



Scott's Reflections

I would like to thank all of you who have renewed your membership and for continuing your support in the year 2020. It is for you, our members, that our volunteer Officers and Representatives work to preserve and communicate our clan heritage and to perform the many tasks behind the scenes that make it all possible. If you have not yet renewed, the red Renew Membership button below is easy to click on and to use.

This is a time of year when many of you are planning your vacation or travel. If you wish to join in with us at events, our web site Games Page at <https://macdougall.org/games-calendar/> is updated all year long to list events where we have Society Officers and Representatives present. More will be posted soon. Among others across North America, our upcoming events include:

Sat. & Sun. January 18 & 19, 2020
Winter Springs, FL

The Central Florida Highland Games in Central Winds Park, Winter Springs, Florida is always our very first Highland Games event of the year. Come to our Clan Tent to say hello and to visit with our Society volunteers. This Games web site is <http://www.flascot.com/>

February 16 & 17, 2020
Long Beach, CA

The Queen Mary Scottish Festival in Long Beach, CA is held on lush grass lawns overlooking the ship, Queen Mary, permanently berthed at Long Beach harbor. Come to see the highland dancing on board the ship, the events on the field, and to visit our Society Tent. This Games web site is at <https://queenmary.com/calendar-of-events/scotsfestival/home/>

Sat. April 4, 2020
New York City Tartan Day Parade

Come join your fellow Clan members when we get together on Saturday around 11:30 am for lunch to visit and chat at the Bryant Park Grill. It is 2 blocks from where we line up for the parade. Or, consult the NYC Tartan Day website www.nyctartanweek.org and meet our group at our lineup spot.

Fri. July 10, 2020
Grandfather Mountain, NC

Our new Gathering and Informal Dinner at Elevations Restaurant is conveniently located at the main intersection at 3990 Highway 105 South, Banner Elk, NC. (4 miles or 6 km north of Linville). We are already making arrangements for an afternoon and evening that you and your family will enjoy. You may view their web site at <https://www.elevationstavernandgrill.com/>

Fri., Sat. & Sun July 10, 11 & 12, 2020
Grandfather Mountain, NC

Several members and visitors usually come by our Society Tent on Thursday evening to watch the Opening Ceremonies at dusk from our Tent. Our Society

Tent will be staffed by our volunteers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 3 pm on Saturday, July 11 at the Chiefs Tent on MacRae Meadows during the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. The Games web site is <http://www.smhg.org/>

Next year in August 2021

Oban, Scotland

We are hoping to attend the 150th Anniversary of the Argyllshire Highland Games on August 26, 2021 in Oban. Our activities during that week are in the planning stage but we have an article in this issue concerning this celebration from Past President Ashby McCown. This is a good time to plan ahead for a trip to Scotland next year. Their web site is <http://obangames.com/newsite/>

This month January 25, 2020

It will soon be Burns Night, celebrating the January 25 birthday of Scotland's famous poet Robert Burns in good company with food, drink, reading and singing of Burns poems and songs. It is an enjoyable January evening to be remembered. There may be a Burns Supper social evening near you.

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

Scott MacDougald
President

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Renew Membership

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Ath-choinnicheamaid san Òban, an Lùnastal 2021
Let's meet again in Oban, August 2021.



In late August 2021, the Argyllshire Gathering will celebrate its 150th anniversary and members of our Society will be there. The origin of the Gathering is an August 23, 1871 meeting at the Argyll Arms Hotel in Inveraray, where it was resolved, among other matters, "that, in the opinion of the gentlemen present, it is desirable that there should be in future an Annual Gathering of the Gentry of the County of Argyll for social purposes." The importance of the Gathering, initially held in conjunction with the Oban Regatta, was acknowledged when the Highland Society of London established a Gold Medal for solo piping in 1873. The Gathering continues to host one of the premier piping competitions in the world.



The Argyllshire Gathering hosts the Oban Games, which are typically held on the fourth Thursday in August. The Oban Games website is <http://obangames.com/newsite/>. The piping competitions begin the Wednesday preceding the Games. The Games day itself begins with the Stewards' March from Station Square at the harbor up to the Games field. This is led by the Pipe Major (the current holder of the Highland Society of London's gold medal) and competing pipers followed by clan Chiefs and Chieftains, Stewards, clansmen, and whoever else wishes to join the march. In addition to the several

piping competitions, the Games include, among other events, traditional heavy and track events, highland dancing, tossing the sheaf, tug of war, children's races, and a hill race. The Oban High School of Dance and the Oban High School of Music provide entertainment during the day. The Heritage Tent overlooks the athletic field, with displays by, among others, historical, archaeological, Gaelic, cultural, scientific, and community associations; a distillery; and performances by such groups as the Oban Gaelic Choir. Dunollie is always at the Heritage Tent, and the North American Society hosted a table there when the 2014 International Gathering overlapped with the Argyllshire Gathering.



Planning for the 150th Anniversary has just begun – the celebration is still a year and a half in the future. More events are being planned than at a normal Argyllshire Gathering and it is possible that the Anniversary will be celebrated for several days. In addition to events surrounding the gathering, the area about Oban has many attractions for those interested in the history and culture of MacDougalls, their associated families, and several other Clans, whose traditions are intertwined with ours. Indeed the historical locations and archaeological sites near Oban feature prominently in the ancient culture and history of Scotland.



Some of us from our Society are planning to attend the August 2021 Anniversary celebrations. I expect that, while there, we will at least try to get together for dinner, and perhaps for other meetings. To assist in planning it would be helpful to know how many of you as well might be interested in attending the

August 2021 events and how certain you are to make the trip. If you are interested, could you drop me an email at thomas.mccown3@verizon.net, copying editor@macdougall.org, to let us know of your interest.

Mòran Taing

Tòmas Mac Còmhghan // Ashby McCown
Seann Cheann-suidhe // Past President

The John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Program

Applications are now being accepted for the 2020 John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarships.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to financially support learning endeavors that enhance knowledge or appreciation of the Society and/or our cultural heritage.

Full details of the program can be found at <https://macdougall.org/scholarships/>

Applications will be accepted until April 1, 2020.

Upcoming Games

The events listed here all feature a Clan Tent hosted by members of our Society.

We invite you to stop by for a visit

If there is not an event listed near you, consider becoming a Clan Tent Sponsor and help us expand our presence in your area.

It is a lot of fun and we will teach you all you need to know.

Contact [Scott](#) or [Kyle](#) or inquire at any of our Society Tents for more information.

January 18-19, 2020

[Central Florida Games](#)

Winter Garden, Florida

February 16-17, 2020

[Queen Mary Scottish Festival](#)

Long Beach, CA

New Members

Robert Howell
Bloomingdale, GA

Sarah Moore
Marietta, GA

Maria McKenzie
Independence, MO

Edward Sweeney
Saratoga, CA

Thomas McDowell
Lexington, KY

Paden Kitchen
New Bern, NC

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Sydney Kitchen
New Bern, NC

A hearty welcome to you all!

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



Membership Year

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Hospitality
International Relations
Internet and Technology
Membership
Scholarships

If you are interested in becoming a member of any of these committees,
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Choose the items that interest you most and we'll be in touch to guide you.

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