



## Scott's Reflections

We are reaching out to contact our members and to expand our membership communications locally. Over the coming months many of you will hear from your local Society Officers. If you have ideas or suggestions for us please let them know. In the meantime your comments or questions for Society Officers may be sent to me by clicking on the red button below.

At this time of year many of you are planning your vacation or thinking of travel. You are welcome to come and join in with us at our 2019 events, including Friday 12 July 2019 Annual Dinner at Whispering Waters Farm. We have already confirmed the arrangements for our day at this lovely historic site at 274 Shulls Mill Rd, Boone, NC 28607-5388 about midway between Boone and Linville NC. Our caterer is excellent, the haggis is already ordered, and our Founders Dinner is an experience that you will enjoy and long remember. Your Dinner Invitation form is included in this newsletter.

Perhaps you enjoyed some haggis last month on Robert Burns' January 25 Birthday or at a Burns Supper. "*The Great chieftain o' the puddin'-race*" has come a long way from being the healthy fare of the humble folk more than 200 years ago when Burns wrote about him in his *Address to a Haggis*. The Federation representing about 300 haggis makers in Scotland has declared 2019 "*The Year of The Haggis*." As for me I have always enjoyed The Great Chieftain's "*honest, sonsie face*" with the Scots word "*sonsie*" meaning "plump" so well describing him.

If you enjoyed your evening and the Scottish fare you may want to learn more about where to get your own haggis. It is easy to do in Scotland but in 1971 imports of traditional haggis were banned in Canada and the US. Now that is changing quickly. A little tinkering with one ingredient in the traditional recipe has resolved the supply problem. The New Yorker magazine has a good article explaining haggis, its traditions, its increasing popularity, and how to acquire it at <https://www.newyorker.com/culture/annals-of-gastronomy/how-americans-acquired-a-taste-for-haggis-with-help-from-the-scottish-poet-robert-burns>

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

Scott MacDougald  
President

## 2019 MacDougall Gathering at Dunollie



The Gathering section of the Dunollie web site <https://www.dunollie.org> says that:

- Sales of the advance registration ticket sales are now sold out. Those who bought registration tickets have received further information regarding priority booking.
- If you did not manage to get a registration ticket before December, there will be an opportunity in Spring 2019 to sign on for activities after the priority booking has been accommodated.

To hear about updates via Mailchimp newsletters as they are announced, make sure to sign up to [Worldwide Clan MacDougall](#). For any enquires regarding the International Gathering, please contact [gathering@dunollie.org](mailto:gathering@dunollie.org)

## Annual Founders Dinner Gathering on Friday July 12, 2019

Come enjoy our Founders Dinner on Friday July 12 at Whispering Waters Farm, a scenic country location at 274 Shulls Mill Rd, Boone, NC 28607-5388. Whispering Waters Farm is on Highway 105 and is 11 miles north of our previous venue of Eseeola 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. Their web site is <http://whisperingwatersevents.com>.

During the Friday afternoon you are welcome to come to observe our Board of Directors Meeting, participate in our 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.

[Get Form](#)

You may also come visit with us at our Society Tents on Grandfather Mountain which will be staffed by Society Officers on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 12-14.

## Cooking a Haggis

[The Scottish Gourmet USA](#) has good information on how to cook a haggis as well as articles on the history of the dish and serving suggestions. It is also a good source for your Scottish grocery items on



this side of the pond.

## Upcoming Events

### Scots Festival and International

#### Highland Games XXVI

February 16th and 17th

Aboard and alongside the Queen Mary  
Long Beach, CA

### North Texas Irish Festival

March 9th and 10th

Fair Park  
Dallas, TX

### Celtic Festival and Highland Games

March 30th

The Sedalia Center  
Big Island, VA



## Help Us Stay Up To Date

Our membership staff works hard to keep our records up to date.  
Remember to inform them of the changes in your lives.

[Update Telephone, Email & Postal Information Here](#)

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## New Members

**Harman Shaw III**  
Troy, NY

**Finley MacDougall**  
Harrisburg, NC

## A Really New Member

Our newest Member, Finley MacDougall, was born on November 26, 2018. Mom and Dad helped him to fill out his application form.

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### **Facebook Page**

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### **Submissions**

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

### **The Tartan Editor**

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

or

### **Newsletter Editor**

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

## **Advance Priority Registration for 2019 Gathering**

If you were unable to get an Advance Priority Registration for the 2019 Gathering, President Elect Kyle Jones has four extras available for purchase. First come, first served. You may email him below.

[Email Kyle](mailto:kyle.jones@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](mailto:records@macdougall.org)

### **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.



## **Make 2019 the Year You Lead!**

2018 was a year filled with positive achievement for our Society.

We need your help to continue that momentum.

A number of officer vacancies currently exist in the following areas. You can strengthen your Clan by taking on a leadership role in 2019.

To express interest, email Scott using the button below.

### **Administration**

Editor, [The Tartan](mailto:editor@macdougall.org)

### **Region Commissioners**

North Central

### **State Representatives**

Arizona  
Colorado  
Hawaii  
Kansas  
Kentucky

North West  
Mid-West  
Rocky Mountain  
Southwest

Quebec  
Atlantic Provinces

### **Provincial Representatives**

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North Dakota  
Ohio  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Rhode Island  
South Dakota  
Vermont  
Virginia (South)  
Washington  
Wyoming

[Email Scott](#)

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There are numerous opportunities to be actively involved in the work of your Society.  
Review the Volunteer Form below for more information.

[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

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