kinspeople in the U.S.

Bill MacDougall



The speaker at the Society's 40th anniversary dinner at Grandfather Mountain, NC, Federico Marino MacDougall, has returned to his home in Argentina and sent this message:

Frederico MacDougall and William MacDougall at the fortieth anniversary dinner of the Clan MacDougall Society held in July 2005 at Grandfather Mountain, NC.

After the holidays: The same life with many changes.

A few months ago, I returned to my country and to my daily life. Far away from the adventures of my trip, and still with the song of the pipes inside my head, I am back in Argentina and at work again. Today, as usual, my day is a mix of recalling the Clan's party, wishes of return, and a lot of work-related issues and obligations. I went back to teaching at the University of Belgrano, and writing in the Economic Review. Elections are soon to come and every week I must have an interview in the media where I analyzed them. Because of my ideas (or a question of luck), last week I was elected to be part of the national committee of the Argentina Liberal Party (Accion por la Republica), a very small political party led by Domingo Cavallo (Former minister and a Harvard Phd.).

I went back to work, too. But now, my company's main focus is to provide services to American companies that invest in Latin America. I must admit that having visited the United States in the past month has given me a new insight on the right way to deal with American businessmen.

I returned to my Argentina's family and friends, and every day I must tell to them a part of the story of my travel experience. During every lunch, dinner or tea, I must repeat many fragments of the trip.

Now, I am focusing on applying for some scholarships in the US, and to find another young MacDougall that wants to represent the Argentine's cousins during the next Grandfather Mountain meeting. The idea of a big and worldwide network of MacDougalls will be one of my objectives. Although Argentina may be on the other side of the world, I was fortunate to find the Clan's Society.

Thanks all of you for these incredible days that we had together at Grandfather Mountain, and be sure that I and many Argentine MacDougalls will be part of the next meetings. 🍷



The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougal

The frost is on the pumpkin and thoughts of pie come to mind so I'm wishing you blessings at this Thanksgiving time.

As disasters come and we are safe among the living, we are blessed. My condolences to those who suffered during the storms in the U.S., Mexico and in the earthquake areas of Asia.

We also wish you the best Hogmanay and First Footing of the Christmas season. May you and your loved ones be safe in His arms through the New Year.

Yours aye,

Pat



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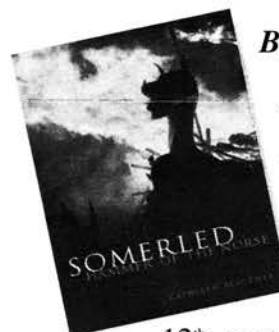
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Paul and Barbara MacDougall of Canada write that a new member is added to that large family of Clan MacDougall membership.

"Alice Louise" was born to **David and Sarah MacDougall**, September 25, 2005 at Newmarket Hospital near Toronto, 8 lbs. even and 19 inches long. David Ellmore MacDougall, son of Ellmore M. MacDougall Jr., Paul's late brother, and Louise Alice Gould MacDougall. The baby has curly red hair to match her daddy. Congratulations to the entire family on the new arrival!



Book Review:

"Somerled: Hammer of the Norse,"

Kathleen MacPhee presents an in-depth historical insight into the

12th century King of Argyll who laid the foundations for the rout of the Vikings from Scotland. Born c1113 in Morvern, Argyll, Somerled was half-Norse through his mother, his father's lineage was reputedly of Royal blood.

The book gives archive illustrations, photo, historical maps and an analysis of the Norse longship and design. This is a fascinating story as you follow Somerled's rise from obscurity to fame as a king through life and death. The book is written with clan Donald in mind, also the book has much to offer for Dougal history.

Special thanks to A. Wylie McDougall for sending this book to the editor to read.

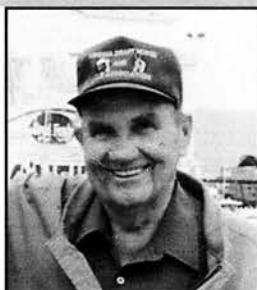


Flowers of the Forest

*Please accept our expression of sympathy
at the loss of your loved one...*

In Loving Memory

John Ross Blackburn died peaceably in his home under hospice care on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at the age of 85. Mr. Blackburn was a lifetime member of the Clan MacDougall Society. He travelled to Scotland several times during his life and enjoyed visiting highland games in the U.S. and in Canada. His mother was Christine (Christi-anne) MacDougall from Antigonish, Nova Scotia and his father, John R. Blackburn Sr., hailed from Aylesford, Nova Scotia. His wife, Margaret A. Burke preceded him in death in 1989. His children, Kathleen, Priscilla, Andrea and Patricia Blackburn, and his grandchildren Sarah and Andrew Albertson survive him. Graced with a light heart, we shall miss him dearly.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by P. Donald MacDougall



My first six months as President of the Society have been filled with a flurry of emails and telephone calls doing all the things that were voted on at the Annual General Meeting at Grandfather Mountain. One of the most challenging tasks was to fill all the Committee positions that were established under the new bylaws. I am happy to report that we have volunteers for the following positions:

Budget:	Mr Bill Leroy
Tartan:	Mrs. Pat McDougal
Heritage:	Mr. James McDowell
Publicity:	Ms. Tamie Rondinaro
Genealogy:	Ms. Sarah Cushman
Youth:	Mr. Beacham McDougald
Awards:	Mrs. Sandra MacDougall
International Relations:	Mr. Richard MacDougall

If you would like to participate in any of the Committee activities (and I encourage you to do so), William Ermatinger, our Recording Secretary, will be distributing the contact information and charters for each committee in the near future, and the information will soon be posted on the Clan MacDougall web site as a reference.

The intent of the Board of Directors in establishing Committee positions and responsibilities was to provide a resource for the Regional Commissioners and State Representatives as they strive to represent the Clan Society at the many festivals, games & Scottish functions we participate in around the country. Setting up a tent or preparing an exhibit and having all the materials available to answer visitor's questions is a challenge by itself. As the committees are formed and Society members become aware of what they can provide, the hope is that they will become an on-going source of reliable information and help.

Scott Mac Dougald, Vice President of Canada, recommended George MacDougall as Regional Commissioner for Western Canada. I extend my congratulations to George and wish him success in that very large territory.

Buzzy Bramble has assumed responsibility for Commissioner of the Southeast Region. We wish Buzzy success as the Southeast Region has the highest density of MacDougalls and McDowells in the nation.

There is much more to do and with everyone's help we will continue to make progress. To build on the achievements of the past and preserve our wonderful 1000 year heritage is a labor of love and requires a little from all of us.

Please feel free to email me at president@macdougall.org with questions and suggestions.

P. Donald MacDougall
President CMSNA

MacDougall Book Available



I still have plenty of copies of Bill MacDougall's wonderful new history of the MacDougalls and their emigrations all over the world. It makes really good reading and a wonderful family gift. You can receive as many copies as you want from me at 18 Teresa Dr., Mendon, MA.

01756. Or macmendon@juno.com. The cost is \$16.50 per book. The check should be made out to "MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust." All proceeds from the book go to the preservation of MacDougall Clan castles and properties.

Thank you,
Dick MacDougall, Past Pres.

❧ Made In Kentucky ❧

The Leroy Galleries, Inc. showcases original art by regional artists, Celtic jewelry, clothing, music, Scottish clan items & kilts.

Bill Leroy of Frankfort Kentucky has secured the little red, one-story house on West Broadway in the Historic Downtown Frankfort. After a lot of work to make the house a work of art, Bill opened the "Leroy Galleries, Inc." in November of 2004.

The Leroy Galleries can be seen on his web site: www.leroygalleries.com where items can be purchased. Also you can purchase items from Bill at www.macdougall.com web site.

According to Frankfort historian Russ Hatter, the little red, one-story house located at 333 West Broadway Street on the south side of the railroad tracks in Historic Downtown Frankfort started out in life, circa 1824, as the law offices of George Mortimer (or Motier) Bibb. Bibb was a judge of the highest state court, twice a U.S. Senator, and served as Secretary of the U.S. Treasury. In his latter years, he was a reminder of a bygone era, as he was the last to wear the old style knee britches in Washington. He died in 1859, and is buried in Washington, D.C. His younger brother John, famous for developing Bibb lettuce, lived nearby on Wapping Street.

The building has been a residence for a good bit of its life, and has housed several small businesses during the past several years. Bill Leroy bought the building in April 2004 with the intent of renovating it and opening an art gallery in the front part, and using the space in the back as a small apartment for himself. After installing complete

new electrical wiring, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, oak hardwood floors, bathroom, kitchen, and paint, The Leroy Galleries, Inc. opened in November 2004. Inside, you'll find the original work of local artists Gene Burch and Sallie Clay Lanham of Frankfort, Roger Bain of Lexington; and several regional artists, including R. Scott Coleman of Atlanta, GA., and Ina Sue Marlin of Oak Ridge, TN.

The building is small (the main gallery is about 500 square feet, and the back gallery is only 160 square feet) but you will find—besides the paintings and photographs displayed on the walls—something unique to Leroy Galleries. This is where you can find a variety of Celtic jewelry, clothing, and music, glass and ceramic coffee mugs and beer mugs, as well as Scottish clan items such as clan crest hats and kilt pins, necklaces, cuff links, and tie tacks, Irish hats, Scottish tartan tams and golf caps, Balmorals and Glengarries, sgian dubh's (sock knives), clan history books, soaps, scarves, tartan hair scrunches, and other assorted items. Truly, you need to visit to see the variety of items.

Bill Leroy is the Clan MacDougall Society Secretary/Treasurer. ☺



Voting Changes

The Recording Secretary would like you to know of a recent action by the Board of Directors to increase those who are eligible to vote for candidates for the Board of Directors. Previously only the Board members themselves were eligible to vote for such candidates (not an unusual practice among non-profit Boards of Directors). But the Board felt that it would be beneficial to the Society to expand to include more individuals to have this franchise. Consequently those eligible to vote for the members of the Board of Directors will now include not only the current members of the Board of Directors but also the Regional Commissioners and the Chairs of the Standing Committees. If you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me.

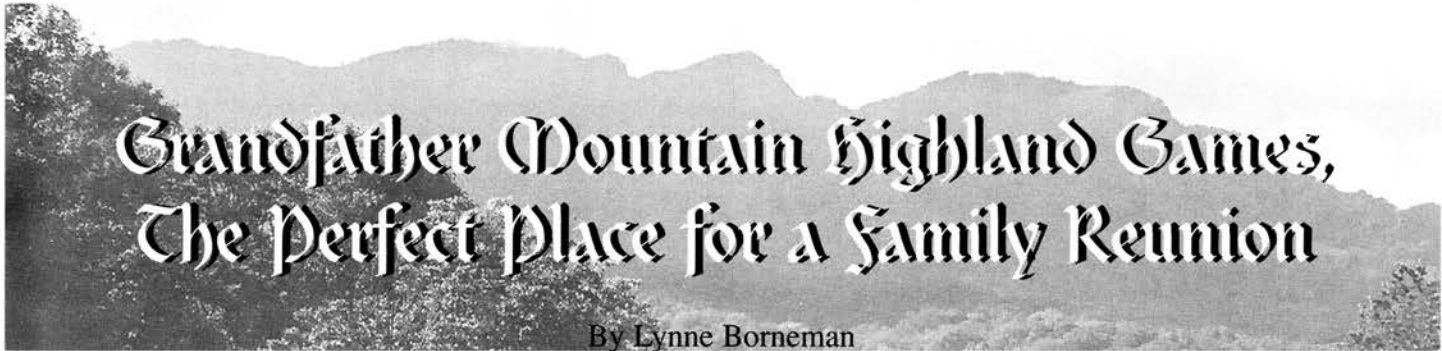
Please also note the following: All members of the Board of Directors, Regional Commissioners, State Representatives, and

Chairs of Standing Committees should have copies of the Society's By-laws. If any of these individuals do not have a copy please contact me.

Additionally any member may request a copy of the bylaws by contacting me and including their email address or mail address. If you wish a mailed copy, a SASE would be appreciated but not necessary.

Finally, all Regional Commissioners and State Representative should have a Certificate of Appointment. If you do not have one, please contact me with your name (as preferred) and I will send you one.

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Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, The Perfect Place for a Family Reunion

By Lynne Borneman

Our family no longer lives in one neighborhood. We are spread across many states. We have a sister in Pennsylvania, a brother in New York, a brother in California, a sister in North Carolina and we live in Virginia. As with most families today, our lives are busy and with distance as a factor, we rarely get a chance to see each other in a fun and relaxing environment. Oh sure, there are occasional holidays, weddings and funerals, but these events are filled with loads of busy work and stress. Getting everyone together in one place is nearly impossible.

This year, during the Grandfather Mountain Games, Joe and I hosted several hotel rooms jam-packed with family members spanning four generations. The McDougall-Borneman attendees included our daughter TeriLynne, Joe's mom Agnes (the original McDougall), Agnes' sister Ann, Joe's sister Ann and her husband Anthony, along with their granddaughter Zoey, and Joe's sister Pat and her husband Al, and lastly, my father Fred Wien, who by the way is becoming a Clan MacDougall member.

So why pick the Grandfather Mountain Games for a family reunion? Our family looked at us oddly when we first proposed getting together at the Highland Games. It did not take much convincing. I used three words - *location, fun, and heritage*.

Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina is a wonderful *LOCATION*. The beauty of the area is breathtaking. Grandfather Mountain is one of the most famous mountain peaks in North Carolina. The view from atop is overwhelming. Secondary to the unparalleled scenery was convenience. Our family could gather without any one family having to do the lion share of the traveling.

The Highland Games, the mountains and the MacDougalls are *FUN*. From the first day and the opening ceremonies, excitement can be felt. Sitting under the tent and watching the Highland events was entertaining. The dancers were so graceful. The piper's music filled the air. The kids enjoyed the sheep herding exhibition and the kilted track and field events. All the Highland game events, from the Parade of Tartans, to the Heavyweights and the little kid's tug-of-war, were delightful. Then there was the first annual MacDougall barbeque, all had fun. There was plenty of food, soft drinks and cake. The kids got a chance to run around and be kids, while the adults quietly talked. I think next year we should add some games and prizes. And even though some of our family members thought the formal dinner was going to be boring and complained about having to dress, they enjoyed the pomp and circumstance of piping in the haggis.

There is also fun beyond the meadow. You want shopping; it's there at the Dixie Pottery, the outlet stores or the Mast General Store. You want tourism; visit Blowing Rock, Elk River Falls, Linville Falls or drive to the top of Grandfather Mountain. Have a desire to bond with nature, you can choose hiking, white-water rafting, fly-fishing. Maybe you want to play golf, after all this is a Scottish weekend; you have several courses to choose from. Or is it the kids you want to entertain, try mining for gems, the Linville Caverns, or the Tweetsie Railroad.

I think the most important reason to host a reunion at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is to share your *Heritage*. It is a chance to learn. Each year I am filled with a great feeling of belonging and pride as I sit at the MacDougall tent. We all need to preserve our history and share that with our younger MacDougalls. At MacRae Meadows there is time for music, dance, folklore and crafts. Listen to other members recount the beginnings of the clan, for it is the oral history which keeps these stories alive.

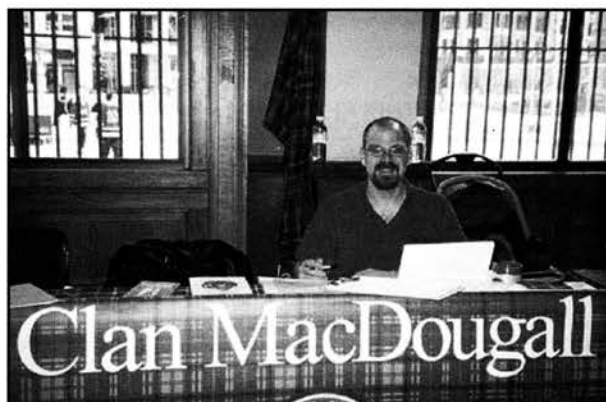
So if you are thinking about a family get together, or reunion, big or small, I recommend getting your family together and joining the MacDougall clan on the mountain. It is not only an opportunity to enjoy time with your family, but also a time to build new bonds with the extended MacDougall Clan. Expand your tree's root; host your family reunion during the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games! ☺

Clan MacDougall News

FROM HIGHLAND GAMES & GATHERINGS

Minnesota Games

Kyle Jones seated at the table for the clan's 2005 Minnesota events of The Scottish Ramble, February 19 & 20 in Saint Paul, also at the MacDougall tent at the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games on July 9 in Farmington. The materials for the tables were generously and lovingly compiled by Bruce Ollson of Saint Paul, and several other clan members. The banner was given in loving memory of John Carasik.



An Open Letter to Life Members:

Some thirty plus years ago I bought a life membership in Clan MacDougall Society for one hundred dollars. One hundred dollars was a lot of money for me at that time, but Frugal McDougall was looking ahead. Yearly dues were five dollars a year, and I intended to be a member for much more than twenty years. With my payment of one hundred dollars I was through paying dues forever. However, we all know that nothing is forever.

It was a good deal for the Clan at that time, the money was very conservatively invested in bank CD's paying six or seven percent, so the Clan got more then the regular members five dollars per year. Good deal for all.

Fast forward thirty plus years and the situation looks much different. Regular members' dues are now twenty dollars a year. CD's for my invested one hundred dollars is only paying three percent, so my contribution towards dues money is actually only three dollars a year.

The treasurer's report this year shows more outgo then income, in our Clan in spite of efforts to hold expenses to a minimum. The cost of publishing our newsletter The Tartan is ten times what it was 30 years ago. Postage has increased in about the same amounts. We have established scholarships that we only talked about thirty years ago.

I am going to try to take all of the above into consideration and make a contribution to the Clan treasury. I hope you do too.

Sincerely,
John A McDougall, Past President.

Notice on Book by MacDougall Black

Here is a must for all those really interested in our Highland ancestry. I have on hand a dozen copies of Nancy Black's richly researched and beautifully illustrated "*From a Hollow on the Hill: History and Tales of Lorn and Frontingall Families.*"

Here is truly an unusual collection. Genealogy, history and the business of human living are intertwined. Letters, accounts and insightful commentary show the relationships between MacDougall families and other Argyle surnames, the famous line of MacDougall pipers, the lore of plant medicines and dyes, ceremonies, domestic life, economic and climactic pressures, migrations and so much more. While written with a historian responsibility to fact, this book is not from an outsider, but from a person who knows with both mind and heart. Nancy Black grew up in the tradition of which she writes and her book has an authenticity which reaches beyond the facts with which it abounds. \$36.25 U.S. Walter Macdougall, 75 Sargent Hill Drive, Milo, Maine 04463. ☺

Book Review:

More about North Carolina and the Scots

Contributed by Beacham MacDougall

What is it about Scotland that so intrigues so many North Carolinians?

I had to ask myself that question after I got so many responses to a recent column about the "Scots Irish" and the "Savage South."

Many of you encouraged me to read a book called "How the Scots Invented the Modern World: The True Story of How Western Europe's Poorest Nation Created Our World & Everything in It," by Arthur Herman. The book's title says it all. Herman argues that the Scots are responsible for the modern world's way of thinking and getting things done, and he tries to explain how it happened.

Maybe Herman is stretching a little bit, but those of us who claim some sort of Scottish or Scots-Irish connection can be forgiven for eating up this kind of overreaching. I enjoyed his book when I first read it several years ago, and I am going to share with you again some of my thoughts about it.

Herman argues that the Scots "created the basic idea of modernity" that "transformed their culture and society in the eighteenth century," and "they carried it with them wherever they went."

This transformation of Scotland from a poor and backward country into a full-blown cultural and economic powerhouse in the 1700's came about, Herman says, as a result of some special circumstances.

We think of the Scottish Highlands as a romantic home of heroes. But until the beginning of the 1700's, it was a land of poetry, feudalism, illiteracy, and clan warfare - not totally unlike the tribal areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan of today.

Ironically, Scotland's transformation began in 1559 when John Knox led a reformation that overthrew the established church and replaced it with a strict brand of Calvinism. Knox taught that the people must read the Bible and come to know God personally through their own thoughtful study and prayer. And they, not a distant king or church official, were to be responsible for the orderly governance of their churches.

The enthusiastic Scottish converts tore down the stained glass windows, statues, and buildings of the old churches like the cathedral at St. Andrews. They destroyed centuries of precious art and heritage all in the cause of removing "idolatry."

If any government authorities, including kings and queens, got in their way of worshipping God, the Scots stood up to them. They developed a healthy tradition of rebellion against "unjust" authority.

How did all this disruption lead to the "invention of the modern world?"

Because Knox believed that every person should come to know God personally through reading the Bible, the new church tried to teach every child in Scotland to read. Having been taught to read, many Scots began to read lots of books - and not just the Bible. Once this habit of reading independently took root, no one, not even John Knox and his successors, could control what they read, and what they learned, and what they thought.

Having been taught the responsibility to develop their own relationship with God, they developed a self-confident pride in their ability to solve every kind of problem and find ways to improve the world in which they lived.

By the end of the 1600's, Scotland was the most literate nation on earth.

In the 1700's, it became the center of philosophic and economic thinking, led by such familiar names as Adam Smith and David Hume, and a host of others. Its universities were the envy of every country in Europe.

It became the center of invention and business, with James Watt's 1781 steam engine becoming the "workhorse" of the Industrial Revolution, in which technology and modern capitalism became life's driving forces.

What does this have to do with North Carolina today?

The transformation of Scotland was in full bloom as waves of Scots and Scots-Irish immigrants were landing in America and settling here. They were bringing with them these new Scottish ideas. They were deeply religious, willing to stand up to unjust government, hard working, entrepreneurial, and passionate about the benefits of education and inquiring minds. Those who supported the Revolution, including most of the Scotch-Irish, became its "workhorses."

Today, North Carolinians seem to have a love affair with things Scottish. Some of them celebrate their heritage by dressing up in kilts and tartans for dinners in honor of poet Robert Burns, for special religious services, and for Highland games and festivals at Grandfather Mountain, "Loch" Norman, Red Springs, and all over the state.

Some people argue that this Scottish "mania" is based on our identification with the "lost causes" of Southern and Scottish independence. Both "causes" have been highly romanticized and shamelessly celebrated.

Based on Herman's book, it is clear that we have something better to celebrate. It is those core Scottish values that arose from Knox's reformation and came here with the Scots and Scots-Irish immigrants.

These Scottish values - especially the commitment to educational excellence and the freedom of the human mind to inquire in all directions - are a solid rock on which our state's best traditions are built.

They are something for which we should be grateful to Scotland. And if these values are part of our heritage, our Scottish connection really is something to celebrate - with pride. ☺

From Your President Don MacDougall...

A SALUTE AND A HELP WANTED AD

For the past number of years the positions of both Treasurer and Membership Secretary have been held by Bill Leroy. I cannot say enough as to the quality and integrity that he has shown in fulfilling these duties. He has done a truly remarkable job in keeping our organization fiscally sound and up to date in all the areas of his responsibility. But because of Bill's own plans and the fact that in the very near future we will need Bill for more responsible work within the Society we are in need of two individuals to take over the work he has done all by himself.

The recent changes we made to the bylaws that govern our Society have enabled us to streamline the management structure and with the advent of eight standing committees will bring the best the Clan has to offer in resources for our Regional Commissioners and our State Representatives. In the coming months you will start to see the fruit of their endeavors.

However these changes have taxed our resource pool and as mentioned above we are in dire need of help in two of our most important management positions. So we are looking for two qualified individuals to fill these two posts: Society Treasurer and Society Secretary for Membership.

The commitment is for two years for each and the duties are essentially the same as these positions in any volunteer organization. Rest assured Bill will assist the two new individuals as they learn their duties.

If you are interested and would like to discuss this with me further, please email me at:

PDMacDougall@comcast.net, or phone me at 703-715-8453 or write me at 2471 Freetown Drive, Reston, VA 20191-2527.

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When Colonel McCrae wrote this poem, there was such tremendous loss of life, that World War I was often referred to as the war to end all wars. Unfortunately, that was not the case. During the month of November, poppies are worn to remember the service men and

women who died in all the wars, past and present. Every year, on Armistice Day, November 11, at 11:00 AM, people stop for a minute of silence to honor the dead for their ultimate sacrifice, to thank the veterans, and to hope for a world without war.

World War I took place in Northern France and Southwest Belgium in a place known as Flanders Field 1915. Dr. McCrae noticed a sea of red poppies blooming where the graves of the dead were dug and wrote this poem from his field tent.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead, Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields

Take up your quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

By: Colonel John McCrae
Canadian Army
WWI