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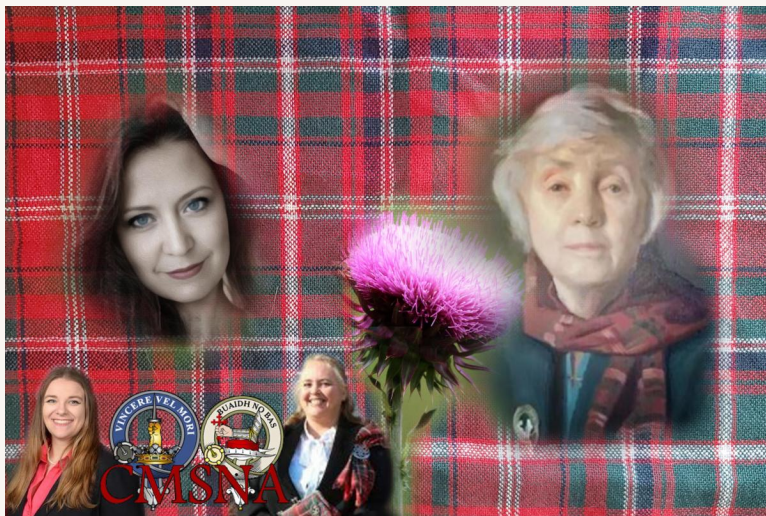


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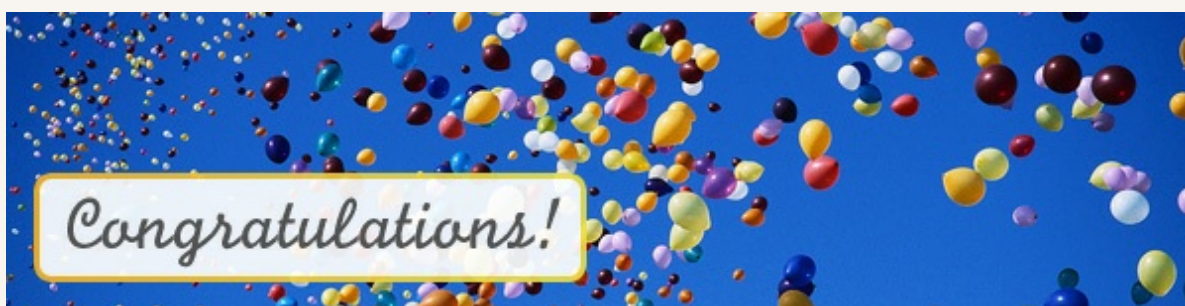
From the President



Mo dheagh chairdean! (Welcome my Friends.)

Wishing all the Mothers of Clan MacDougall Society of North America a belated Happy Mother's Day! We hope our Members had a wonderful weekend no matter how you celebrated. I want to wish our Chief, Morag MacDougall of MacDougall of Dunollie a special Mother's Day, belated, on behalf of all of us at Clan MacDougall

Society of North America. Being a Mother is a special "job" that never ends, only evolves. It is a blessing and brings joy in abundance. I hope each of you feel the joy and the blessings all year long.



Congratulations to each of you who are walking across the stage (whether in person or just in spirit)! Needless to say May brings much celebration and happiness to the year. For me, we celebrated having four children and a granddaughter, plus two graduates. It's a busy year in our own personal household. May is here and brings with it the celebration of Mothers everywhere as well as Graduations of all ages and studies.

The Gathering



Visit: [Dunollie.org](https://dunollie.org) for tickets and MORE information

Volunteers Requested

Tanist

The Board of Directors currently has a vacancy for Tanist. The Tanist serves as the President Elect and is primarily responsible for assisting in the coordination of Regional and State Representatives. As a part of the Board of Directors, the Tanist would join the quarterly meetings and guide execution of the Society's mission. Any interested parties should email president@macdougall.org for more information.

Social Media Manager

The Communications Committee is looking for individuals interested in assisting with the management of CMSNA's social media platforms. If you're looking to gain social media marketing experience or looking to leverage your skills to help your Society, this is the position for you! Please email newseditor@macdougall.org if interested in volunteering.

MacDougall Castle Series: Dunstaffnage Castle

Dunstaffnage Castle is one of Clan MacDougall's earliest castles, built while the MacDougalls established their reign. It is believed to have been built around 1220-1240 by Duncan MacDougall, the son of the infamous King of the Isles and the grandson of Somerled himself. As one of Scotland's oldest stone castles, it has an illustrious history, though much of it is lost to time.

During the Wars of Independence waged by Robert the Bruce, Dunstaffnage Castle was besieged by Bruce and fell in 1308. The Castle remained in Royal hands until it was passed to the Campbells around the 1460s. It remained a key figure in power struggles between the Campbells and the Royals up until the last Jacobite Rising in 1746. The last Jacobite Rising saw Bonnie Prince Charlie attempt to retake the throne, only to be summarily defeated at the Battle of Culloden. After his defeat, Bonnie Prince Charlie traveled north to escape Scotland.

During his travels, Bonnie Prince Charlie met Flora MacDonald. Flora helped him to escape by dressing him as a woman and secreting him to the Isle of Skye, a daring escape that is immortalized in the song *The Skye Boat Song*. After helping Bonnie Prince Charlie to escape, Flora MacDonald was arrested and brought to Dunstaffnage Castle before eventually being sent to the Tower of London.

A stunning example of 14th Century architecture, Dunstaffnage Castle still stands as a testament to the impact Clan MacDougall has had on the history of Scotland.

Sources

[Historic Environment Scotland](#)



Flowers of the Forrest

Mary Cathryn Craig

From Anne Carine: We would like to send our deepest sympathy to Ian and Sarah (Craig) Nason, (members from New Hampshire) for the passing of Sarah's mother, Mary Cathryn Craig, age 55! May God bless Mary with peace and health in heaven now and may the family be blessed with time together to share your precious memories of her.

2024 NYC Tartan Parade

The 2024 NYC Tartan Day Parade turned out to be such an enjoyable day! Our group first gathered at Bryant Park Grill where we enjoyed a lovely meal and pleasant conversations to catch up with one another. Our group included John and Lynn Cowen, Dana Chandler, Heather Shaw, Caroline Helmuth, Jon Mac Lucas, Bernadette Goosvert, Aaron and Eve Carine and myself.

Our MacDougall warriors then walked down 6th Avenue enthusiastically engaging with the crowds with our warrior cry and bubbles! Music filled the air. Scottish heritage filled the streets! We saw kin folk, Bonnie Jean Mac Yash for one, calling us from the route!

We would welcome and encourage anyone to join us next year for this experience! Reminder! Please view more wonderful pictures from John and Lynn Cowen on our Facebook page!



Blessings!
Anne Carine

Marriage Annoucement: Update

Anne MacDougall Carine is overjoyed to share that four generations were together to celebrate the marriage of her eldest son, Adam J. Carine to Kasey Laurel Hopewell on March 16th! The evening was magical; for a year and a half ago, Kasey was suffering from a severe kidney disease and required a kidney transplant! Her father Jim was a match and transplant happened! Each day is appreciated!



Congratulations, Kasey and Adam!



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Kids Corner
BY SCOTLAND IN THE CLASS

TRAVEL TO SCOTLAND

Castles of Scotland

SCOTLAND WAS HOME TO OVER 2000 CASTLES! MANY OF THEM NO LONGER EXIST, BUT WE CAN VISIT THE ONES THAT ARE STILL AROUND!

Castles are fortified structures made in Europe and the middle East during the Middle Ages. Castles come in many different shapes and sizes. They were built as a place to stay, not a place to protect the community.



Famous Scottish CASTLES

Eilean Donan

Edinburgh Castle

Stirling Castle

Culzean Castle

Search the castles listed above online to see if you can match the castle name to the photos on the left.

Castles normally had a main defensive wall to block anyone from breaking in. If someone did try to break in many castles had small holes cut into the walls so that soldiers could fire out through them without being hit.

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