



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

In photo: Richard and Nancy Van Valkenburg, Keith Place, Doug MacDougall, Jon MacLucas, (very back) Alison, and Connor.

Weekend Tent Hosts (not pictured): Matt, Prentice, Misha, Kyle, Anne, Arron.

RCs: Doug MacDougall and Jon MacLucas (pictured)

Faillte air mo charaidean. (*Welcome my friends.*)

It is August already and this year seems to have flown by faster than the last. July was all about Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and the Changing of the Guard. I guess you could say July was all fun and Games. This month I would like to bring your attention to the needs of the Society. We function as a unit of volunteers. Each of our dedicated members helps in some way. Our contributing members all assist in our purposes by being a part of our nonprofit group with every donation made. Our volunteers add to those donations by giving time and skills. I would like to thank each and every volunteer from the bottom of my heart for your precious donations, whatever form they may take.



That being said, I would like to call attention to the Games that happen all across North America. We have some amazing Representatives, Tent Hosts and Regional Commissioners. Without these particular volunteers, we would not be able to meet our contributing members in person.

We need two volunteers to be regional commissioners. Our **North Central Region** consists of the following states: Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. This entire region needs your help. We need a Regional Commissioner and each of these states needs a Representative. **Heartland Region** consists of these states: Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. This region has one state with a representative and that is Michigan. We still need a regional commissioner as contact point and organizer and four state representatives to create teams that can work our Games in these areas.

If you would like to pick up the mantle for any of these states or these two regions, we would love to hear from you. Please contact **Heather MacDougall, CMSNA Tanist**. We have other volunteer positions open as well. Feel free to visit our website and fill out a **volunteer form** and let us know what interests you!

Misha Lowther
President, CMSNA

Glasgow Lands Games

By Anne Carine

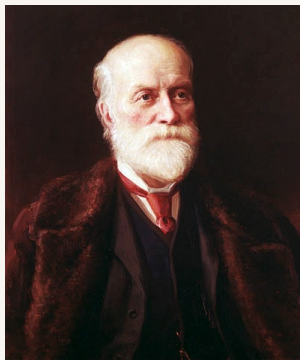
Happy to say hello from the North East and give a summary of Glasgow Lands Highland Games in Florance, MA on July 16th! Aaron and I were pleased to host and welcome visitors. It was a very hot and humid day and required an escape to the car ac for a few minutes for survival! Lol. We were pleased to see friends from neighboring tents and listen to about 600 pipers throughout the day! Charlie Zahm's voice carried across the field for our ear's enjoyment. We were delighted to have a member, Beverly Dill Lawton, stop by for a visit. We had pleasant conversation for a long while! Hope this finds you all well and enjoying your local games!

Our next games in the NE is August 19th in Brunswick, Maine! Until then, take care!

Anne

Inventors of Scotland

Scotland has given rise to some of the best scientists, engineers, and inventors of the modern era. In celebration of August being National Inventor's Month, here's a look at some inventors you may not realize are Scottish!

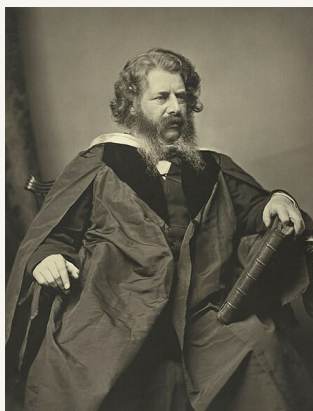
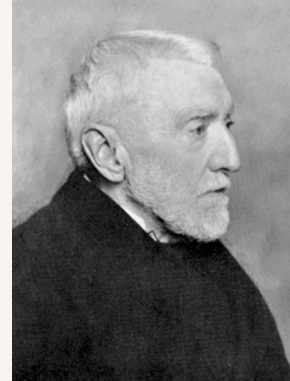


Sir Sanford Fleming

Born in Scotland, Sir Sanford Fleming immigrated to Canada at age 18, where he spent the remainder of his life. Though he boasts a diverse career as an engineer, he is most well known for inventing universal standard time. The concept of universal standard time consisted of varying time zones under a 24 hour system. By 1929, all major countries had adopted Fleming's time zone system, and it is still in use today.

Henry Faulds

Henry Faulds was a Scottish doctor, missionary, and scientist. Born in 1843, Faulds established the first English speaking mission in Japan. After an archeological trips with friends, Faulds noticed delicate impressions made in the clay. This led him to examine the fingertips of himself and his friends, leading to his conclusion that the ridges on one's fingers are unique to each individual. After a break in at his hospital, he used this theory to prove the innocence of two individuals the police believed guilty. Thus, Henry Faulds pioneered the development of fingerprint identification.

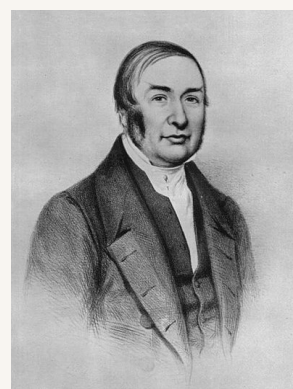


William John Macquorn Rankine

William Rankine, born in 1820, was a Scottish engineer who is one of the men credited with founding the science of thermodynamics. Engineers will recognize the Rankine scale from their classes; for non-engineers, the Rankine scale is a measure of absolute temperature based on Fahrenheit. His contributions to engineering also include the Rankine cycle, which describes how steam engines perform work from a heated fluid as it moves, and the study of fatigue caused by cracks in railway axles.

James Braid

James Braid was a Scottish surgeon and philosopher who is known for significant innovations in the treatment of spinal curvature, club foot, and other ailments. However, one particularly unique contribution to the medical field by Braid was the advancement of hypnotism. While hypnotism was already being studied, it was believed that physical contact was required between the hypnotist and the subject. Braid conducted multiple experiments to disprove this theory, advancing the field significantly.



Scholar Thank You

Sofia Hoover

Dear Clan MacDougall Society of North America,

I wanted to extend my deepest, deepest thanks to your generosity; thanks to your organization's contribution, I was able to go to the Ohio Scottish Games (June 23) with a light heart and lighter feet. Not only was I placed 2nd and 3rd in the Strathpey/Reel and Sword respectively, but I was awarded the Spirit of Dance trophy in memory of Aiden Bittner. This trophy was awarded to the dancer who displayed a genuine love of dance on stage, and had the most enthusiasm for the sport. Ever since starting highland dance, my greatest goal has been to dance for the love of dance itself- and knowing that reflects in my dancing only makes me want to dance more! Luckily, I was able to temporarily satiate that desire by attending OSAS (Ohio Scottish Art School) for a week, June 24-June 30, 2023, packed with invaluable instruction from world class teachers and catching up with my dance friends from Canada, Scotland, and across the continental United States.



I was also fortunate enough to apply the lessons I learned at the USIR (United States Inter Regional pre-championship, July 19-23, 2023), in which I placed 5th, 6th, and 8th against 14 other dancers. Being exposed to so many different levels of dance and dancers of different ages has greatly enriched my dance repertoire and has inspired me to continue moving forward in my dance career. Going to both to the camp and competition is a true blessing, and I cannot thank you enough for helping support me in all my endeavors. Even though these events have come to a close, I am going to carry these lessons and memories with me through the rest of my life and apply them wherever I can.

With Gratitude,
Sofia Hoover

Isabella Hoover

Dear Clan MacDougall,

I have just returned from my trip to Ohio. Although I have been attending for five years now this year was like no other. My second day in Ohio I competed in the Ohio Scottish Highland Games and Celtic festival, I won first place in the premier pre-championship category which had over ten dancers from different countries including Canada. The very next day we began the Ohio Scottish Arts School and with a world class teacher like Joy Tolev and a world champion himself Daniel Carr the learning experiences and lessons were endless. During the camp I also made countless new friends from all over the world all sharing one common interest and passion...dance. In mid-July I was able to go to the national competition in Portland, Oregon, where I competed in the world wide competition for the national dances. This kind of exposure to new dancers, judges, and competitions is what dancers thrive on and what drives them to grow. I am certain that this incredible adventure will produce great progress in my dance career and life long friendships. Thank you for your contribution; without your support I would not have been able to attend and forward my passion for the Scottish arts. My next endeavor will be attending the United States Interregional competition in 2024 that will take place in Boston, MA.



With gratitude,
Isabella Hoover

Scholar Update - Brynn Brown

We just recently came back from the USIR in Portland, Oregon. USIR is the United States Inter-Regional Championship. Otherwise known as Nationals!

Brynn qualified at Regionals back in May at the Savannah Highland Games. At Nationals she placed in one dance and made us proud! Her goals for next year are to not only qualify, but place in all four dances! Let me break it down a little more: There are six highland dance regions in the USA. The top three dancers in each region move forward to compete at the national level. These are the best dancers in each region!

In addition to the USIR, there were two other competitions in Portland. The Premiership which showcased the Blue Bonnets,

Flora MacDonalds Fancy, Village Maid and the Irish Jig. Brynn danced against eleven other dancers, including Canadians and earned Championship points in every dance. This competition is open to any dancer. The North American Open Championship showcased the Highland Fling, Sword dance, Sean Triubhas, and the Strathspey and 1/2 Tulloch and Brynn received a call back and Championship points in every dance!

We are very proud that not only did Brynn qualify but she placed at the National level. Her goals for next year are to qualify and place in every dance! Thank you to the members of the Clan for supporting our daughter. Highland dance is unbelievably expensive. Your investment has earned a promising return! And it's just the start! Brynn has the motivation, drive and the discipline to do even better next year! I hope the clan will consider helping us help her again next year!

Warmly,
Michelle Brown



New Members

Correction: The July 2023 issue listed Gayle Crosby as living in Colorado; Gayle Crosby lives in California.

Upcoming Games



Maine Highland Games & Scottish Festival

August 19, 2023
Estes Park Fairgrounds
Brunswick, ME

Tickets



Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival

September 8, 2023
Manford Avenue
Estes Park, CO 80517

Tickets



Columbus Scottish Festival

September 9, 2023
Bartholomew County Fairgrounds
750 W 200 S, Columbus, OH 47201

Tickets



New Hampshire Highland Games

September 15-17, 2023

60 Loon Mountain Road

Lincoln, NH 03251

[Tickets](#)



Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games

September 30, 2023

Marion County Fairgrounds

7300 E Troy Ave

Indianapolis, IN 46239

[Tickets](#)



Seaside Highland Games

October 13-15, 2023

Ventura Fair Grounds

10 W Harbor Blvd

Ventura, CA 93001

[Tickets](#)



Stone Mountain Highland Games

October 20-22, 2023

Stone Mountain Park

1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd

Stone Mountain, GA 30083

[Tickets](#)

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