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Thank You from Dunollie



The MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust
North Wing
Dunollie House
Oban

30th August 2018
Scott MacDougald
President
The Clan MacDougall Society of North America

I would like to extend a huge thank you on behalf of Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds for your Society's generous contribution to the Castle Access Project. This has made possible the installation of a much-required hand rail, seats and lighting along the pathway to Dunollie Castle.

This will mean all our visitors will be able to access the castle more easily and safely. The seating also provides an opportunity for anyone who wishes to take a rest on the way up and enjoy the surroundings. The path is being used on an increasing basis each year with the visitor numbers to the museum and castle climbing year on year. Dunollie is not just an important heritage site for Oban and its visitors but is a world-wide attraction because of its beauty and historical significance.

The Trust and hard-working team at Dunollie are making great progress across all of our attractions and I hope that you will follow this on our website www.dunollie.org. We would welcome any of the Clan at any time to visit and take a personally guided tour and look forward to seeing representatives from the clan at the 2019 Clan MacDougall Gathering.

With all good wishes,
Alison McNab
Director, Dunollie Preservation Trust



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Grandfather Mountain July 2018

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville North Carolina once again provided a beautiful event around which to convene our annual gathering of the Society. A respectable party of Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall folk gathered to conduct business and share good company over the course of the weekend. We began by gathering on Grandfather Mountain Thursday evening at our clan and hospitality tents to catch up with old friends and meet new ones, and to watch the torchlight ceremony calling of the clans.

On Friday our new venue, Whispering Waters Farm proved delightful. Owner, Tim, and the staff treated us very well at his beautifully

landscaped facility. In the afternoon the Board of Directors met in the old general store which has been lovingly restored into a rustic meeting space. Following the Board meeting, the Annual General Meeting was held and streamed over Facebook live, updating members on the work of the Society this past year. We then convened in the reception building for a wonderful meal catered by Reids Catering, followed by Awards presentations and fine entertainment. Nancy Kane was present with her family to receive the Society's Appreciation Award for her years of service with our Scholarship Committee. Musical entertainment was provided by Conner Civatte, a champion fiddler and past Scholarship recipient. Conner energetically presented a variety of violin and fiddle tunes, interspersed with some interesting exposition. He is both knowledgeable and talented, and destined to go far with his musicianship. Then Richard VanValkenburgh continued the tradition of closing our Founder's Dinner evening with his humorous and heartwarming songs including, of course, Auld Lang Syne.

On Saturday a respectable morning rain cleared off to a mild afternoon, and the pleasant weather lasted the remainder of the weekend. Clan officers spent the afternoons greeting visitors in the clan tent at the games and enjoying good conversation and company. Those who camp on the mountain overnight reported some glorious battles in the annual marshmallow war at the campground.

On Sunday morning we gathered once more for the Parade of the Clans, and then began to disperse homewards, drawing our weekend to a close for another year.



Our Officers on Sunday morning at our clan tent

By Georgette Jones

From Our President

In this issue we bring you news and stories from Dunollie, Grandfather Mountain, and a special article from Maine where our members gather annually to celebrate in a way which gives added meaning to the term "Annual Dinner".

My Report to the Membership For 2018 in this issue was a pleasure to write. Our work is showing good results. However, keeping track of our members is an ongoing process where we would like to do even better. After every issue of The Tartan newsletter, undelivered copies are returned to us from members who have changed their postal or email address. We try to inform them by using the contact information that they provided when they became members, or updated afterwards, but some have moved, or changed to a cell phone number, and not advised us. We try hard to locate our missing members but some are never found.

In October we will mail out your annual postal letter covering dues and donations. The bottom of the letter indicates the contact information which you last provided to us. It takes only a minute or two to write a note to us on this letter. Indicate any current telephone numbers, email, or postal information which you may not have told us about, or changes you are about to make. If you return your note to us in the self-addressed return envelope provided, then we can stay in contact to ensure we keep your newsletters coming to you.

We want to serve you well, please help us to do so.

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July 30 to August 4, 2019 MacDougall Clan Gathering Pre-Registration Still Open

Dunollie, the Seat of the Clan MacDougall, is proud to be hosting the five day International Gathering from July 30 to August 4, 2019. As we go to press some advance registration tickets were still available from the Dunollie web site www.dunollie.org but ticket numbers are limited.



Registration tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. (Please note there are also limited numbers allocated for children's tickets). Registration tickets provide the holders with priority booking for the specific tours and events for the 2019 International Gathering at Dunollie when they are announced later this year. The registration ticket prices will be as follows:

Adults, £45; Under, 16s* £15; Under, 5s* Free

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

Registration tickets are available from the Dunollie web site at <https://www.dunollie.org/> but readers of electronic copies of this issue of The Tartan may also use the red button below.

[Register Here](https://www.dunollie.org/)

Developing Dunollie

One of the most exciting aspects of Dunollie is the MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust's continuous growth and evolution. Not only do people love to visit to discover the fascinating heritage of the Clan but are also always pleasantly surprised by the progress of the site, even in the short 6 years it has been open to the public.

Part of the key to this success is the highly passionate team driving all the different elements of the project – from archivists and retail to garden works and volunteer care. With some big re-development projects in the pipeline, there has never been a better time to be involved with the preservation of the history surrounding this amazing Clan Seat.



Dunollie Castle Phase III Conservation

Conservation works on Dunollie's ancient ruin began in Spring 2014 and have cost a total of £342,000 to date.

Phase I was completed in Spring 2014 and made the site safe for visitors to get up close to the castle by installing safety fencing around vulnerable areas and stabilising the wall heads to stop further deterioration and falling stones.



Phase II followed in Spring 2016. The South East and South West walls underwent repair and consolidation, which enabled the safety fencing to be removed and the vaulted cellar made accessible.

These two phases of consolidation works would not have been possible without funding support from Historic Environment Scotland and The Heritage Lottery Fund, as well as kind donations from The Clan MacDougall Society of North America, The Family, and visitors to Dunollie.

Dunollie has just launched the third and final fundraising drive for Phase III, with a target of £50,000 (out of the overall £230,000 costs). If funds are successfully raised, works are anticipated to start in Spring 2019. This phase will see the consolidation of



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the North East and North West walls to stabilise the ruin plus the internal first floor. The ivy will be removed from the residual curtain wall and the remaining upstanding stones will be consolidated.

By completing this phase, visitors will have access up the original stone stairs onto what was the common hall; likely to have been a general living space and kitchen.

The team has launched a couple special activities for visitors to help with raising funds onsite. The first is the “Dunollie Photography Competition”; visitors can enter their snaps captured at Dunollie for a £2 donation, with the chance to be featured in the very first Dunollie Calendar. The second is the “Save the Stones” campaign; donors can choose to save a small, medium or large stone for a donation and in return receive acknowledgement on site.

Visitors to Dunollie have also been treated to special Piping-at-the-Castle sessions by Donald MacDougall, to raise awareness for the fundraising drive.

If you would like to find out any further information or to join in with the fundraising efforts, head over to www.dunollie.org.

Dunollie's 2020 Vision

The MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust is excited to be working on a plan to enhance Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds by transforming the beautiful early 19th century agricultural steadings which can be found at the foot of Dunollie Castle Path. The aim of this project is to provide long term sustainability for Dunollie's heritage resources.

Jane Isaacson, Dunollie's Sustainability and Development Manager has said:

“I have been working on this venture for some time now with the idea of bringing the old steading back to life as part of the Dunollie experience - it is really exciting that we have reached the point of sourcing a local professional advisor to help us develop concrete plans. This new project will totally transform Dunollie Museum Castle & Grounds and what we are able to provide as a heritage attraction for Oban”.

This redevelopment is likely to take around 2 years to complete, with an anticipated budget of around £1.6m. If funds are successfully raised, it is hoped that works will begin in Spring 2020.

Two main elements will comprise the restoration, starting with the Barn. The Trust's proposal for this building is that it will be converted into offices, learning and meeting spaces to be used by staff, mem-



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bers of the community, volunteers, students and visitors to Dunollie. At the rear of the building, if appropriate, a custom-built environmentally controlled museum store will be added providing safe storage and conservation spaces for Dunollie's important museum collections.

The second element will consist of The Carriage House, Long Barn and Calf House. Building on the success of the Kettle Garden Café and museum gift shop, it is hoped that this beautiful structure with its arched doorways and slate roof, can become home to an indoor cafe/delicatessen area adjacent to a new space for the Drapers Gift Shop. Also, within this building, the Trust hopes to create a new heritage textile crafts workshop and gallery where volunteers, researchers and learners can explore local textile heritage



crafts. This will give the community a space for displaying, learning and passing on traditional textile skills, many of which are in danger of being lost.

This project will similarly provide much needed indoor space for the Dunollie Links community engagement programme, to support and expand on the learning opportunities and activities which already take place at Dunollie.

Through the 2020 vision, the Trust hopes to not only enhance visitor experience, but also improve the vital care of Dunollie's important heritage resources and provide additional job opportunities and career routes.

The MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust is currently carrying out



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Gillian Campbell

Marketing and Promotions Manager

Celebrating our Highland Heritage in Maine

This year from Thursday to Saturday 16-18 August, volunteers recreated the 74th Highland Regiment of Foote and a replica encampment at the 2018 Maine Highland Games in Topsham, Maine. Participating organizer Donald McDougal has written about this year's events.

On the Friday night at the outset of the Maine Highland Games, our members gather together as volunteers of the Maine St. Andrew's Society in our replica encampment to recreate a Clan Dinner/Ceilidh as our ancestors would have experienced it in North America around the time of the American Revolution. This event has kicked off the Maine Highland Games for the past few years. This evening gathering is much better



Watching musicians during the Ceilidh



George Pulkkinen Addressing the Haggis

attended than our Traditional Clan Banquet used to be. And it is much less expensive for the Society than the Formal catered event.

This year Company Commander William Siebert, his wife Ruth, and my wife Ann & I were there as St. Andrews Society volunteers preparing the dinner for our annual Friday night Clan Dinner/Ceilidh. This is done using traditional open fire cooking as our ancestors did in their daily lives. Dinner started with a dinner of beef stew, home baked bread, and a haggis which was Piped in by George Pulkkinen who gave a spirited rendition of "Address to a Haggis". As the meal progresses, the ceilidh starts. As the meal ends there is a single malt whiskey tasting. The Ceilidh then

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continues into the later evening hours and occasionally some of the next day's performers join us.

This evening gathering has grown into a well-attended community event with members from the local community joining those who have reunited to celebrate their Scottish Heritage. Last year we served more than 130 attendees. For this year, we do not have an accurate head count but had only ten or a dozen spoons left from a package of 300 spoons we started with at the serving table. Allowing for many who used two spoons, still, more than 150 people joined for the evening events.

Bill & Ruth prepare a 30 gallon kettle of



The serving line



Our kettle over an open fire

beef stew over an open fire. They cook the haggis in a five gallon cast iron kettle. For those who prefer, Ann & I prepare a couple of gallons of vegetable soup made with whatever is in the garden. Usually that includes kale, mustard, broccoli, corn, potatoes, sweet peppers, collards, cabbage, onions, garlic, cauliflower and green beans, flavored with vegetable bullion, marmite, vegemite,

& hoisin sauce. By the end of the meal both the stew and soup pots had been scraped bare.

We (my wife Ann) bakes 12 to 15 loaves of a variety of breads for the Friday evening



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meal - Great Grandmother's Canadian oatmeal molasses bread, maple oatmeal bread, whey bread, Sally Lunn bread, and a honey multigrain bread using oat, rye, barley, and wheat flours. In addition to traditional Amish butter, for those who wished, we brought several pints of homemade jellies to go on the bread – apple, pear, crabapple, and blackberry. It was a toss-up between the pear and the blackberry. Many came back for the breads as dessert. My job has been to cut the bread, and for close to two hours to slice as fast as I can (with a very sharp knife) to keep up.

Each year, Sally Lunn bread is the attendees' favorite. Sally Lunn bread comes with stories of a variety of different origins and histories such as:

- It was originally from Protestant refugees who called it "soleil et lune" (sun & moon cakes).
- It was named for Solange Luyon a French pastry cook who fled to Bath, England in 1680. It was first recorded in 1780 in Bath, England.
- It was invented by a French refugee, Madame de Narbonne in Chelsea England around 1800.
- It originated in England and "stolen" by a French Chef Marie Antoine Careme who called "hers" solilemme.
- Sally Lunn's Historic Eating House in Bath England claims "the original secret recipe was passed on to us with the deeds to Sally Lunn's house."

However, some documentation



Our encampment



Ruth and Ann doing dishes

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such as a 1776 Irish poem mentions “Sally Lunn and saffron cake”. An 1892 newspaper article claims that George Washington liked it so much that it became known as “Washington’s breakfast bread” or as “Federal Bread”. Whatever its origins, recipes exist dating to the early 1700’s and versions today can be found around the world. It is less labor intensive than most other homemade breads and is not kneaded.

Ann uses a recipe from “Taste of Home”

1 pkg. dry yeast	½ cup warm water
1 cup warm milk	½ cup butter softened
¼ cup sugar	2 teaspoons salt (other recipes call for only 1 tsp)
3 eggs	

In large bowl, dissolve yeast in water; add milk, butter, sugar, salt, eggs, and 3 cups flour. Beat until smooth. Stir in enough remaining flour to form soft dough (do not knead). Cover let rise until doubled. Stir dough down. Spoon into a greased 10 inch tube pan. Cover let rise until doubled. Bake at 400F for 25-30 min. or until golden brown.



A day's rations for a soldier

Argyle Highlanders Disbanded at Passamaquoddy” (now St. Andrews, New Brunswick) listed 146 men, 32 women, and 47 children above age 10. Included were John MacDougald Piper for the 74th, his wife Mary, and their children Cath’rn & Jannet. Because of this custom of wives & children accompanying Highland soldiers, nine of our grandchildren, when growing up, have been able to authentically participate with us in reenactments over the years.

The next day we resumed our re-enactment activities. On Saturday the four of us were joined by six other members of the 74th Regiment: Don & SueEllen Brown, Wayne & Sonia Mallar and our youngest members, two sisters still in school. Together the 10 of us in period 1779 military & civilian dress presented and explained the 74th Regimental Encampment and displays set up for the Games. Wives and children were a normal part of Highland Regiments during that time period as there were no social services, other than family connections, to care for military dependents left behind.

The 1784 “Muster Roll of the 74th Regiment,



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On September 8 we will cap the year with a weekend encampment at our "original home" Fort George in Castine, Maine. Then we join a monthly meeting of a book club

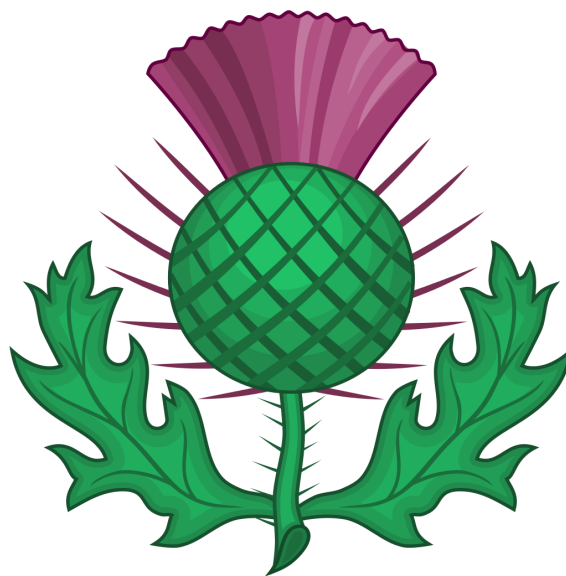
who have just read the historical novel "The Fort" (Fort George) by Bernard Cornwell and will finish the 2018 season with a musket & tactics demonstration for a Military History class at a local University. For the musket demonstration, we will roll cartridges with quinoa seed which has a texture similar to black powder. Other than being messy, using quinoa seed is a useful and safe way to allow students to

experience flintlock technology and to allow them a chance to try loading a Brown Bess musket. This hands on activity will give them a sense of the self-control demanded of a person using flintlock musket technology under the horrific circumstances that men endured during battle.

The year has been busy for us with daylong talks & demonstrations at libraries, a fashion show at a museum, local community events, and routine encampments but our annual Friday night Clan Dinner/Ceilidh at the Maine Highland Games is one of the highlights of our year.



Musket fire from the Brown Bess



President's Report to the Membership for 2018

Your President and President Elect have been active in our first year in office. As we evolve our Society with the times the workloads of our Executive Officers, the Vice President for Treasury Don MacDougall, Vice President for Membership Valerie McDougall, and Recording Secretary Lynne Borneman have been heavy. Our internal processes are being updated and the results have been worth the effort. Our budget is in balance and our membership numbers have risen. Your Society is in a good position to go forward.



In February the strength and depth of our team of Officers were tested by a sudden culture shock. The Eseeola Lodge where we have held our traditional Annual Founders Dinner for many decades surprised us by saying they would not let us re-book there for July 2018, mere months away. During the winter they had adopted a members only business model. Since we were not members of their club we suddenly had to scramble to seek a new venue on short notice. We quickly formed a working committee of Officers led by Past President Malcolm MacDougall, assisted by his wife Judy, to find another venue suitable for our traditional July gathering. After examining dozens of venues we ultimately decided on Whispering Waters Farm, a few miles north of Eseeola Lodge. It had been suggested to us by the helpful staff at Eseeola who worked with us to smooth the transition. We are very pleased with Whispering Waters Farm and our new caterer. We very much look forward to returning there in July 2019.

In the past year we have been tracing members with whom we had lost contact when they relocated in past years. This enjoyable and successful endeavor has helped us to locate missing members we would have otherwise lost. You can help us by keeping us up to date with your current telephone and email contact information. Advise us at any time at:

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We would like to have more Officers from all levels and Representatives meeting our clansmen at Clan Tents and events. This year our volunteers hosted Society Tents this year in places where we have not attended for a long time, including Portland OR, Ithaca IL, and Florence MA. In addition, new volunteers became Tent Sponsors and



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hosted Society Tents in California, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and more. These increased appearances provide more opportunities for our clansmen to connect with us and they have reciprocated. Several visitors made it a very pleasant and enjoyable experience by telling our Tent Sponsors how pleased they are to see us come to meet them at their events.

For several years we have been steadily improving the support we can offer to our Tent Sponsors, including a comprehensive Handbook which is full of helpful information, display items, and training material. If you are interested in hosting a Society Tent, contact any of our Officers and Representatives including Kyle or me, or inquire at any of our Society Tents for more information.

As you will read elsewhere in this issue more projects are underway at Dunollie. At our Board of Directors meetings in April and July we discussed financially supporting these projects. In April we were able to send \$6300 to the Dunollie Preservation Fund to pay for a little more than half the cost of new railing, benches, and lighting being installed along the pathway leading up to Dunollie Castle. Our front page displays the nice thank you we received from Dunollie.

If you wish to make a donation to the Society's Dunollie Preservation Fund you may send it to our Treasurer. As an IRS 501(c)3 corporation, money paid to the Society may be U.S. tax deductible. Please consult your tax adviser. Our Treasurer's address is:

Clan MacDougall Society Treasurer
P O Box 6595
Williamsburg VA 23188

Support for Dunollie is stated in our Bylaws as one of the Purposes of our Society. We look forward to supporting them further in the coming months.

Since last year President Elect, Kyle Jones, and I have been increasing our personal contact with Officers and members. We received an overwhelmingly positive response during dozens of interesting chats. As we go forward we, and other Officers, will be continuing to contact our members asking for your thoughts. It will be nice to talk to you in person, but until then I do hope you enjoy reading your newsletters.

Scott MacDougald
Member and President



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