



The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the
Clan MacDougall Society of North America



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Nonprofit Volunteers Needed:

- *Must be fun-loving and service oriented
- *Must LOVE highland games and festivals
- *Must be somewhat of a people person
- *Must be passionate about Scottish heritage
- *Able to give a weekend or 3 to hosting....



President's Corner

It has been an exciting month around the Society offices. March is the time of elections for the Board of Directors and we have five enthusiastic candidates seeking to join our team. There will also be a change in the Treasurer office this year as Barry Marler departs back to active duty with the US Air Force after giving us outstanding service in this crucial position. The response to our ad for the position last month was swift. I look forward to introducing you to "the new guy" in a future edition of *The Raven*.

We have also found a few new tent sponsors to help seek out our people and spread our stories in areas where we haven't had representation in quite some time. This is an overwhelmingly positive development! We can be found at games all over North America, but if you attend a festival and don't see a MacDougall/MacDowall tent, it means we don't have a representative there. It is imperative that we continue to find people to represent our Society in *your* area.

Will you consider becoming an active part of the team? Our Officers and Regional Commissioners are ready to teach you all you need to know and support you every step of the way. With your help, we can serve our Clan families in *every* State and Province, and you will receive a more dynamic, rewarding, and fulfilling membership experience in return.

Kyle Jones
President, CMSNA

Tennessee Welcomes New Team Member



Member Brad McDougall (right), of Knoxville, TN met at a roadside diner in York, PA with Board Member and Past President Malcolm MacDougall to get better acquainted and talk about CMSNA and hosting games tents. Brad will host the Clan MacDougall tent at the Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games, May 20-21. Brad and Malcolm had started a friendship when Malcolm made a courtesy phone call during CMSNA's efforts to reach out and check on members during the Covid shutdown. Brad was recently visiting family in Gettysburg and Malcolm is in Lancaster, PA, so the York diner was a convenient place to finally meet face-to-face. Brad recently retired from the custom home building company he owns in Knoxville with his brother, and has played the trombone for more than 20 years with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, the oldest continuing orchestra in the southeastern U.S. He also performed for 10 years as a musician "in the pits" with major musicals on Broadway.

Grandfather Games Founder's Dinner

This year at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, we have arranged a traditional North Carolina banquet at the historic Dan'l Boone Inn on Saturday, July 8, 2023. You can also make your reservation online [here](#).
(Don't delay. Seating is limited.)



Founder's Dinner Reservation

The John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarship Program

Applications for the John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarships are now open.

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.

Applications will be accepted **until April 1, 2023**.

We are so very proud to be able to support such talented, passionate students through the generosity of our members. Thank you for making a difference! To join in this effort, please consider making a donation using the button below.

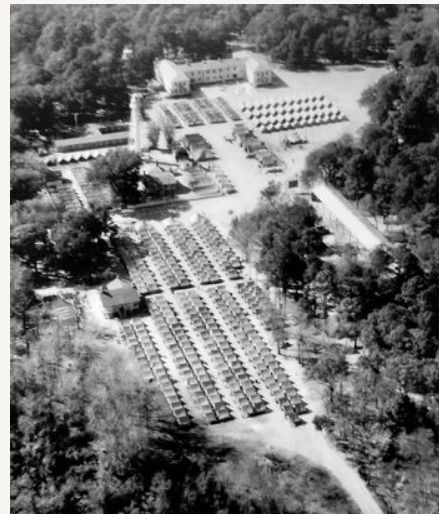
Program Details

Application

Donate Here

Camp McDougal: World War II Outpost

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina is a popular tourist destination. It's sunny beaches, Carolina barbeque, and array of entertainment make it frequent summer locale. However, like many beaches along the east coast of the United States, it saw itself transformed in the years leading up to and through World War II. As conflict began brewing in Europe in the late 1930s, US military leaders began eyeing the east coast, wondering at what point a European power would be bold enough to try and come to America directly. Military installations popped up amongst the picturesque beaches. One such installation was Camp McDougal, housed on Hilton Head Island.



Established in 1937, Camp McDougal was a small but noble base that housed 500 Marines and 250 Coastguardsmen. Like many military bases, it became a staple of the community. Camp McDougal's Marines paved the first road on the island and refurbished the Rear Range Lighthouse (also known as Leamington Lighthouse) to serve as a lookout tower. As the US entered World War II, Marines and Coastguardsmen looking for German U-boats would man the lighthouse turned lookout tower. Unbeknownst to the general public, the US Navy had more than two dozen encounters with German U-boats up and down the east coast. In between lookouts, Marines conducted Defense Battalion Training to prepare to go to war.

As World War II came to end and Germany's oceanic might curbed,



Camp McDougal shuttered its gates. Closed in 1944, nothing remains but the Rear Range Lighthouse, which can still be visited today. Much about Camp McDougal has faded into history, including how the camp got its name. There have been many illustrious Seamen and Marines with the surname McDougal, so it's impossible to say which was the true namesake for Camp McDougal.

Sources

[Camp McDougal - Fort Wiki](#)
[Hilton Head Lighthouse](#)

Women Who Lit the Way: Elizabeth McDougal and Kate McDougal

An unfortunate side effect of the passage of time is the loss of some of our most incredible stories to the annals of history. But some stories, as time goes on, come back into the light thanks to the efforts of family historians. The stories of female lightkeepers are some of these tales.

Elizabeth M. McDougal and Kate C. McDougal were both female lightkeepers in the late 1800s. Not much is known about either woman, though more information on Kate survives. One thing we can be sure of is that with the last name McDougal, these women were tenacious and determined.

Elizabeth M. McDougal was born in 1870 to Charles J. and Kate C. McDougal (no relation known to the Kate referenced in this article). She served at the Fifth Lighthouse District Office in Baltimore, Maryland. Appointed as a writer in February 1893, she at some point served as an official keeper before resigning in June 1898.

Kate C. McDougal was a Navy wife married to Commander Charles J. McDougal. Charles was the Navy man in charge of inspections for the lighthouse district in which the state of California was included. Charles was lost at sea trying to conduct an inspection off of Cape Mendocino when his boat was overturned. Kate, as a Navy widow, would normally have been expected to remarry swiftly to provide for her family. But Charles's Navy friends worked in high places, and arranged for her to serve as the lighthouse keeper at Mare Island, California.

Kate took to lighthouse service like a duck to water. While she experienced some bouts of loneliness, friends were kind enough to install a telephone line. This helped her remain the keeper for the remainder of the lighthouse's life, raising her four children there. The Mare Island Lighthouse turned off its light for the final time in 1917, marking 35 years of service for Kate.

What information survives about these women is largely due to the work of Candace and Mary Clifford. Their research is highlighted in the book *Women Who Kept the Lights: An Illustrated History of Female Lighthouse Keepers*.

Sources

[US Coast Guard](#)
[US Naval Academy](#)

2023 Annual Campaign Summary

Thanks to our members in all categories and age groups, our recent 2023 Membership Renewal Campaign was our second-best ever in total donations. This continued member support puts CMSNA in a strong position to continue to fulfill our primary purposes. The numbers were down from last year's

record totals, but that was anticipated due to economic uncertainties, inflation, and members' record donations last year. The membership is clearly beginning to recognize that our annual campaign is not just the time for calendar-year membership renewals – it's also our major fundraising effort to support our nonprofit operations and CMSNA charitable grants.

The total giving was approximately \$14,000, compared to \$19,000 for 2022 and the best previous totals of about \$12,000. As last year, most of the funds will support ongoing Society operations, which include base budgets for scholarships and local games participation. Also, like last year, most of the specially designated contributions were intended for ongoing work, historic preservation, and scholarships. There is additional information in the campaign data that is being analyzed, such as the age groupings of reactivating members and primary donors.

Another positive trend is a net increase of nearly 4% in memberships, following recent flat growth or net declines. The active membership of the Society now stands at a record 302 life members in addition to 425 regular members. Generous financial support enables the Society to live up to its full potential for meeting the needs of our members, building relationships, and preserving our heritage.

From Dunollie...

Perhaps the most exciting change this year is that you can now get married in Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds!

We have recently started taking bookings for a range of wedding related events including engagements, vow renewals and elopements. We can offer full or partial site hires and can recommend the most talented local photographers, caterers and more to prospective couples looking to tie the knot in Dunollie.

For more information about our packages, visit our website www.dunollie.org/weddings or email Iris Piers-Smith, our new Weddings Coordinator on iris@dunollie.org.



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The Clan MacDougall Society of North America **online store** with the Queensboro Company is your source for *official* CMSNA apparel. A portion of each purchase you make directly benefits the Society's budget and our ability to keep doing all the things you care about.

Thank you for your continued support!

Clan MacDougall Gathering 2024

Dunollie Castle

Oban, Scotland

July 30th through August 4th



Watch the Newsletters and Website for details as they become available

Where will you stay?

It is important to start planning housing for the Gathering. The Oban website provides a good start, with offerings for all lifestyles and price ranges, from luxury modern to the more simple and rustic. The site is managed by Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative on behalf of Oban Tourism Group. Once you've found your place, the rest of the site contains a wealth of information for all aspects of your trip, from the locals who know.



Find Accommodation

New Members

Joseph Cherry
London, ON

Gregory Lucas
Wentzville, MO

Marilynn Oosterhof
Grand Valley, ON

Bruce McDougall
Dundas, ON

Kimberly Cole
Ashburn, VA

John Markus
Nashville, TN

Andrew Grande
Grove City, PA

Marie McDougall
Fort Worth, TX

Flowers of the Forest

G. Simms McDowell III

George Simms McDowell III served on the Board of Directors for our Society. In 2005 he was awarded our Society's Appreciation Award. The Appreciation Award recognizes overall service, dedication, and special contribution to the Society by a Member. He passed on August 21, 2022.



Upcoming Games



Sherman Celtic Festival

March 25-26, 2023
Pecan Grove West Park
3200 Canyon Creek Dr
Sherman, TX 75092
March 25, 9am-6pm
March 26, 10am-5pm
13+ \$10
6-12 \$5, Under 6 Free



Dunedin Highland Games & Festival

April 1, 2023
Dunedin Community Center
1920 Pinehurst Road
Dunedin, FL 34683
11am-8pm
Tickets at **EventBrite**



Great Plains Renaissance & Scottish Festival

April 15-16, 2023
Sedgwick County Park
6501 W 21st North
Wichita, KS 67205
10am-6pm

Adult \$11 online, \$14 at gate (one day)
Kids (12 and under) Free online, \$5 at gate (one day)



NYC Tartan Day Parade

April 15, 2023

Midtown Manhattan

150 E 55th St

New York, NY 10022

Grand Marshal

Gail Porter

There is NO charge to march or to attend the Parade.

Line-up is at 1:00pm on the side streets near 6th Avenue and West 45th street.

The Parade starts at 2pm at West 45th Street and marches up 6th Avenue to 55th Street.



New Hampshire Indoor Scottish Festival

April 21-23, 2023

Seifert Performing Arts Center

44 Geremonty Dr.

Salem, NH 03079

8:00am-5:00pm



Smoky Mountain Scottish Games and Festival

May 20-21, 2023

Townsend Visitors Center

7906 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy

Townsend, TN 37882

2-day pass \$30

8:00am-5:00pm



Gallabae Greenville Scottish Games

May 26-27, 2023

Parade: May 26, 2023, 6pm on Main Street Greenville, SC

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Games: May 27, 2023 8:30am at Furman University, Greenville,

SC 29613

Adult \$20

Kids (5-12) \$10, 5 and under Free

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OUR NONPROFIT MISSION

To perpetuate Scottish culture through the collection, preservation, and distribution of literary, historical, and genealogical materials, especially those related to Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall. Preservation of heritage sites and relics is of particular importance, as is the education of our kin through learning opportunities and scholarships. Donations in support of these causes is tax deductible in the U.S.

Membership is open to all.

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