



Scott's Reflections

Last week we sent our Scholarship Special Announcement to you to emphasize the importance of Scholarships to support and preserve our heritage. Awards such as this provide well deserved encouragement and recognition. If you know of someone who may qualify for one of our Scholarship awards please make them aware of our program.

In late November we mailed our annual postal letter to Members. We use this mailing to remind Members who need to update their contact information, pay membership dues, or wish to make donations. Some Members have yet to respond to their letter by mail but they may also do so online, if they wish. Throughout this issue you will find convenient red buttons to renew your Membership Dues, update your telephone, email and postal information, donate to our programs, or volunteer to become more actively involved in our Society.

I would like to thank all of you for your support of our heritage and our programs. It is for you, our Members, that our volunteers perform the many behind the scenes tasks that make our Society possible. You will meet many of us at the events listed. Whether the events are big or small we enjoy meeting you there.

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

Scott MacDougald
President

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Apply for a Scholarship



Now Accepting Applications

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

The purpose of The John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Program is to financially support learning endeavors that enhance knowledge or appreciation of the Society and/or our cultural heritage. This might include a scholarship, fellowship, award, prize, or other method of financial assistance at North American and/or Scottish universities, colleges,

other appropriate institutions, or from an appropriate tutor/instructor.

Applications are due by April 1, 2020.

Download Details and Application Form

Dunollie 2020 Schedule



Dunollie Museum, Castle & Grounds have announced the following schedule for 2020.
Full details can be found at www.dunollie.org.

Wednesday 1st April 2020 - Sunday 25th October 2020

Monday - Saturday*: 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday*: 12 pm - 5 pm

*(*Advised last entry 4.15 pm)*

"Dunollie Guided Tour"

Monday - Saturday: 10.30 am or 2.30 pm Sunday: 12.30 pm

Off to a Great Start!

The highland games season kicked off at the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games in Winter Springs, FL on January 18th.

It is looking to be another busy season and this issue includes a complete list of those events we know of so far to aid in your travel planning. Many more events will be added as the year continues. The most up to date information can always be found at



Pictured here is our newest member, Mark McDougal of Cocoa, FL. Mark, and his daughter Skylir, jumped right to work as banner bearers in the Parade of Tartans. It is this type of volunteer spirit that keeps our Society strong. Well done, cousins, and welcome to the Society!

Language App has "Hometown" Ties

Language preservation is a vital component of our mission to preserve our shared cultural heritage. Understanding the native language of our ancestors can bring a greater depth of understanding to the teachings, customs, oral traditions, and inherited knowledge our Society seeks to share and celebrate.

In late 2019, the online language education application, Duolingo, added Scottish Gaelic to its offerings. This free platform offers a simple, game-like environment in which to learn and is available on the web as well as on Apple and Android smart devices. Users can choose the intensity of study, from 5-20 minutes per day. (A paid "pro" level is also available for those wanting to dig deeper, but is not required.)



Kieran MacInnes

Recently, the Oban Times shared the news that this new offering has "hometown" ties. Kieran MacInnes, the acting principal teacher at the Rockford Primary Gaelic Unit (Bun-sgoil Achadh na Creige) in Oban wrote the initial curriculum of around 6,000 sentences. Some of his family members also helped record audio and can be heard in the app.

The new Gaelic section has been warmly received, with more than 85,000 people using the course as of December. You can join them by visiting www.duolingo.com or searching "dueling" on the app store for your device.

Additional information on our Scottish Gaelic heritage can be found on our own website at <https://macdougall.org/gaelic/>

Upcoming Events

February 15-16

[The Queen Mary Scots Festival & International Highland Games](#)

Contact Us

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Long Beach, CA

March 21-22

[Sherman Celtic Festival and Highland Games](#)
Sherman, TX

March 28

[Sedalia Center Celtic Festival](#)
Big Island, VA

April 4

[NYC Tartan Day Parade](#)

New York, NY

RSVP

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 before the Parade. To reserve your seat for lunch send an email to mchoul2000@yahoo.com. The Grill is 2 blocks from where we line up for the parade. Or, consult the NYC Tartan Day website and come to meet our group at our lineup spot.

April 25

[Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland](#)
St. Leonard, MD

July 1

[Embroidered Highland Games](#)
Zorra, ON

July 4

[Kincardine Scottish Festival](#)
Kincardine, ON

July 10-12

[Grandfather Mountain Highland Games](#)
Linville, NC

July 18

[Minnesota Scottish Fair](#)
Eagan, MN

August 8-9

[Fergus Scottish Festival](#)
Fergus, ON

August 27

[Argyllshire Games](#)
Oban, Scotland

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or items of interest to our newsletters
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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.

[Renew Membership](#)

Help Us Stay Up To Date

Help us keep up to date with your current contact information by writing the address below
or by clicking the button and filling out the form that will appear.

[Update Your Records](#)

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Service Opportunities - Committees

Our Society operates 10 Standing Committees.
Their duties are listed on our Society web site at <https://macdougall.org/our-society/standing-committees/>

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If you are interested in becoming a member of any of these committees,
please contact President Scott MacDougald.

[Email Scott](#)

There are numerous opportunities to become actively involved in the work of your Society.
Our interactive Volunteer Form can be downloaded below to be filled it out on your computer or tablet.
Choose the items that interest you most and we'll be in touch to guide you.

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