

The Tartan



Clan MacDougall Society of North America

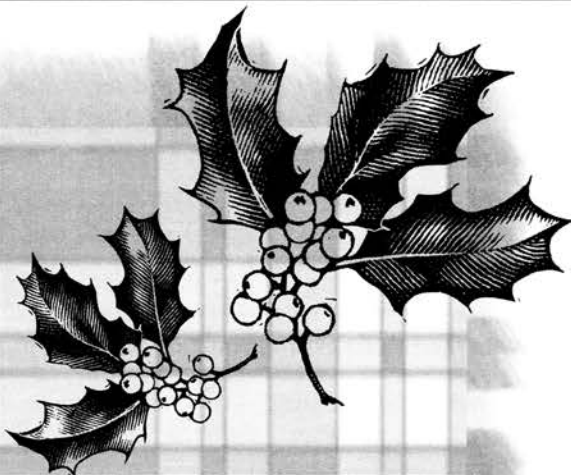
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Barcaldine Castle located in Benderlock. Built by Sir Duncan Campbell in 1609. Madam MacDougall of MacDougall, 30th Chief of the Clan, and her husband, Leslie Grahame MacDougall, lived in this castle for a time before taking residence at Dunollie House.



Season's Greetings



Christmas and New Year Greetings from myself and my husband Richard: also our son Robin (who still has fresh and happy memories of his visit to MacDougall families and various highland games in USA and Canada last year) and of course our daughter, Fiona, who graduated from Edinburgh in Art (Sculpture) BA. Hons this last July.

We would like to send grateful thanks to all those who are supporting the Gylen Castle Fund and especially Richard MacDougall of Menton and Scott MacDougall in Canada who are doing the collecting for this fund.

Another phase of the work on the Castle by Scottish Heritage should have been started when you receive this edition of 'The Tartan'.

We enjoy reading about all the events in 'The Tartan'. Among other things we would like to offer our belated congratulations to Charles and Mary MacDougall of Falmouth on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary.



Chief of Clan MacDougall

Mary MacDougall of MacDougall



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a super holiday season and a great 1997. At the beginning 1997 things are a little slow only a few Scottish games will possibly be held in Florida and Arizona. Now is the time to plan for activities that will take place later in the year. In your planning, please consider attending those games that will be most productive in promoting the interests of the Clan.

In the coming year I look forward to meeting and being with many of you and will welcome your ideas and comments on how we can improve various aspects of our Society.

For your planning purposes, our annual meeting will take place at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC. Our meeting will take place on the afternoon of Friday, July 11th followed by a cocktail party and banquet. I would like to see as many of you there as possible to take part in the activities.

In closing, I again wish you all the best for 1997!

Jack Kane, President

SOUTHEAST

Another year past! Whew! How fast it has gone. A big thank-you to all who have worked so hard to promote Clan MacDougall in the Southeast. "Have a great holiday season."

Jim McDougal
Regional Commissioner

VICTORIA, B.C.

To fellow clan members in the extended family of MacDougall, Best wishes for a Christmas of rekindled Joy and for a Prosperous New Year from,

Fergus Macdowall of Garthland

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM DUNOLLIE

This is to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and a good New Year when it comes. It was a tremendous pleasure to meet some of you this year at Dunollie. We hope to see more in 1997. If you would contact us before hand write or phone us at Oban 562626. So we can keep free our time to visit with you when you travel.

Jean & Stephen Hadfield
and Hope MacDougall
The Chiefs, parents & aunt

HEARTLAND

Wishing everyone in the Heartland Region a joyous holiday season. My grateful thanks to all Clan Members and friends who helped at our Clan Tent during the 1996 Highland Games Season.

Mary McDougall Wolf
Regional Commissioner

MAINE

Greetings from Clan MacDougall of Maine! May your Christmas be filled with joy and the New Year bring you good health and happiness.

Jean Macdougall-Horn
Maine Representative

QUEBEC

Merry Christmas/Joyeux Noel to all our clansmen around the world.

Scott MacDougald
Regional Commissioner

We pray for God's choices blessings on all of our kinsmen and women for a Blessed Christmas and a New Year of Peace.

Alan (Society Chaplain) and Jeanne MacDougall

NEW ENGLAND

We send our sincere best wishes and holiday greetings to our clan folk everywhere.

Richard T. MacDougall
Regional Commissioner

NORTHWEST

Wishing all fellow clansmen a joyous Christmas Season and a happy and prosperous New Year. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Northwest members who have been so generous with their support in 1996. We look forward to seeing you all at the games in 1997.

Martin McDougall
Regional Commissioner

Greetings from the Editor

Happy Hogmanay, joy and good health to each for the coming year. Thank you for contributing to *The Tartan*, making it what it is today and know, any contribution is welcome. MacDougall tents at the games are growing rapidly and you should know MacDougall people everywhere appreciate your labor of love. To the officers, commissioners & representatives, thank you very much for a year successfully completed. Through your hard work our membership continues to grow. Thanks to McDougal Design (Twyla Younes, Jennifer & Terry McDougal) for making *The Tartan* into a work of art from the paper work I give them. Thanks to my family & my husband, Jim. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year each & every one!

Pat McDougal, Editor



Best Ever Rum Cake

Before starting, sample rum to check quality. If good, proceed. Select lg. mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check rum again, it must be just right. To be sure rum is of good quality, pour 1 level cup into glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat. With electric mixer, beat 1 cup butter and 4 cups flour into fluffy bowl. Add 1 tsp. thugar and beat again. Meanwhile, make sure rum is still alright. Try another cup! Open 2nd qt. of rum if necessary. Add 2 leggs, 2 cups dried fruit and beat till high. If druit gets shtuck in in beaters, pry loose with drewscriber. Sample rum again, checking on tonscistricty. Next, sift 3 cups pepper or salt (doesn't matter which). Sample rum. Sift lemon juice. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add one bablespoon of brown sugar or whatever color you can find, mix mel. Geese pan and turn on cake pan to 360%. Pour mess into oven and ake. Check rum again and bo to ged... Marry Christmas!

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On August 30, 1996, **B.H. and Helen Parker** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. A reception was given in their honor by their children at the First Baptist Church in Owensboro, Kentucky. B.H. is retired from General Electric and Helen is retired from Owensboro Daviess County Hospital. B.H. and Helen have two children: Garland Parker of Owensboro and Carolyn Dunbar of Townsend, TN. They have two grandchildren: Chris Parker and Kevin Parker of Owensboro.

Our Chief Morag MacDougall of MacDougall wishes to mention that her parents Jean and Stephen Hadfield of Port-Na-Mairt Oban Scotland will celebrate their Diamond (60th) wedding anniversary at Dunollie on December 2nd with family & friends. All Clan McDougall members around the world, would like to be present with you on your day, however, we will send our best regards and know we cannot arrange it at this time. Have a wonderful day and another toast from all of us!

**Dr. & Mrs. Hadfield
Port-Na-Mairt Ganavan
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First Footing is an important part of New Year's Day in Scotland and wherever Scots are in the world, and also in some northern counties of Britain. The first person to set foot in the house after midnight strikes and the Old Year ends, brings good or bad luck to the home. Any woman brings bad luck so do flat-footed, lame or squint-eyed people. The First Foot man must, if possible, be a stranger with dark hair (in some districts he must be fair-haired). If strangers are not available, a friend can 'first foot', or one of the family may go out and come back with the traditional gifts of a piece of coal and bred, some money or salt.

These magic gifts are meant to ensure warmth, food and wealth to the family throughout the year. Sometimes the First Foot carries a branch of evergreen as a symbol of continuing life. A dark-haired man with all the other proper qualifications may arrange to 'first-foot' a whole group of houses. He will expect some whisky as a reward at each stop! ☺



New Year greeting sung by fishwives in Collieston, Scotland



Here be-gins a gweed New Year, Be sooth-in', be sooth-in',



Joy an' peace an' a' be here, An' a-



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