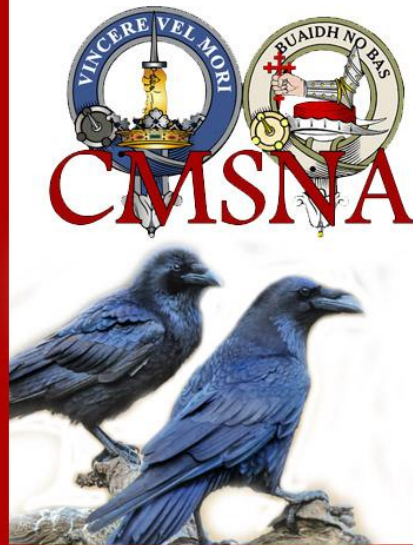




The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the
Clan MacDougall Society of North America



Hospitality Volunteers Needed:

- *Do you like chatting with new people?
- *Are you interested in administrative tasks?
- *Good Customer Service skills are a great asset to this volunteer area.
- *This is a committee position and will require monthly meetings with a group of hospitality volunteers like You.

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Welcome to New Board Members and Officers!

Elections for six seats on the CMSNA Board of Directors are held each March. These positions are for three year terms.

This year, Northeast Region Commissioner Anne Carine and Southeast Region Commissioner Doug MacDougall were both re-elected to continue their service. Joining them will be four members, each embarking on their first term on the Board. All are Life Members of the Society

Whitney MacDougall Revell - Midlothian, VA

Whitney is a stay-at-home mom to two very active children (aged 11 and 13) who also works part-time as a scheduler for a counseling practice. She has a passion for history and genealogy and holds a degree from James Madison University. Whitney has been involved in Society matters from an early age. Her father, Neil MacDougall, served as the first Historian for CMSNA.

Brian Sun Eagleheart McDowell - La Grande, OR

Brian describes himself as “a follower of Jesus, father, advisor, US Marine, Texan stuck in Oregon for the moment, and history enthusiast.” His professional background is in commercial/private banking, asset analysis and management, economic development, defense intelligence, and cross functional/task force leadership. A frequent visitor to Scotland, Brian brings many skills to the Board, which help us all as we explore our historical Clan connections.

Geordan McDougal - Grand Falls-Windsor, NL

A 2019 graduate of the University of Minnesota Morris, with a B.A. in Theatre Arts. Preservation and support of the arts are paramount to Geordan’s personal ideals. She has lent her vocal talents to Society

projects, most notably as the narrator of our presentation to the most recent Clan Gathering. After serving three years on the John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Committee, Geordan has now been appointed to Chair that committee in 2024. Geordan and her husband Aaron are currently in the process of relocating from Newfoundland back to her native Minnesota.

Heather MacDougall - Monument, CO

A native of Colorado, Heather MacDougall is a third generation member of the Clan MacDougall Society. Her father is Barry MacDougall and grandfather was Malcolm “Sandy” MacDougall, both of Colorado. Heather has been involved with Clan MacDougall activities since she was four years old, most recently serving as the Rocky Mountain Region Commissioner. The MacDougall family of Colorado has operated and maintained the MacDougall Clan tent at the Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park for more than 30 years. Heather owns and operates a commercial/residential roofing company and is a very active mother of three, Hartley, 12, and boy/girl twins Foster and Rylan, 9.

Officer elections for two positions were held in April.

Heather MacDougall has also been elected to the position of Tanist (formerly known as “President-Elect”) to serve with our next Society President, Misha Lowther, beginning July 1, 2023. This is a three year term.

Chip Schweiger of Missouri City, TX has been elected to the position of Treasurer for a one year term, to fulfill the remainder of departing Treasurer Barry Marler’s term both in the Treasurer’s office and on the Board.

Chip is a veteran of the U.S. Army and an alum of the University of Southern California, where he was a Schoen Family Endowed Scholar. He is the Founder of the Schweiger CPA Firm PLLC and both a Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Global Management Accountant who has over 28 years experience serving clients with Big Four, global, and large local firms. He’s an award-winning author, blogger, podcast host, and speaker. When not advising clients, Chip is a part-time cowboy and aspiring horseman who enjoys riding his American Quarter Horse, volunteering for various charitable organizations, and spending time with his family (including two incredible grandsons).

We are grateful to our out-going Board Members for their years of honorable service to our Society and their Clans. Though they are leaving their seats on the Board, they continue to serve our community in other capacities. They are:

John Dowdle, Virginia State Representative
Barbara Edelman, President of Clan Irwin
Chris MacDougall, former Secretary, Web Administrator
John McDowall, Webmaster
Barry Marler, Treasurer

You all made us stronger by selflessly giving of your time, skills, and energy.

Tapadh leat!

Thank you!

Kyle Jones
President, CMSNA

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 Awardees

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.

We saw an increased interest in scholarships this year, receiving 12 deserving applications. The applicants were evenly split between previous awardees and new students. They are:

Brynn Brown, 13, SC, Highland Dancer
Reese Brubaker, 7, CA, Highland Dancer
Beret Dernbach, 20, CA, Highland Dancer
Isabella Hoover, 16, FL, Highland Dancer
Sofia Hoover, 19, FL, Highland Dancer
Colten Kraus, 12, CA, Highland Dancer
Eilidh Kraus, 10, CA, Highland Dancer
Weston Kraus, 12, CA, Highland Dancer
Bronis MacDougall, 20, ON, Piper
Shay O'Connor, 12, FL, Highland Dancer
Audrey Trawick, 20, FL, Highland Dancer
Katie Rush Walker, 17, TN, Highland Dancer

The Board of Directors established a budget of \$3,000 for this purpose, as it has for several years. The Scholarship Committee recommendation to award \$250 to each applicant was approved by the Board of Directors at their April meeting.

Celebration of Tartan Day By Mark David McCool

Last year the company I work for asked for suggestion for floating holidays to be added to the list for the coming year. I decided to submit Tartan Day half as a joke thinking they would never take it. Boy was I wrong. They accepted it and it was added to the list of approved floating holidays so I had to take it off.

But I wanted to make sure to do something special. Listening to Scottish/Irish music or watching a documentary is something I do all the time anyways. I don't drink so downing a dram of whiskey was not an option or even heading to a

pub. I did want an excuse to use my kilt.

Photo right: the author and his father in front of the temple doors in Newport Beach, California

So I came up with a good idea that included doing some research on my Scottish/Irish ancestors, and incorporated some of the highest forms of religious worship my church offers.

In special locations around the world that we call temples we can do vicarious work for our deceased ancestors.

“In the temple, you can also have the special opportunity to vicarious work for your own family members who have died. As you research your family history, you will find your ancestors. Going to the temple and doing vicarious work for them can be a wonderful and personal experience.”

So that is what I decided to do. Go to our local Temple and do some vicarious work for some of my ancestors. The special part is I got to do this with my father who is also a member of the Clan MacDougall Society.

I went to a free resource <https://www.familysearch.org> (with over a billion names) sponsored by my church to search out my ancestors and then scheduled time to be at the Temple.

Many people I met that day said they also had Scottish ancestors, Clan Montgomery and Sinclair to name a few. We then capped the day off by getting some of the best fish and chips in the area. This is a tradition I wish to carry on in the years to come.

Tartan Day is a day for remembrance and what better why to do this then to pay tribute to those that worn the tartan in the past.

I also created some groups to connect with fellow Scots on relativefinder.org, a free site that allows you to find out if you have any famous ancestors through a link with your findings on familysearch.org

Clan MacDougall Group

Relative Finder Password: somerled

Scottish Royalty (see if you have Scottish royalty in your family tree)

Relative Finder Password:royal

Sure had fun wearing my Kilt around town on tartan day to declare my heritage is in tack.

Buaidh – NO - Bas



Happy Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers of our Society! You are loved and appreciated!



Council of Scottish Clans and Associations Newsletter



From The Draper's Shop, about their Threads and Yarn Group...

Taking time to admire the beautiful and detailed items our threads and yarns volunteers have produced through their sewing passion. Their designs are nothing short of magical, from the adorable Mairiii Mc Mouse to the exquisite Castle Pincushions.

It's clear that your group is not just about sewing, but also about sharing their love for crafting with others. The enthusiasm and passion you bring to each initiative are absolutely infectious, and it's

an affirmation to the power of community and connection.



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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!

New Members

Catherine Cartalucca
Estero, FL

Nathan Dowell
Fort Worth, TX

Sheila McDougall Hockley
Tampa, FL

Robert Copland
Lan O Lakes, FL

John McDougall
Carson City, NV

Mike Winsett
Salem, OR

Upcoming Games



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



Gallabrae Greenville Scottish Games

May 26-27, 2023

Parade: May 26, 2023, 6pm on Main Street Greenville, SC
29601

Games: May 27, 2023 8:30am at Furman University, Greenville,
SC 29613
Adult \$20



Georgetown Highland Games

June 10, 2023

9am-5pm

Georgetown Fairgrounds

1 Park Ave

Halton Hills, ON L7G3H9

Adult \$20

Seniors & Students \$10, 12 and under Free



Pike's Peak Celtic Festival

June 16-18, 2023

Western Museum of Mining & Industry

225 North Gate Blvd

Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Adult \$35

Child \$15



Kingsville Highland Games

June 24, 2023

Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary

332 Road 3

West Kingsville, Ontario N9Y 1Y8 Canada

Adult \$20, 14 and under Free

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The Scottish Banner is the Scottish community's largest international newspaper. See below for the May 2023 issue!

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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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