



The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the
Clan MacDougall Society of North America



From Our Members...

Happy Birthday message to my dad, and past president,
Richard T. Mac Dougal! Happy 91st Birthday Dad with much
love!♥ Anne

Deagh Dhùrachd airson co-là breith agad!
Best wishes for a birthday treat!



Long-term CMSNA member David McDougall displaying his special award: As mentioned in the previous issue of *The Raven*, David McDougall was retroactively awarded the 2019 President's Award at the Grandfather Mountain Games. After moving south from Toronto in 1991, David and Carol began camping at Grandfather each summer. He's been part of the GMHG construction crew ever since and, as many of our members know, he and Carol continue to drive people around during the games. Both are also past-presidents of The Scottish Society of Charleston.

(Photo by James J Shaffer, Staff



Joys of sewing and creating with our tartan for upcoming
Maine Highland Games and the satisfaction of being creative!!
Love and caring thoughts sent out to our Clan family!

-Anne Carine



Life members Cheryl and Chuck McDougal of Raleigh revisited GMHG Highland Dancing to watch three granddaughters compete. Daughter Erin was our second-ever Scholarship winner in 1998 and went on to win 25



championships in highland dancing in the U.S., Canada and Scotland, and was national 1st runner-up at the U. S. Inter-Regional Championships. She performed at our 50th Anniversary in 2015 and now teaches dancing.

New Faces at Dunollie

By Kathie Griffiths

The MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust has welcomed three new members of staff.

Emma Sutcliffe is the new general manager at Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds, Jamie MacGregor has been appointed Heritage Engagement and Access Officer and Florence Medard is the new Communications Coordinator.

Jamie grew up in Connel and returned to the area after his graduation from the University of Stirling last year. He joined the team at Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds in January, but was not able to come on site until June. He has spent the last few months getting community volunteer groups back and has worked in partnership with the Furan Centre to make Coffee and Gaelic sessions accessible to everyone online.

Emma moved to Oban with her family last month, tackling what used to be two people's jobs. She has worked in the heritage sector since graduating from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne in 2011. Her most recent post was community manager at Aldershot Military Museum. In just a few weeks, she has become essential to the smooth running of the site.

Florence also moved to Oban last month, after her graduation from the University of Glasgow and the end of her internship with Archaeology Scotland. She is the new point of contact for all marketing and communications-related queries and can be contacted at florence@dunollie.org.

Although half the team is new, they have all been working hard to get Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds back up and running. Tickets for activities and workshops can now be booked via the [website](#).



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Scottish Recipe: Blackberry and Apple Cranachan

From Delicious Magazine

Ingredients

- 50g butter
- 75g rolled oats
- 50g caster sugar
- 150ml whipping cream
- 115g Greek yogurt
- 2 tbsp each honey, whisky and light muscovado sugar
- 200g blackberries
- 2 tart apples, such as Granny Smith, peeled, cored and sliced
- Crème de mûre or crème de cassis, to drizzle

Method

1. Melt half the butter in a small pan, add the oats and cook for 1 minute, then add half the caster sugar. Stir for 4-5 minutes, until the oats are lightly caramelised, then tip onto a piece of baking paper and leave to cool.
2. Lightly whip the cream, then fold in the yogurt, honey, whisky, muscovado sugar and oats. Stir in the blackberries (set aside a few to decorate), crushing them slightly.
3. In a pan, melt the remaining butter and sauté the apples (in 2 batches, if necessary) for 3-4 minutes. When the apples begin to soften, add the remaining caster sugar and cook until caramelised. Set aside.
4. Layer up the cream and oats with the apples in 4 glasses or 1 big bowl. Top with the reserved blackberries and drizzle with a little crème de mûre or cassis. Serve with shortbread, if you like.



New Members

Brenda Ricotta
Muncie, IN

Ann McDougale-Stamey
Boston, MA

Art Feature

This month's artistic feature is from one of our own, Blair T. Paul. You may recognize this piece from a post in the Society Facebook group, where Blair has shared his artworks. [Click here](#) to view more of his fantastic gallery!

His grandmother was Eva MacDougall, daughter of Alexander and Mary MacDougall of the Glasgow area. They immigrated to Lanark Ontario, Canada in 1854. A graduate of The Ontario College of Art and Design in Toronto, he has enjoyed a prolific artistic career. In 1986, he was unanimously elected to The Ontario Society of Artists in Toronto, and received an award of merit for a drawing entitled "CC 2000".

"Lilies and Light"

by Blair T. Paul



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Submissions

Persons wishing to submit articles, photos, or

Upcoming Events

Virginia Scottish Games & Festival

September 4-5, 2021

The Plains, VA

Capitol District Scottish Games

September 4, 2021

Altamont Fair Grounds, Altamont, NY

Celtic Festival

September 11, 2021

Washington, MO

New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival

September 17-19, 2021

Lincoln, NH

Ligonier Highland Games

September 18, 2021

Ligonier, PA

Scotland County Highland Games

October 1-3, 2021

Laurinburg, NC

Alexandria Christmas Walk

December 4, 2021

Alexandria, VA

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Is Your Membership Up To Date?

As a 501(c)3 charitable nonprofit our Society depends on member contributions to fulfill its “literary, historical, and educational” purposes. According to the Society bylaws, each member must make a minimum \$25 contribution each calendar year to maintain their active status. If you have not yet made your contribution for 2021, please do so at your earliest convenience. Doing so will preserve your membership until December 31, 2022.

This minimum contribution covers the basic expenses of operating the Society. Donations in excess of the minimum are what propel Society programs such as the preservation of historic sites, the John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarships, Clan tents, and potential other events all across North America. The generosity of our members is beyond compare and should be a source of pride for us all. Thank you all for your past and continuing support!

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Scholar Update: Audrey Trawick

Good afternoon supporting Clan & Society members,

I wanted to take a minute and update everyone on my success from the Citrus Classic Competition in Jacksonville, FL this past weekend.

I am extremely happy to report that I placed 7th in my Solo Choreography for the Intermediate and Premier ages 19 and over. It was my very first ever Solo Choreography and against some really tough competitors and I had so much fun performing.



The competition for the Highland steps was absolutely fierce! Although I did not place, it was a fantastic experience to be in the same age category with a several time World Champion Beret Dernbach and multiple seasoned Champions from around the US regions.

I am excited to report that I did place in my National Dances taking a 5th overall in Premiere 18-19. I placed 7th in my Lilt, 7th in my Flora, and 2nd in my Village Maid. Again, it was amazing to be competing with some of the top competitors from around the US in my age bracket and it continues to challenge me to improve as well as push myself to be confident on stage.

Beret was amazing as always to watch and learn from. She is always so beautiful, graceful, strong, and poised in all her dances; a true example of skill, talent, passion, and kindness toward others around her. I just loved getting to know her and the other dancers at competitions, and hanging out and laughing together. It was a wonderful competition overall.

Attached are my highlighted dances and photos of the competition, feel free to watch and enjoy with others at your leisure. I look forward to my next update with you.

Sincerely,
Audrey Trawick, TBHD



Click through the videos below to see some of Audrey's incredible dancing!

Video 1

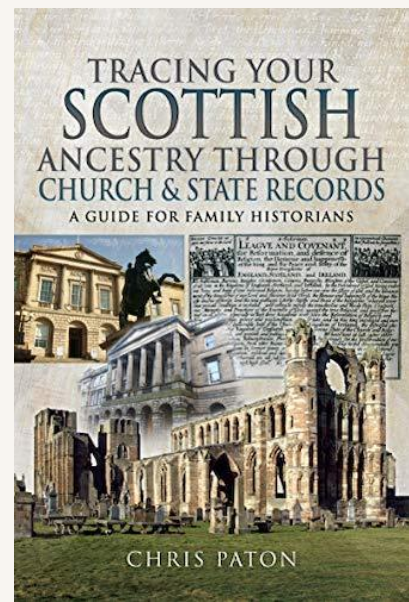
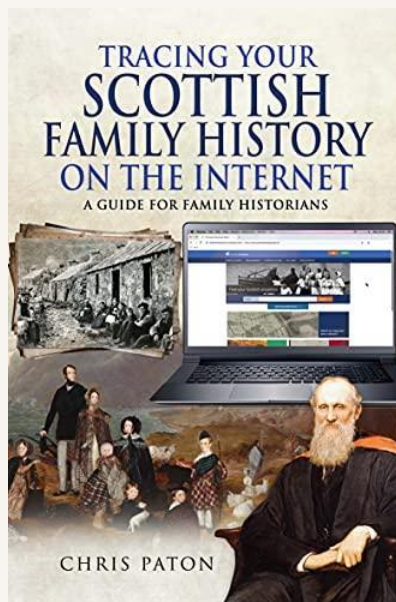
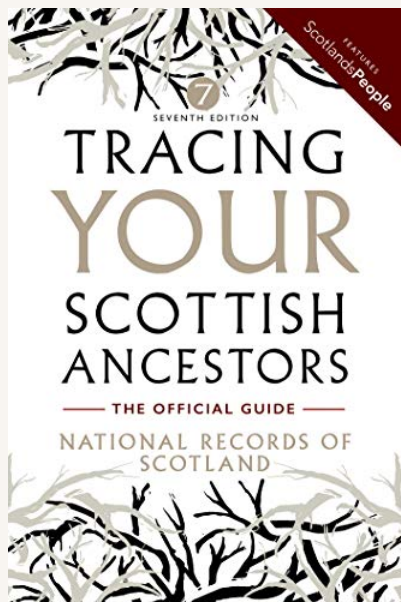
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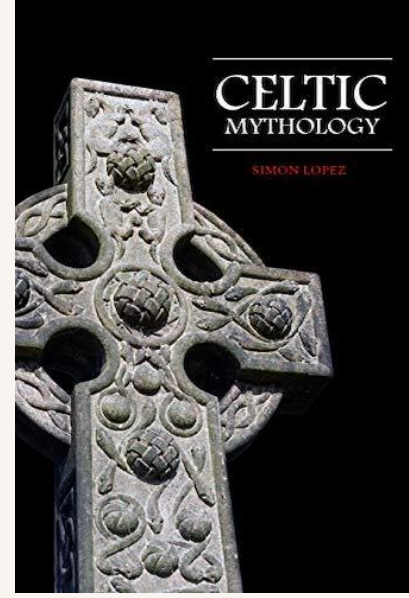
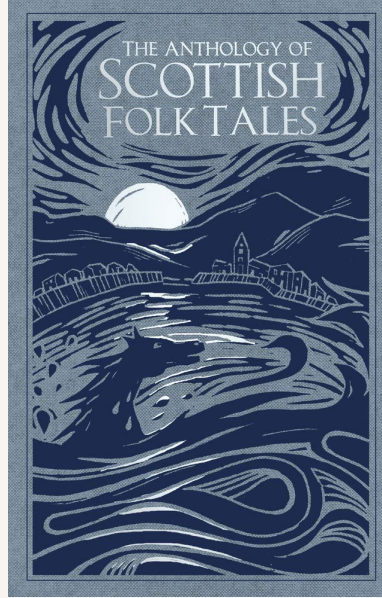
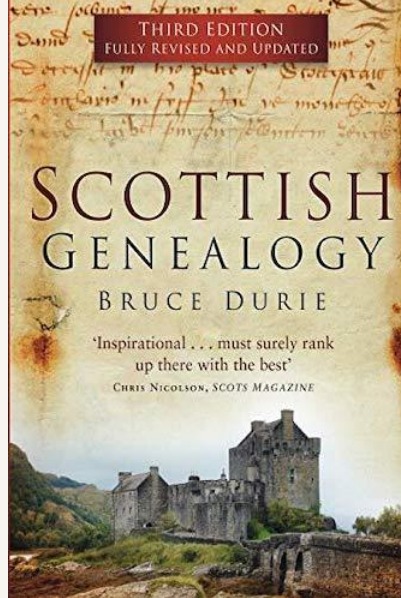
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Video 4

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