

July 2021



Let the Games Begin!

Although not the first Scottish games out of the blocks since the onset of the pandemic last year, the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games welcomed back thousands of clanfolk to the high country of North Carolina July 8 for several days of fun, festivities, competitions and record-setting attendance. In support of the GMHG's cautious approach to reopening, our Society's effort was relatively low-key this year. That didn't prevent Clans MacDougall and MacDowall from enrolling a record 13 enthusiastic new members into the Society and a having great fellowship. Here Board Member Keith Place from Georgia prepares for the gates to open. Look for a full report on our triumphant return to Grandfather in the September issue of *The Tartan* journal.



Drumrolls for a Champion!

Clan MacDougall Society was well represented during the July Grandfather Games, winning our share of awards and accolades during the music, dance and athletic competitions. One CMSNA life member, David McDougall of South Carolina, had already been honored with the GMHG President's Award; another life member, Todd McDougall, of North Carolina, presided as a judge at the heavy athletic events for his twentieth year, and one of our young members won a top award like so many CMSNA young performers before him. In the photo, Andrew West of Virginia wears his two snare drumming gold medals while holding the silver plate for best in grade, flanked by proud grandparents Robin (MacDowall) and Manny Willis from Norfolk. Read more in our September *Tartan*.

2021 John A. McDougall Scholarship Awards

The purpose of the John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Program is to 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 institutions, or from an appropriate tutor/instructor. These scholarships are made possible by the generous contributions of our members.

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the following scholarship awardees for 2021:

Beret Dernbach, age 18, is a two-time and current World Championship Highland Dancer from San Diego, CA. Beret has been dancing for thirteen years and has traveled the world for dancing competitions. A brief update from Beret is in this issue.

Eilidh Kraus, age 8, **Colten Kraus**, age 10, and **Weston Kraus**, age 12, are a family of Highland Dancers from Escondido, CA. Colten and Weston have already achieved the Premier Level.

Sage Tousey, age 11, is a Highland Dancer from Studio City, CA. Her dance instructor is World

Champion Emma Schiff, who is one of our former scholarship winners. You may recall her video in the February 2021 issue of *The Raven*.

Audrey Trawick, age 18, is an accomplished Highland Dancer from New Port Richey, FL. Audrey is currently studying for the Teacher's National Exam and preparing for the National Aboyne Medal test. She is very good at providing us updates of her activities, one of which you will find in this issue.

Stephanie Loden, age 37, is working toward a Master of Letters degree in Scottish Heritage from the University of Highlands and Islands. She is active in the Scottish-American Women's Society of Washington, D.C. as well as the Clan MacDougall Society of North America.

We appreciate 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!

Thank You, Bill & Cathy

The Clan MacDougall Society of North America would be nothing without the volunteers that provide their time and talents to preserving our history. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioners Bill and Cathy McHoul for their service to our Society over many years. We wish you a happy retirement!

Tapadh leibh agus cluaineas sona!

Thank you and happy retirement!

Scholar Update: Beret Dernbach

Dear Clan MacDougall,

I hope that this finds all of you well! I have some very exciting updates to share with you all from the past several months.

Firstly, as some of you may already know, I was featured in the May/June edition of *Scotland* magazine! The article is called "At the Top of Their Game" and talks about my experiences competing at the World Highland Dancing Championships at the Cowal Highland Gathering in Dunoon, Scotland. I am so honored to have been interviewed for the article, and I'm thrilled with how it turned out, but I must say, the coolest part of this entire experience has been walking into our local Barnes and Noble bookstore and purchase a copy of the magazine!

I also participated in the 2021 Scottish Fest movie as the featured highland dancer. This project was produced in place of the highland games normally held in Costa Mesa on Memorial Day weekend, which is one of my favorite games to attend. I was honored to not only dance in the film, but also to have an opportunity to talk about my love of highland dancing and my personal community service project, Project Poppy. The movie can be accessed [here](#).

In addition to these exciting projects, I have just finished my first year at the University of California San Diego. I maintained a 4.0 grade point average, earning Provost Honors for Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters. In the fall I joined the campus co-ed pre-law fraternity, Kappa Alpha Pi, and have had the opportunity to connect with local attorneys, judges, and other legal professionals through our meetings and events. I have also been hired as an orientation leader and will be responsible for welcoming new students and their families to UC San Diego later this year. It has been a very exciting year despite everything being virtual, and I cannot wait to start on campus in September to make the most of my remaining time as an undergraduate student. I earned enough credits this past year to achieve junior standing, and will be earning my bachelor's degree in a total of three years, so I only have two more years left. Soon I will start studying for my LSAT, and—crazily enough—in just a little over a year I

will be starting to submit my applications for law school!

With COVID restrictions being lifted around the U.S., dancing competitions are starting back up again. In just a few short weeks I will be on my way to Jacksonville, Florida for my first competition in nearly 17 months. I will be sure to let you know how it goes – if any of you are interested in watching, they offer a live stream of the dancing for \$35 on their **website**, although it is certainly not necessary, as I will certainly feel all of your support no matter what! I am planning on attending other competitions in Pleasanton, CA and Prescott, AZ later this year as well; hopefully I will get to say hello to some Clan members at those highland games.

This summer I will also be studying for and taking my Member's examination with the British Association of Teachers of Dance (BATD) to become a certified highland dancing teacher. The exam requires the ability to describe every highland dancing step and movement from memory, which is no easy feat! This is something that I have been looking forward to for many years, and I am keeping my fingers crossed that I will do well on my exam.

Thank you for your continued support of my dancing career. I honestly mean it when I say there would be no way for me to do what I do without the support of the Clan. I hope that you all have an excellent start to your summer, and I will let you know how my upcoming competitions go!

All the best,
Beret

Scholar Update: Audrey Trawick

Hello everyone,

I wanted to check in and send an update on how my studying is going for my National exam. There is a TON of things to learn, and it's definitely coming along. I think the hardest part is the memorization of everything in the book. There are so many wonderful new things to learn it's hard to contain my excitement!

Just wanted to share a few things that I will be required to know for my exam, and I hope you might find it as fun and interesting as I do.

Thank you again for all your support.

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Audrey Trawick



New Members

Faye Owen

Fairview, TN

Paige Hales

Wilmington, NC

Bronwyn Hales

Asheville, NC

Billie Jo McDowell

Sylva, NC

David MacDougald Meiburg

Apex, NC

Samantha Melton

North Wilkesboro, NC

Christopher Inch

High Point, NC

Donald Stoner

Enterprise, FL

Donald McDowall

Bismark, ND

Brian Trotter

Winston-Salem, NC

Ryan McDowell

Charlotte, NC

Carson McDowell

Greenville, SC

Harold T. Howell

Mandeville, LA

Taylor McDowell

Graniteville, SC

Cathy McDowell

Simpsonville, SC

1 July 1782: The Act of Proscription is repealed and the **kilt** and wearing of **tartans** comes into more general use.

2 July 1266: In the Treaty of **Perth** the Norwegians cede the Western Isles and the Isle of Man to the Scots in return for £2,500 and guarantees about future Norwegian rights over **Orkney** and **Shetland**.

5 July 1745: **Charles Edwards Stuart** sails from France for Scotland with two ships. *The Elisabeth*, carrying his military supplies and gold, is badly damaged in an encounter with a Royal Navy ship and has to turn back.

6 July 1249: King **Alexander II** dies on the island of **Kerrera**, in **Oban Bay**, after a premonition while on board his fleet. The military action dissipates on his death.

7 July 1307: King **Edward I** of England dies.

8 July 1296: **John Balliol** resigns his kingdom to **Edward I** at **Montrose**. Edward takes the **Stone of Scone** back to London after the Scottish nobility have signed their loyalty to him. He appoints the Earl of Surrey as Governor of Scotland.

8 July 1648: The moderate arm of the Covenanters come to a secret agreement with **Charles I**, now in English custody, and 20,000 **Scots** move into England at the start of the Second Civil War.

9 July 1867: Scotland's first football club, Queen's Park, is formed.

9 July 1946: The birth in **Kirriemuir** of **Bon Scott**, the rock musician best known for being the lead singer and lyricist of Australian hard rock band AC/DC. (Commemorative statue pictured)



11 July 1274: The birth of the future **Robert the Bruce**, or Robert I of Scotland at **Turnberry Castle**. (artist conception pictured)

13 July 1249: **Alexander III** is crowned King of Scotland at the age of 8.

13 July 1807: **Henry Benedict Stuart** dies in Rome. He is the fourth and final Jacobite to publicly lay claim to the thrones of England, Scotland and Ireland.

17 July 1695: The Bank of Scotland is established in **Edinburgh**.

17 July 1790: The death of **Adam Smith**, the influential political economist and moral philosopher.

21 July 1796: The death in **Dumfries** of **Robert Burns**, regarded as Scotland's national poet and an icon who has loomed large in Scottish culture and consciousness ever since.

22 July 1298: **William Wallace** is badly defeated by **Edward I** at the Battle of **Falkirk**, a loss later, possibly unfairly, blamed on the desertion of the Scottish cavalry. **Wallace** subsequently resigns as Guardian and drops out of sight.

23 July 1745: **Charles Edward Stuart** lands on **Eriskay** in the Western Isles.

27 July 1689: The leader of Jacobite dissent in Scotland is **Viscount Dundee** who gathers an army of Highlanders and a few Irish at **Blair Castle**. As General Mackay moves a government army of lowland

troops north from Dunkeld the two sides meet at the **Battle of Killiecrankie**. The outcome is a victory for the Jacobites, but at a high cost including the death of **Viscount Dundee**, or "Bonnie Dundee" as he is remembered.

29 July 1548: A French fleet rescues **Mary Queen of Scots** from **Dumbarton** and returns to France.

29 July 1565: **Mary Queen of Scots** marries her cousin **Lord Darnley** in a Catholic wedding.

29 July 1567: One year old Charles James is crowned **King James VI** of Scotland in a Protestant ceremony in the **Church of the Holy Rude**, close to **Stirling Castle**. **John Knox** preaches a sermon. It is exactly two years since Mary married Darnley.

31 July 1786: **Robert Burns** publishes *Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*. This collection of verse contains many poems that will later be regarded as classics. (The modern edition is available below.)

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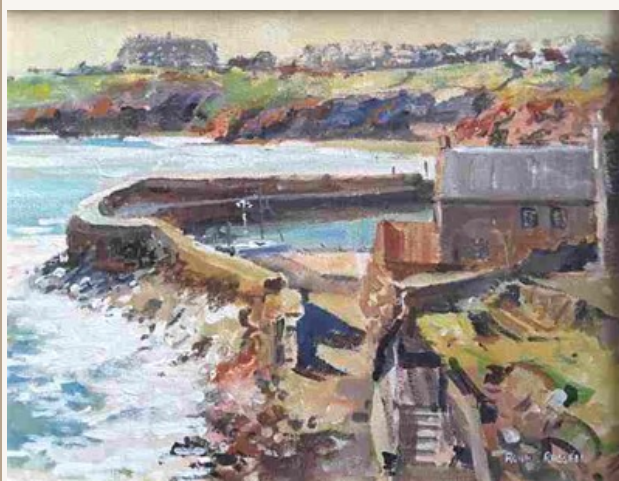
September 4-5, 2021

The Plains, VA

Ligonier Highland Games

September 18, 2021

Ligonier, PA



"Crail" in Acrylic

by Ronnie Russell

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Dues Reminder

Membership Year

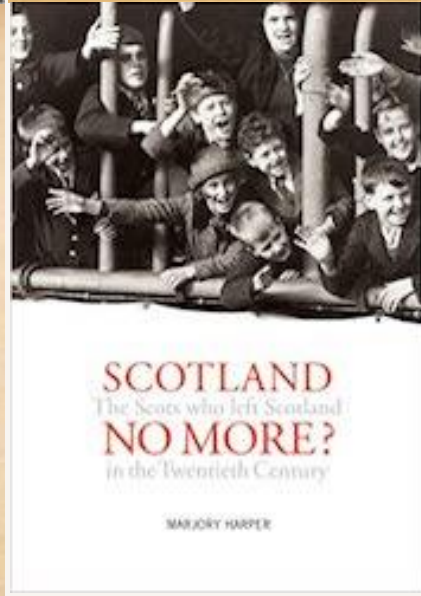
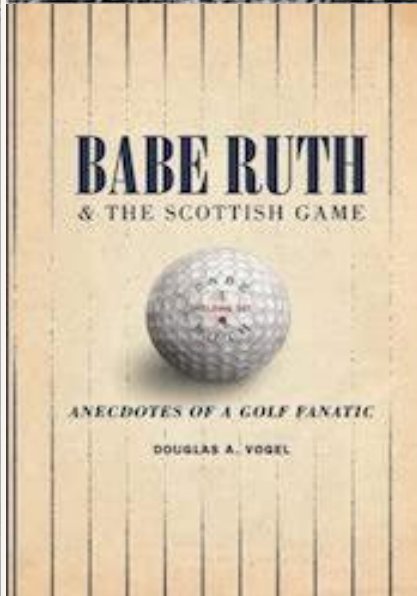
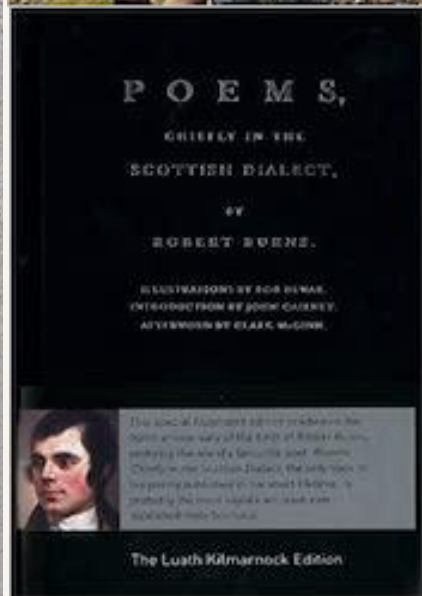
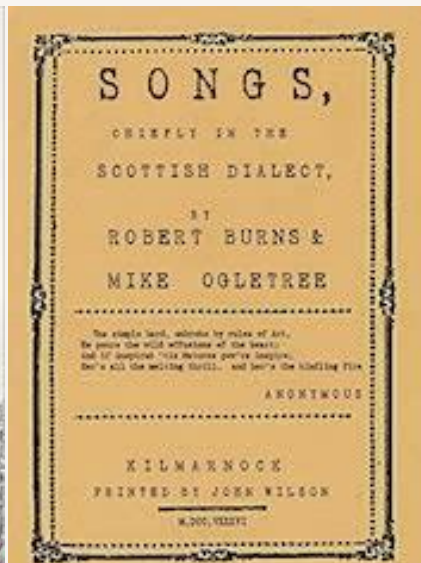
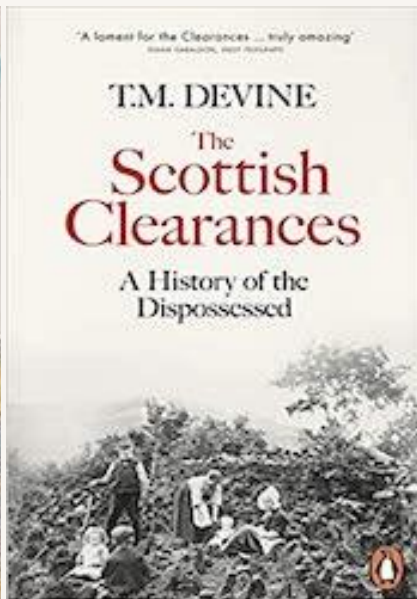
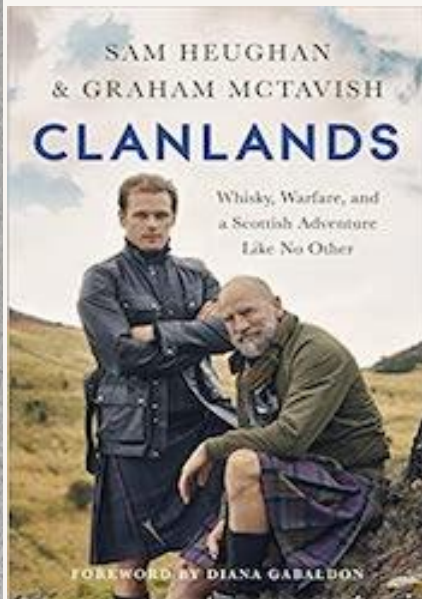
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