



Scott's Reflections

Thirty years ago at Dunollie, I first received a little red Clan MacDougall Society brochure. I had never heard of it until that moment. When I returned home I used it to join the Society, pleased to become a member, and never expecting to be more. However, in my case, some Officers of that day saw something in this young member from distant Montreal who was so full of questions for them. They responded with encouragement and assisted me to learn and do more within the Society. I appreciated their efforts and learned all I could from them. Most of those Officers are now retired but still keep an active watch over our Society. I hope they are pleased with how I have tried to apply what I learned to do, or not to do, from them. They knew the value of building a strong cadre of Officers for the future.

Today's group of volunteers is growing better every day. Whether they host a single Society Tent, or are in charge of a Region, or are part of a Committee, or hold higher office, they are dedicated to serving our Members. I am sure there are several future Society Presidents among them. They will continue to have my support and encouragement after my term ends on July 6. Thank you for supporting them and me for so many years.

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



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2020 John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Awards By Sarah Hereford

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

emphasis is based on monetary support for “learning” rather than “doing.” For instance, taking courses is learning. Teaching courses is doing.

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the following scholarships have been awarded for 2020:

Beret Dernbach, age 17, is a Highland Dancer from San Diego, CA. Beret has been dancing for twelve years. Beret has traveled the world for dancing competitions, including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and Scotland, and around the USA. She had hoped to win her third World Champion title in Dunoon, Scotland this August.

Eilidh Kraus, age 7, **Colten Kraus**, age 9, and **Weston Kraus**, age 11, are a family of Highland Dancers from Escondido, CA. Colten and Weston have already achieved the Premier Level.

Anina Schnee, age 10, is a Tenor Drummer from Charlotte, NC. She plays with the Queen City Juvenile Pipes and Drums and has attended the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming twice.

Sage Tousey, age 10, is a Highland Dancer from Studio City, CA. In her first competition last year, Sage was fourth runner up for USIR (Nationals), representing the Western Region. Her dance instructor is World Champion Emma Schiff, who is one of our former scholarship winners.

Audrey Trawick, age 17, is a Highland Dancer from New Port Richey, FL. Audrey passed her associate teacher's test last year with the highest recommendation of “Highly Commended.” She continues to compete and had hoped to attend the United States Inter-Regional Highland Dance Competition in Denver in July.

Katie Rush Walker, age 14, is a Highland Dancer from Nashville, TN. She had hoped to represent the Southeast Region at the United States Inter-Regional Highland Dance Championships this summer.

Though we know that many of their planned competitions and workshops will not occur this summer because of the Covid-19 pandemic, lessons continue and we want them to be ready to compete. We appreciate so very much the great effort these young people make with the support of their families to enhance our Scottish history and culture. We are so proud of all of them.

Nancy Kane, Buzzy Bramble, and Valerie McDougall serve on the Scholarship Committee along with chairman Sarah Hereford.

Update from an Awardee

by Audrey Trawick

Hi, my name is Audrey Trawick. I have been a Scholarship recipient in the past with your organization. I would first like to send my sincerest thanks to all the society members and tell you how much I have appreciated your support previously. My sincerest and warmest thanks for all you do.

I wanted to update everyone regarding my current studies and how things have changed for me throughout this COVID-19 crisis. I am pleased to inform everyone that even though there has been many competition cancellations this year, I am still dedicated. My TBHD



teachers Elizabeth Constantine and Mary-Susan Sinclair have been extremely successful with moving group and private lessons to an online platform to ensure everyone's safety. These programs also include group online study sessions as well as physical dance lessons. I am working very hard and still planning to take my highland dance "Full Members" exam this summer 2020.

I have every hope and confidence that the Highland Dance community and Adjudicators will find a way to support those who have been studying to become a "Full Member" Highland Dance Instructor. I'm very excited to see how they will progress with exams this year.

I am also happy to report that this whole social distancing thing hasn't gotten me down. I have taken the initiative to put together an online Social Peer Group with many friends and acquaintances from around the U.S. Online is where we hang out together. We do many things such as: Exercise, stretch, strength training, choro dancing, art, team building & problem-solving activities, bake, play games, and dance a variety of performing arts steps to keep our minds engaged and spirits high during this time. We have a variety of ages from 12-18 years old, from all different communities & studios. It's been a lot of fun to really mesh with new groups. We have developed some great friendships and being together has helped support everyone.



I look forward to sending you further updates as competition once again open. In the meantime, I am still hopeful that I might have the opportunity to compete a few more times

before the 2020 season comes to an end. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

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Redding, CA

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Flowers of the Forest

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Sausalito, CA

Upcoming Games

June 13
Cancelled
Cumberland Valley Scottish Games
Shippensburg, PA

July 1
Cancelled
Embro Highland Games
Zorra, ON

July 4
Cancelled
Kincardine Scottish Festival
Kincardine, ON

July 10-12
Cancelled
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
Linville, NC

July 18
Cancelled
Minnesota Scottish Fair
Eagan, MN

August 8-9
Cancelled
Fergus Scottish Festival
Fergus, ON

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August 27

Cancelled

Argyllshire Games
Oban, Scotland

September 5-6

Cancelled

Garrett County Celtic Festival
Friendsville, MD

September 12

[Covenanter Scottish Festival](#)

Quarryville, PA

September 18-20

Cancelled

NH Highland Games and Festival
Lincoln, NH

September 18-20

[ScotFest](#)

Tulsa, OK

September 19

[Ligonier Highland Games](#)

Ligonier, PA

October 11

Cancelled

Scotland Connecticut Highland Games
Scotland, CT

October 16-18

Cancelled

Stone Mountain Highland Games
Stone Mountain, GA



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