

Clan MacDougall Society of North America



Welcome MacDougalls and MacDowalls



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Mo dheagh chairdean.

Welcome to all MacDougalls, MacDowalls, and anyone interested in your Scottish Heritage. I hope those of you reading this were able to join us in Banner Elk, NC for the 60th Anniversary Dinner Celebration on July 12th, 2025 or catch what we were able to live stream on Facebook.. We had a wonderful time at Stonewalls Restaurant for the celebration. Please welcome our new members shown at the bottom of this newsletter. Make sure to check out our Games and Events all over the US and Canada. Celebrate with us online and in person where ever you are. It's a wonderful year for our Society.
~Misha



Back Row: Troy McDougal, Brad McDougal, Renita and Todd McDougal, Patti Leonard, Buzzy and Paul Bramble, Doug MacDougall, Josh Fitzsimmons, Jon MacLucas. Middle Row: Zoey Lowther, Barbie McDougal, Kathy McDougall, Ghetto Jones, Geordan Jones-Baker, Anne Carine, Rosemary McCown, Richard Van Valkenburgh, T'Shael Jones. Front Row: Misha Lowther, Malcolm MacDougall, Kyle Jones, Richard (Dick) MacDougall, Thomas Ashby McCown, Nancy Van Valkenburgh.

Morag MacDougall of MacDougall and Dunollie

Dear Clansfolk,



This comes to wish you all the very best on the 60th Anniversary of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America. Congratulations on all you have done over the years to enhance the MacDougall Clan during those decades enabling our Clans folk to know more of the history and roots of their Clan.

We hope you greatly enjoy your Anniversary with all the activities you may put on, be it piping, dancing, talks, exhibits, or sporting activities, along with attracting friends and new members. At Dunollie, we would like to thank you for all the support you have given us over the years. We are most grateful for your strong contacts with the Scottish homeland across the ocean. This is so encouraging.



All good wishes to you all for 60 years and onwards.

Morag MacDougall
of MacDougall and Dunollie
and Family:
Robin, Fiona, Ivan, Elke, and Lyra

CMSNA Committees

The Communications Committee!

The Communications Committee handles our print projects, our Social Media accounts, our websites and maintenance for all of these things as well.

Part of our **purposes** is to:

- To produce and distribute print and multimedia materials related to Clans MacDougall and MacDowall.
- To encourage tourism to Scotland, specifically to sites of importance to both Clans.
- To perpetuate Scottish traditions and customs, promote Clan sentiment, and social interaction.
- To seek out and reconnect with fellow Clan folk and invite them to take an active role in the Society.
- To support other literary, historical, educational or similar activities as the Board of Directors determines.

a lot of which is done through our Communications Committee. We do have overlapping work loads and projects. The Membership Committee and the Communications Committee partner and work



Lindsay McDowell Davis
Communications Chairperson
2022-present
Book Club Organizer

together to get out our annual Contribution Fundraiser in the Fall. Our Tanist works with our Communications Committee and our Games Volunteers to make sure our Events are posted and Everyone has access to the information needed for hosting a Clan Tent. In short, "it takes a village" and we have a great team of Volunteers we are hoping YOU would like to join as well!

president@macdougall.org

www.MacDougall.org/volunteer

Current Projects:

1. Website updates
2. Clan Tent Hosting Materials development
3. CMSNA Book Club
4. GMHG Programs, displays, and more
5. CMSNA Games Staff Materials for Spring (online) Summit
6. Graphics and Photos for the Raven and The Tartan
7. many more details for projects as needed.

The Scholarship Program

The John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarship supports learning endeavors that enhance knowledge or appreciation of the Society and our cultural heritage. If YOU are interested in Scottish Cultural studies of any variety, please reach out to our Scholarship Committee. Be sure to put "Attn: Geordan Baker" in the subject line as she is our Chairperson. **Email Here.**

If you would like to continue making a difference, please **[consider making a donation](#)** using the blue button to the left.

Current Scholarship recipients will be announced at Grandfather Mountain.



Donate Here

Shop and Support Dunollie:

The Draper's Shop

where all proceeds benefit Dunollie Museum, Castle, and Grounds.
Every bit of money earned at the Draper's Shop is put right back into maintaining the Museum, Castle, and Grounds. This ornament was available during the Gathering last summer. If you missed out, shop The Drapers Shop today!



**Hanging Ornament of
Dunollie Keep
Front side**



**Hanging Ornament of
Dunollie Keep
Backside**



**Orders Yours NOW.
All Drapers Shop
orders support Dunollie**

Events To Come ~ Update:

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

July 10th - 13th, 2025

Linville, NC, USA

Anniversary Dinner July 12th!

Sherwood Park Highland Gathering

July 19th, 2025

Sherwood Park

Sherwood, Alberta, CANADA

Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival

July 19th, 2025

Look Park 300 N. Main St

Florence, MA, USA

Fergus Scottish Festival

August 9th, 2025

Victoria Park

Fergus, ON, CANADA

Maine Highland Games

& Scottish Festival

Windsor Fairgrounds, 82 Ridge Rd,

Windsor, ME, USA

Please be sure to check our [website](#) for more details on upcoming Games and Festivals.

CMSNA Events Attended

Embro Highland Games

July 1st, 2025

~Scott MacDougald, Vallerie McDougall-Tillie, and



Marry McDougall
"Buaidh No Bas" ~ Victory or Death!

West Virginia Wild and Wonderful Celtic Festival and Highland Games

June 21st, 2025

The West Virginia Wild and Wonderful Scottish Festival was thankfully not as wild as it could have been, even though the walkway in front of the Clan tents was rather boggy from the deluges they had during this past week. It was quite wonderful. The number of Clan tents has increased and the festival was well attended. The building heat of the midday made most of the attendee stick to the entertainment pavilion and the nearby vendor section at the back of the Festival grounds. Alas, I did not manage to enroll any new Society members but did enthuse several of the tent visitors with the yen to take a trip to Scolant to visit their family roots. The Athletic games were entirely populated by amateurs though they proved to be quite capable. The camaraderie enjoyed with my neighboring Clan folk was most appreciated and the day passed by more quickly than I realized. This Festival is only 3 years old but is off to a very good start. It is a welcome escape from the urban jungle that is Washington DC. area. You all are invited to check it out!! We will plan on attending again next year!

~Jon MacLucas



Northumberland Scottish Festival

June 21st, 2025

Great day at Northumberland Scottish Festival
~Barry McDougall

Georgetown Highland Games

June 14th, 2025

Our Clan MacDougall Society Clan Tent was at the Georgetown, Ontario Highland Games on Saturday June 14. If you dropped by on Saturday, we hope you stopped by our Society Tent for a good visit. If you missed us, catch us at these Games very SOON!

Our next Ontario Games will be at the Embro Highland Games on Canada Day Tuesday July 1. Here is the web site <https://zorracaledoniansociety.ca/embro-highland-games/>

They say this is now the longest running games in Ontario because it has operated since 1937. This nice little country Highland Games with its strong Tug of War teams is one of my favourite Games.

For more Ontario Games and many other events across North America visit our Society's events page at <https://macdougall.org/events/>

~Scott MacDougald

Garrett County Celtic Festival

June 7th, 2025

Lots of visitors at the Clan Tent that weekend. Even the furry kind seem to be loving the Festival.

~John Cowan



Old Orchard Beach Scottish Festival

June 7th, 2025

A foggy Maine morning welcomed us to the Old Orchard Beach Scottish Festival, for the first time, on Sat. June 7, 2025!

Aaron and Eve had camped nearby in order to get an early start for set up! They buckled the tent down with an extra layer of plastic due to the impending rain! By the time I arrived they were proud to share with me that they had welcomed a new member to the society, Shawn Clough and his wife! Shelly MacDougall Tremblay arrived with her thoughtful tokens of bracelets and stickers!

We all enjoyed our conversations with folks eager to learn, some popping in to step out of rain! We had one couple from S. America stop by. They were eager to learn of our Scottish culture!

During the afternoon Shelly and Eve welcomed another member, Scott MacDougall! He was delighted to see his clan present at his home town Scottish festival! He is involved in the production of OOB (*Old Orchard Beach*)!

Welcome to our new members again, Scott and Shawn! Thank you to Shelly, Eve and Aaron for all your hard work! We had an enjoyable day together to spite the rain. The warm homemade Scottish food tent warmed our bellies and Albannach filled our soul with music!

Yours Aye,

~Anne

For the Children!

The highland coo is a beautiful creature. Some love to snuggle the wee things when they're small. Others make a living off of raising them as any other cattleman would.

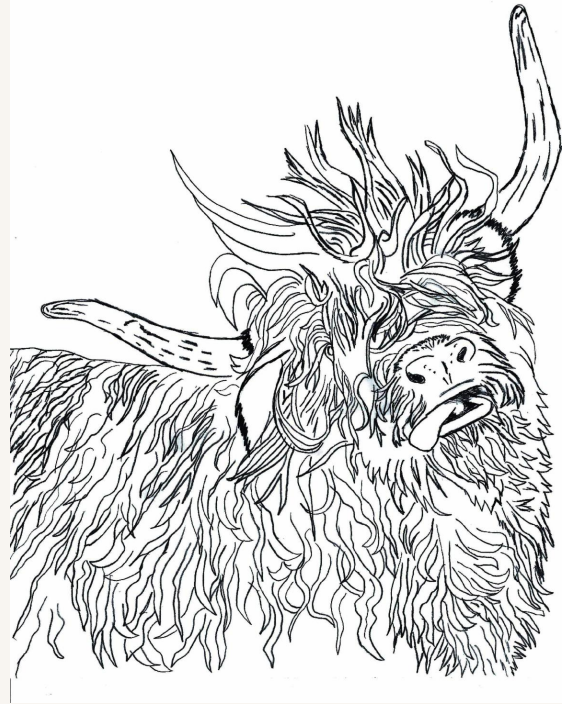
I found quite a few lovely pieces of art involving highland coos when I journeyed

to Oban in August of 2024 for the International MacDougall Clan Gathering.

I love the photos, the artwork, the possibilities that they bring. I didn't see one wee Highland Coo when I was across the pond. I had the pleasure at the last Scottish Festival I attended in Choctaw, OK. Hopefully the Farm that brings their Coos to the Festival will be able to do so again this October. I hope you can join me then. In the mean time, enjoy our friendly, silly coo here. Let us know what the wee lads and lassies think of him and his silliness.



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Young Professionals

Young Professionals. This is usually a committee or group you will find in a City's community or on a College or University campus. It's a group designed to welcome young adults ages 20 to 35 and give them a voice, a community, and a place to gather.

Within the Organization of CMSNA, we have not successfully (*to date*), set up a program like this. Yet it is sorely needed. One issue I feel we have with doing so successfully is that most people (in general) get interested in genealogy and ancestral heritage around the age of 40. This creates a gap. We can create things that interest children that we share at our tents so parents can look around. But the generation gap still lingers.

Teens aren't interested in history-swords and video games and the next big series or movie, sure- but not heritage or ancestors. *Most* teens aren't interested in anything adult related because they are trying to become adults in their own right. So what does that mean for the Society and what can we offer Young Professionals?

Experience. Networking. Mentoring. Education.

Opportunities to be a part of something Global.

Why is this worth writing about here in "The Raven"? CMSNA is an Organization. We are a Nonprofit 501 (c) (3) certified Charity in the US. There are positions open to those of the next generation - Young Professionals - that lend experience and more to any resume. Why not encourage them to take advantage of such an opportunity.

One thing the University Professors will tell you at any age is that being a volunteer looks great on your resume because it shows that you are interested in your field of study. It shows that even as a young person with no job experience, you are willing to look outside the box for experience and knowledge. You are willing to work hard to get a foot in the door. Are you (as a young professional) looking to apply to a job that requires experience which you don't have? Did you ever think of volunteering to get the experience needed? It

works. Here's how:

Games tent hosts offer customer service and sales experience. Hospitality and Membership Committees offer the chance at cold calling, customer service, and data entry experience. Communications Committee offers experience opportunities in Social Media posting and management; website management, print materials-both creating, editing and graphics. The possibilities are endless. If you know a Young Professional or you are a Young Professional, this organization is also a way to connect with people across the US and Canada.

Board News:

1. Our New Officers have taken their place at the table. Please welcome T'Shael Jones, our new Secretary.
2. Board Meetings happen **quarterly**: July 27th is our next meeting.
3. Our Emails and websites are on a new server. If you emailed any of our Volunteers who use the @macdougall.org email addresses between Thursday, June 26th and Sunday, July 13th, your email may or may not have been received.

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We attempted to be **LIVE** at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this past weekend. We hope you saw us on **Facebook**.

Birth, Engagement, and Wedding Announcements

Special request directly from a member:"Please pray for strength and healing for Ed McDowell. He and his wife Sheila have been contributing a lot of time and effort and sharing lots of love with our Society for many years now. Ed has been struggling with health issues this past year. It's our turn to be there for them. The power of a Scottish prayer will prevail. Won't you join us in prayers for healing?
God bless and keep you.



Clan MacDougall Society would like to express our sincerest congratulations to Lynn and Beacham McDougald for 45

years of marriage! They have devoted much time and many wonderful ideas for the success of our Society over many years. God bless and Happy 45th Anniversary from Clan MacDougall Society!



We would like to wish a special little miss a very Happy Birthday

**HAPPY 2ND
BIRTHDAY
TO
CHARLOTTE
DAVIS!**



*If YOU have a birth, engagement, or wedding announcement, Birthday, Graduation or Anniversary you would like to share, please **email us**. We would be glad to make the announcement to our Clan!*

Tell Us What YOU Think!

This is a NEW LOOK for The Raven and we are excited to share it with you. We hope you have enjoyed the content (history, information updates, events and more), including the graphics and photos. The Raven is about sharing the Society with you as well as connecting you with your heritage, history and Dunollie among other people and places. We'd like to know if you LOVE the New Look or NOT and what else you'd like to see posted here. Send an email to **President@MacDougall.org**.

It doesn't have to be anything long. It could be:
"I love The new look" or "I miss the previous look" or "I don't mind either way but I love the content"...

It could be something to the effect of:

"I'd like to know more about _____."

You could fill in the blank with:

history of Scotland;

history of Dunollie;

history of Somerled;

more genealogy links;

how to's of genealogy in the US, in Canada, in Scotland.

Our Newsletter and Journal are meant to connect our Donors with our Organization. We simply want to know [how you would like to connect](#).

New Members!

Aaron McDougle
Arned Forces

Travis Boley
Independence, MO

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Enjoy the Scottish Banner!

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courtesy of our friends at The Scottish Banner.

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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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