



# The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Clan MacDougall Society of North America



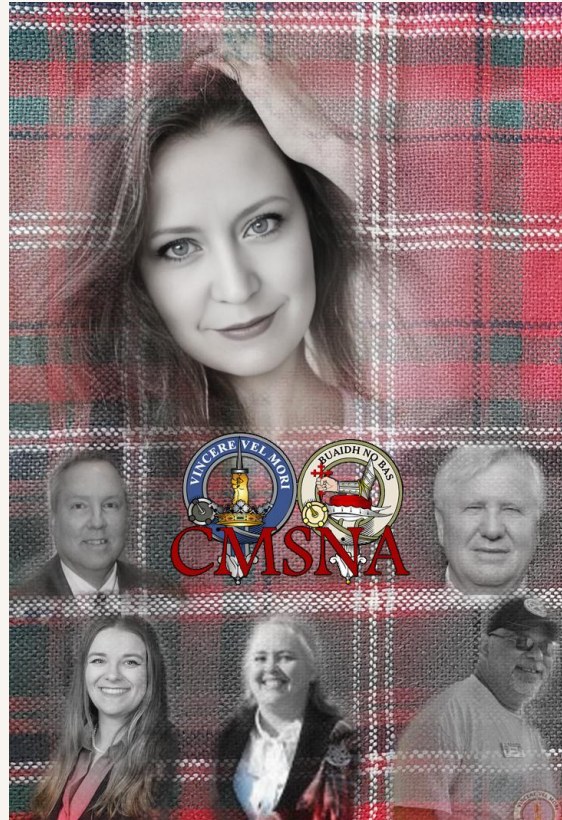
## From the President

*Mo dheagh chairdean!* (Welcome my Friends.)

Hello Clan MacDougall Society of North America Members! March has arrived and Spring will soon be here. That means the Gathering of 2024 in Oban grows ever closer! I hope you are registered and have selected the events you are attending in August.

Until then, we have a spring and summer of Highland Games and Gatherings across North America to attend. For those of you who have local games in your area, but do NOT have a MacDougall tent on Clan Row, please contact us. We want to be represented at YOUR local games and we NEED VOLUNTEERS to make that happen.

If you are a games representative for CMSNA, please be sure you send in the Games along with their dates and other info so we can share them on our Events page.



So you may ask "what I do as President of CMSNA?" That is a very good question. Pictured with this article is myself, Dana Chandler (NEW Treasurer), Scott MacDougald (VP Canada), Lindsay Davis (Secretary), and Kyle Jones (Archivist). This is my current team of active leaders. It's my job to first and foremost be a leader and a good team member. As president, it is my job to serve on the Communications Committee, visit Committee meetings as needed, set agendas for Board Meetings (4 per year), sit in on the meetings for Dunollie Preservation and Trust to be a liason for our Society as was the wish of Chief Colleen and is a continued and supported wish of Madam Morag MacDougall of MacDougall, Dunollie. I delegate as needed; keep communications open always; step in to help where I can and as needed; appoint leaders, committee chairs, games agents, as needed, represent our Society as a Nonprofit where ever I go and especially at whatever Games I can attend; Set up new Committees or redefine current committees as the needs of our society changes and evolves; work with membership; work with the Budget Committee; write letters and articles for our publications like "The Raven," our Campaign fundraiser, and to our members; and many more duties as they arise. This is by no means a full statement of the job of President but I hope it gives you a good picture.

*Why?*

Our Executive team currently needs a new Tanist. "What is a Tanist?" you may ask. Let me answer that. ***The Tanist is succinctly the President's right hand***. Or you could say the Tanist is our President-

in-training, or next in line to lead. At the most I can say this is a very **important** position and **we are in need of a volunteer to fill it**. We are a volunteer organization run strictly by nonpaid volunteers. Our Society runs on the dedication and passion of our members who wish to be actively involved in making our purposes happen. The Tanist not only assists the President and works side by side on a regular basis, but is also the Coordinator for our Games Agents. The person who fills this position is also responsible for maintaining the updates for our Games Handbook and other materials for our Games Agents with the assistance of the Communications committee as needed.

If YOU are interested in becoming an active volunteer for Clan MacDougall Society of North America, please contact us! You can email me directly at [president@macdougall.org](mailto:president@macdougall.org), use our contact page on our website to send an email, or contact any of our Board Members, Executive Officers, or Games Agents at your local games. We would love to have you as an active team member! Please, if you do email and don't hear back, reach out again. Technology is wonderful, but spam happens even to us. Answer the Call to Volunteer! You make all the difference.

**Contact us** and find out more about how YOU can HELP!

Or email me here: [\*\*president@macdougall.org\*\*](mailto:president@macdougall.org).

**Visit Oban, Argyll, Scotland and Join Clan MacDougall for the International Gathering 2024!**



**Visit: [Dunollie.org](http://Dunollie.org) for tickets and MORE information**



## Nonprofit Volunteer Found!

**Meet our Society's Newest  
Treasurer:  
Mr. Dana Chandler**



Dana Chandler currently resides in New Jersey. He currently works at PSE&G in South Plainfield, NJ. He has held the position of QA/QC Manager, Projects & Construction (P&C) since 2015 and hopes to retire sometime soon. We are lucky to have him as a member, a new Director of our Board, and an Executive Officer. Thank You Dana for stepping up as a Volunteer. The Board of Directors all look forward to working with you over the next 2 to 4 years.

### Flowers of the Forrest

by Jean Elliot (pre 1914 Scottish Poet)

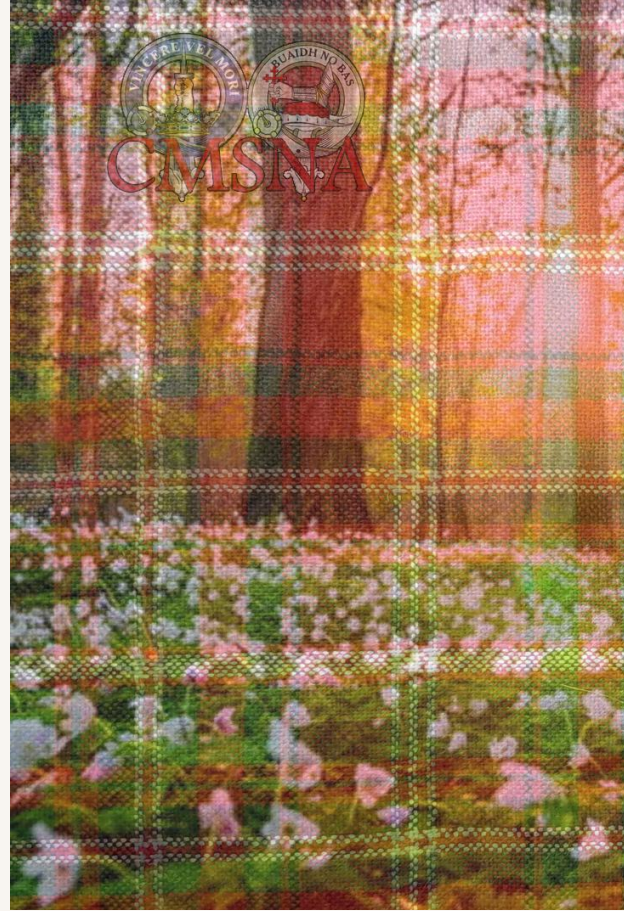
I've heard them lilting at our ewe-milking,  
Lasses a-lilting before the dawn of the day;  
But now they are moaning on ilka green  
loaning-  
The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away.  
At bughts, in the morning, nae blythe lads are  
scorning,  
The lasses are lonely, and dowie, and wae;  
Nae daffin', nae gabbin', but sighing and  
sabbing,  
Ilk ane lifts her leglin and hies her away.  
In har'st, at the shearing, nae youths now are  
jeering,  
Bandsters are lyart, and runkled, and gray;  
At fair or at preaching, nae wooing nae  
fleeching-  
The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away.  
At e'en, in the gloaming, nae youngers are  
roaming  
'Bout stacks wi' the lasses at bogle to play;

But ilk ane sits drearie, lamenting her dearie-  
The Flowers of the Forest are wedded away.  
Dool and wae for the order sent our lads to the  
Border!

The English, for ance, by guile wan the day;  
The Flowers of the Forest, that fought aye the  
foremost,

The prime of our land, are cauld in the clay.  
We'll hear nae mair liltin' at our ewe-milkin';

Women and bairns are heartless and wae;  
Sighin' and moanin' on ilka green loanin'-  
The Flowers of the Forest are a' wedded away.



## Flowers of the Forreest

### *Judson Noble McDougall*

Judson Noble McDougall left this world for the next on January 16th, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine P.

McDougall of 70 years; 3 children: Pamela Danneman, David McDougall, and Beth Malm; 5 grandchildren: Alexander McDougall, Lauren (Malm) Tonnies, Kevin Danneman, Kelsey (McDougall) Martin, and Melisa (Malm) Rainbolt; 6 great grandchildren: Seth Coffel, Kamryn Martin, Natalie Tonnies, Piper Rainbolt, Hazel Rainbolt, and Bennett Martin.

Jud was born August 27th, 1932 in Iowa. He and Lorraine Utesch met in High School where they became the Senior King and Queen of the Homecoming Festivities. They were married on August 29th, 1952.

Jud had many hobbies such as golf, playing cards, football and traveling in their RV with the Winnebago Club. Time with family was precious and his pastime was research of the McDougall family genealogy dating back to the 1100s. Jud and Lorraine spent 6 weeks on his most memorable trip which was to Oban, Scotland to visit the MacDougall castles.



50th Anniversary, 2002

"God bless you all and Thank You, Lorraine, for sharing Jud's passing and his life with us through The Raven." ~Misha

### ***Duncan L. MacDougall Jr.***

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Duncan Lawrence MacDougall Jr., 79, passed away at home surrounded by family after a long illness on Sept. 22, 2022. He was born in Burlington, Vt., on July 23, 1943, to Duncan L. Sr. and Grace (Aker) MacDougall. He graduated from Standish High School in 1961. He earned an associate degree from MVTI and Bachelor's Degree from Newark College of Engineering. After college, he was an engineer at Bell Labs and later New England Telephone Co. in New Hampshire. He left the phone company, then owned and operated the family business, MacDougall's Fiberglassing. After a few years, he returned to New England Telephone working in the Augusta and Portland offices and later retiring after 30+ years of service. Duncan participated at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, was a member of Downeast Street Rod Club for over 40 years and Club President for five years, and was an avid builder and collector of street rods.

### ***Neil A. McDowell***

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Though an obituary could not be found, we acknowledge the passing of Neil A. McDowell on September 27, 2023.

## **A Question Posed by Misha Lowther**



We have been asked

***"What does it mean to YOU  
to be part of the Clan MacDougall?"***

This question comes from across the pond in Argyll. We are all interested in what your thoughts are on the matter. Please send your answers to Misha Lowther at **President@MacDougall.org** so they can be sent to Dunollie for the Gathering. It doesn't matter if you are not attending. You are part of Clan MacDougall and the question is:

***"What does that mean to YOU?"***

I can't ask our members to answer this question without answering it myself which I answered in the last issue. Now I would like to share some of your answers.

***Would you like to know what our members had to say?***

24% said being part of Clan MacDougall means they belong to something great.

74% said it "gives me a sense of understanding my roots and where I come from.

2 % said "I've made many good friends along the way by being a member of Clan MacDougall.

To those who answered the question, "Thank You." To those who are still wondering, join us at a Games or Festival and even in Oban at the International Gathering. Let us help you find out what it means to YOU.

Come one, come all, to the NYC Tartan Parade on April 6th! The parade concludes Tartan Week. Our MacDougall group first gathers at Bryant Park Grill at 11:30 for a luncheon together to reconnect and converse! We then walk together to our designated starting point for parade; usually on 46th St. Parade starts at two! We look forward to seeing anyone who is interested in walking with MacDougall pride!!

Blessings!  
Anne Carine

## Marriage Annoucement

Anne S. MacDougal Carine and families are happy to announce the upcoming marriage of Kasey Laurel Hopewell to Adam John Carine Jr., on March 16, 2024 in Walpole, MA! Adam is the son of Anne and grandson of Richard T. Mac Dougal! We are so looking forward to this lovely day!

*Congratulations, Kasey and Adam!*

## The John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Program

**Applications 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, 2024**.

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.

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[Application](#)

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## Let's Celebrate YOU!



Celebrating our Members is important to us. You make it possible for us to be here. You make sharing our purposes happen. Without you, OUR MEMBERS, we would be lost.

One way we would like to celebrate our members this year is by showing off those who have competed. If you are a member of our Society and compete in the Highland Games, send us your information. Send us the Games you will be competing at so we can help our members know to cheer for YOU! Send us photos from friends and family at the games so we can share your accomplishments with the members of Clan MacDougall Society. YOU deserve to be celebrated for competing...especially for competing in such an event that keeps our history alive.

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Any of these email addresses are vehicles to celebrate YOU and your competitions. Dance, Drums, Pipes, Games....They **ALL** matter! They are all a part of our history and our traditions. So LET'S CELEBRATE!

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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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