



Mo dheagh chairdean. (Welcome my Friends.)

It's February 2025. I hope you are all ready for Valentine's Day! I know I love my heritage and here is a great time to share the things you love with the people you love. Heritage and Traditions should definitely be part of that sharing and love. Our roots and our heritage-it's where we started.



As you know, IF you read your January Raven issue, we are highlighting our committees which is one way YOU can be involved with our nonprofit on a deeper level. This issue highlights the Scholarship Committee. Why? It's the perfect time! We have 49 days (as of Feb 10th) left to accept scholarship applications. Because of this great timing, we are bringing you the Committee that makes this program work. Geordan MacDougall Baker has been part of our Scholarship committee for the last three years along with Chairperson Cynthia Dowdle and Kyle Jones, our current Archivist. See what's been happening within this committee in the next two articles.

My cousins, kinsmen, friends, associates and readers: we would love to hear from YOU! What's your favorite part of the Raven? [Email us](#) so we can hear directly from You .

CMSNA Committees

The Scholarship Committee!

[SCHOLARSHIPS! SCHOLARSHIPS!](#)

As you may have noticed, IT'S

Standing Rules and ByLaws

SCHOLARSHIP TIME!! We have 51 days to continue accepting applications for this year's scholarship awards. Each year we send out award letters in May, and Announce our winners at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games festival.

A few quick notes about our scholarship:

- You don't have to be a member to apply or to receive the Scholarship.
- There is NO age limit or requirement, only that you (the applicant) be in a school or program for a Scottish activity.
- Activities or learning opportunities include: 1. studying the Gaelic Language, 2. playing the pipes, 3. playing the Drums, 4. highland dance, 5. Scottish history studies, and more.

So visit [our website](#) and fill out that application!

Scholarships: The Scholarship Committee administers our Scholarship Program to financially support learning endeavors that enhance knowledge or appreciation of the Scottish music and arts, 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. Further information can be found on our

[Scholarships page on our web site.](#)

The Committee prepares an expenditure forecast as required for inclusion as an item in the annual budget.

Highlighted Members of CMSNA

The John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Program



John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Applications are now being accepted.

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. Mailed in Applications **MUST** be postmarked by March 31st, 2025 in order to be accepted.

Applications will be accepted until March 31st, 2025.

To join in this effort of support, please **consider making a donation** using the far right button below.

Winners of the Scholarship awards will be announced in July 2025 at Grandfather Mountain as is tradition. Award letters will be mailed out in

[Program Details](#)

[Application](#)

[Donate Here](#)

February Society Updates

IF you missed your renewal letter or contribution letter, **PLEASE [contact us](#)** so your contact information can be updated.

It is our
60th ANNIVERSARY Celebration!

Join us in the celebration. Look for past photos of Grandfather Mountain where it all began. Want to do more than just read? Let us know if YOU see Yourself or family members in any of the photos posted.

After all, YOU make the Society what it is! Thank You.

Book Club!

Our Book Club is underway. If you enjoy reading, want to learn MORE about Scotland, your heritage, history, or just want to find a way to connect-- You need to JOIN!

The JOIN US link will be posted here, in "The Raven"

when we are starting a new book for the club. Be sure to watch for it!

Volunteer!

We have many ways for you to be active and involved in Clan MacDougall Society of North America. If you would,

fill out our volunteer form and tell us about you
and your passions for all things Scottish!

GAMES! Highland Games! GAMES!

It's that time of year again! Did you miss it? We Did!

Our Regional Commissioners are contacting their team of State Reps as we write this issue of the Rave! These festivals happen all over the United States and Canada for CMSNA, however, they also happen all over the globe!

Visit **OUR EVENTS page** to see where our team of tent hosts will be this year!

We have been busy over the past few months. See our book list on **LuLu.com** for your reading pleasure as well as a great way to support your clan society.

Shop and Support Dunollie:

Visit **The Draper's Shop** where all proceeds benefit Dunollie Museum, Castle, and Grounds.



Did you know, **The Draper's Shop** has these Items:

- The Heritage Tartan (glasses cases/slips, scarfs, buttons, and MORE).
- The Lorn Tweed (buttons, scarfs, fabric, and the flower brooch)
- **New Arrivals...** (Robins, Hair Scrunchies, "A Great Stonghold" - Castle Film, and MORE)

NEWS FROM DUNOLLIE:

"2024 was our busiest season ever, but as the financial year ends,

we're facing a significant deficit. To reopen for the 2025 season,

we must tackle essential repairs and maintenance –
and we need your support to make it happen.

Here's how you can help:

Donate online: <https://www.dunollie.org/donate>



Shop our gifts: www.thedrapersshop.org
 Renew your annual pass early: www.dunollie.org
Every contribution – big or small –
goes straight back into running,
conserving, and developing our beloved site.

If you have questions or prefer to donate in person, [email us at info@dunollie.org](mailto:info@dunollie.org).

Thank you for helping us keep Dunollie alive for future generations!

We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2025"

PLEASE NOTE: as a Society, our donations marked for Dunollie require that we follow certain guidelines. For this reason, we are posting this request from Dunollie here in The Raven. We hope that by posting it here, you will shop at the Draper's Shop or make a personal donation to Dunollie yourself through their website. Donating through the Society gives our contributors in the United States the ability to claim all donations as a tax write-off (whether you do this or not). Donating to a Foreign Charity may not. I, as co-editor and President of CMSNA through 2026, do not have that particular level of knowledge as I am not a tax accountant nor do I work for the IRS, nor am I a lawyer. I do want to make all opportunities available to YOU to support our heritage sites like Dunollie Castle Museum and Grounds. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or reservations regarding this post and/or donations and contributions.

Book Club Update:

Details are emailed and sharing takes place on Facebook and ZoomRooms.
 JOIN US! Be involved and learn something new regarding our Scottish heritage, or find some bits and pieces of history in a historic fiction novel!
 Read more with Clan MacDougall Society of North America.

This book Club is lead by Lindsay Davis, current Secretary and long time member of CMSNA. Thanks Lindsay!

We hope to read and learn with YOU!



December and January Update on Events

A joyous Hogmanay was celebrated on December 28th, 2024 at the Pembroke Hampshire Country Club! It was our first time celebrating a Scottish New Year Celebration! My son Aaron and daughter in law Eve, Lance, Shelly and I met one another there to share in a new experience!

A tasteful buffet of appetizers and drinks was served

and beautiful celebratory cakes was the desert for the evening!

We anticipated gathering together around a table to play Stramash for the first time!! It is a traditional Scottish board game similar to our game of Sorry! We had the opportunity to try indoor and outdoor curling and had the chance to toss the Haggis!!

Our evening ended with a candlelight walk with the NH Scots band and standing arm in arm singing "**Auld Lang Syne**" together! Such a lovely way to bring in the new year!! May your New Year be blessed!

Anne MacDougal Carine

Tanist of CMSNA & Regional Commissioner of Northeast Region



Upcoming Events



NYC Tartan Day Parade!

when: April 5th, 2025

Where: New York City

Who to contact: **John Cowan**

It's one of the largest, if not the largest, celebration of Scottish heritage in the country. Yes, it's the annual New York City Tartan week and Tartan Day Parade! Last year we had 9 Clan members march and this year we'd love to have MORE. We always gather for a nice lunch at the Bryant Park Cafe then gather at our starting spot with enough time before the parade start to visit with some of the other Clans and pipe bands. This

parade draws Clans, Scottish organizations/societies, and pipe bands from all over the world. Clan MacDougal is registered and we're eager to march and hoping to have as many members as possible join us. If you want more information or have any questions please feel free to message me on our Facebook Group, or [email me at jvcowan2002@yahoo.com](mailto:jvcowan2002@yahoo.com)

Let's make last years walk look small! Walk with us in the parade and support your Clan Heritage. Spread the word. The more the merrier!

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Online Store!



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There's much more offered at
the online store!
Let's go Shopping!



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Heathered Silk Touch Performance Polo
Product: A388-468-6653 - Style: 5177



Port Authority Embroidered Men's
Heathered Silk Touch Performance Polo
Product: A262-419-1465 - Style: 5178




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Thank you for your continued support!

Many Looks and Options available! Check it out!

If the link above doesn't work for you, copy and paste this link in your browser:

https://cmsna.qbstores.com/all_products/all-products

New Members

Monika Hancock

Holiday Lakes, TX

Cheri Markt

Los Altos, CA

Joshua Coley

Niceville, FL

Kim Mouldsdale

Toronto, ON, Canada



Board News:

60th Anniversary Party!

**Celebrate with us at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
- The Place where it all began!**

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games IS holding their festival this year. That in and of itself is something to celebrate after the Hurricanes from last year that devastated the area. Your support at Grandfather Mountain is greatly appreciated. We will be hosting our traditional Clan Tent on clan row. Come watch the Games with us, celebrate GMHG and celebrate 60 years of Clan MacDougall Society of North America! Stay tuned for MORE details to come in each issue of "The Raven". Soon we will be telling you when and where that special evening celebration will take place. Be sure to register when that information is shared so we can all gather for a dram and dinner together! We would love to greet you

in person and have time to visit one-on-one with few distractions.



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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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