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The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the
Clan MacDougall Society of North America



Celebrating 60 Years!



(photo above: from 1969 GMHG)

Mo dheagh chairdean.

It's our 60th Anniversary in 2025. I'd LOVE to see this celebrated at ALL of our Games and Events this season. Officially, we are celebrating with a dinner at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, back where it all began. We hope you will join us Saturday evening at Stonewalls Restaurant in Banner Elk after the Games. Be sure to register for the dinner so we have a head count. Space is limited so get that registration in fast! The registration page is enclosed here. Don't wait to register! We will see you soon at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July of 2025. Congratulations to Clan MacDougall Society of North America for 60 years!

CMSNA Committees

The Membership Committee!

We have **9 Standing Committees** and only 5 are

running at this moment. We need to revive the other 5! ***Volunteer*** with Us!

- Awards
- *Budget**
- Communications
- Genealogy
- Heritage
- Hospitality
- International Relations
- Membership*
- Scholarship

Other Committies:

- Young Professionals committee
- Games Hosts

(do you have a festival that does NOT have a MacDougall tent?)

We need a Games Host for **that** festival! Join Our Team!



VP of Membership is the Chairperson of this Committee. Please meet Valerie McDougall.



Membership Committee is more than a one-person job. I want to commend Valerie for doing an awesome job of handling this committee solo, relying on the Directors team to assist as needed. She is a rock star and great to work with as a team member and as a team leader.

What the membership committee currently needs is an assistant to learn Valeries main duties, and a data entry person and customer service team member to assist with necessary duties currently being farmed out to our Directors.If you have these skills or an interest in learning these

According to our

By Laws and Standing Rules:

(page 17, Standing Rules, Appendix B)

"Membership:

The Membership Committee is chaired by the Vice President for Membership with the President Elect as one of its members. The Committee seeks to create and apply ways, and work with Society Representatives at all levels, to attract new members and to retain existing Members. The Committee attempts to make maximum use of technology to conduct business and to reach the greatest number of clanfolk but strives to maintain personal contact between our Members and our Officers at all levels. The Committee prepares an expenditure forecast as required for inclusion as an item in the annual budget. "

By Laws:

(page 9, Section: VI. Committees:)

"The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint (and discharge) Standing or Temporary Committees to perform such functions as seem appropriate to fulfill the purposes of the Society. The President will appoint and discharge chairs for each Committee which will meet as determined by the respective Committee Chairs or the President.

Committee Chairs will ensure that

skills, **please Volunteer** for the Membership Committee and become a part of Val's team!

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minutes of their meetings will be kept and copies sent to the President and the Recording Secretary/Archivist of the Society."

The Scholarship Program

The 2025 Awardees will be announced at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

The John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarship supports learning endeavors that enhance knowledge or appreciation of the Society and our cultural heritage. Studies can be done at North American Universities or Colleges, Scottish Universities, Dance schools, tutors or Instructors or other appropriate institutions. The Committee can help sort what is and is not applicable for this Program.

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

John A. MacDougall was the second president of Clan MacDougall Society of North America. His story was published in the Tartan, volume 42, No. 4 (Fall 2007). I know because I went looking for his story. As quoted from the original Tartan article: "John's affiliation with Clan MacDougall Society began with the forming of the society in 1965. His membership #21 was listed in the first issue of the Tartan and he was appointed a member of the Directors in 1969. John was a valued member of the Board and was appointed Secretary-Treasure of the society in 1974.



Ten years later, in 1984, he was appointed as the President of the Society. His term ended in 1986 when George MacDougall became the President. George served until his death in January of 1991 and John stepped in to fill the vacancy until the election of Walter Macdougall in the fall of 1991. John remained on the Board of Directors until his death and was present at all meetings but 1 or 2 of the 42 years since the founding of Clan MacDougall Society. John A. McDougall, age 90 years, died September 4, 2007 in Atlanta Georgia." What a dedication to the Clan MacDougall Society.

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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.



The Dalriada Tartan
Brushed Wool Blanket



The Lorn Tweed
Brushed Wool Blanket



The Heritage MacDougall
Brushed Wool Blanket

Events To Come ~ Update:

Fair Hill Scottish Games

May 17th, 2025
Elkton, MD, USA
Jon MacLucas, CMSNA Rep.

Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games

May 17th, 2025
Townsend, TN, USA
Brad MacDougall, CMSNA Rep.

Old Orchard Beach Scottish Festival
June 7th, 2025
Old Orchard Beach, ME, USA

Georgetown Highland Games
June 14th, 2025
Halton Hills, ON, Canada

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

CMSNA Events Attended



NYC Tartan Day Parade

Everyone loves a parade, especially a parade in New York City, home of the world's best parades, and the best parade of all is the annual Tartan Day Parade. Every year New York City hosts Tartan Week which culminates with the Tartan Day Parade. Clan MacDougall has been a part of the parade for the past several years and this year was no different.

On April 5th, eleven members of the Clan met at the Un Deux Trois restaurant for lunch before the parade. After lunch we gathered at our designated parade staging area, met and mingled with several other parade groups, and listened to pipe bands warm up until the parade started. We were lucky that the predicted rain fell off for the duration of the parade so the over 100 marching clans and bands stayed dry as well as the thousands of parade watchers. When we passed the Parade's Grand Marshall, Scottish actor Alan Cumming, we gave him a loud and clear "Buaidh No Bas" ~ Victory or Death!

Dunedin Scottish Games, FL

Dunedin was a lovely day, hot as usual for Florida, however no rain nor heavy breezes (as have experienced in past years).

Miscellaneous folks 'visited' the tent - some MacDougall 'family', some not. Out of those, four (4) signed up for membership. Peter Keeley (new board mbr) and wife Teresa stopped by the tent - said they are thinking of coming (from Naples) again for Dunedin's 2026 Games.

Clan MacDougall participated in the Opening Ceremonies Parade of Tartans (thanks to Rik Mathias)- also Beverley Herring Mundt was remembered during the 'Field of Flowers' Memorial Service. There's so much to write, however will stop now.

It is awesome to have the opportunity to host the Clan MacDougall tent.

Slainte,

Mimi

Hello fellow members!

Clan MacDougall was represented at an indoor **Scottish Arts Day at Manchester, NH Memorial High School** on Sat. April 12, 2025. Shelly MacDougall Tremblay, Lance and I had several inquisitive visitors with good conversations and teaching opportunities. Shelly's sister Heather was our only MacDougall- MacDowall visitor! We had the

pleasure of listening to local pipe bands compete in the auditorium! We had the pleasure of talking with a few other clans and neighboring vendors and I was able to catch up with St. Andrews Society of Maine who will be hosting the Maine Highland Games this summer on August 16 and 17th, which our clan will be present at! I also had the opportunity to speak to the president of St. Andrews Charitable Society which has been helping people of Scottish origin since 1657!

Proudly representing Clan MacDougall Society,
Anne MacDougal Carine

REGISTER!

Check out the plans we have taking place at Grandfather Mountain this year! It is our 60th Anniversary and we have a special celebration happening Saturday in Banner Elk after we come down off the Mountain! Join Us!

60th Anniversary Founders Dinner

RESERVATION FORM 2025



FOUNDERS DINNER RESERVATIONS
Stonewalls Restaurant,
344 Shawneehaw Ave S.
Banner Elk, NC
828-898-5550

Saturday, July 12th, 2025

Cocktail hour 6:00pm to 7:00pm
(Cash Bar)
Dinner at 7:00pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number Attending: _____ (\$50 per person) \$ _____
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Clan MacDougall Society of North America
C/O Treasurer, Dana M. Chandler
P. O. Box 282
Garwood, NJ 07027

NOTE: Seating is limited.

We will also be piping in the Haggis at 6:45pm. Don't Miss This Event!

MENU:

Haggis

House Salad

Herbed-Butter Mashed
Potatoes

Southern Green Beans

Cavatappi in Alfredo
Sauce

Chicken Cordonbleu

Hand-Carved Stuffed
Pork Loin

Rolls

Dessert

REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 27TH, 2025!

New Members

T'Shael Jones
Minnetonka, MN

Jessica Cameron Kellum
Harperswell, CT

Elaine McDougall
Stanford, CT

Susan Hoffman
Vancouver, WA

Mark McDougall
Chelsea, MI

Luke Meola
Boonton, NJ

Pamela Riley
Scotsdale, AZ

Millye "Marie" MacDougall
Monument, CO

Timothy Price
Selma, AL

Board News:

1. Ballots are in for the Board of Directors Election for 2025. Announcements will happen at Grandfather Mountain.
2. Officer's ballots have also gone out and were returned by Easter Sunday. We will have those announcements for you at Grandfather as well.

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We will attempt to be LIVE at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
so keep an eye out on Facebook and TikTok.

We would also like to wish all the MOMs a very happy, healthy, and wonderful Mother's Day this year 2025. God bless each and every one of you. It's the best and most precious position one can have (in this editor's opinion).

Wedding Announcement:



I am so excited to be able to include this announcement in our E-Newsletter! Our lovely VP of Membership, **Valerie McDougall**, is tying the knot in May 2025!



A Message from Grandfather Mountain Highland Games



UPDATE:

**State of the
Grandfather
Mountain Highland
Games**



We at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games are fielding questions several times a week from all over the country as to the ability of our area to support the 2025 Highland Games in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. The answer is a resounding yes! Our roads and bridges are now in good shape, and area lodging and restaurants are definitely open for business.

The storm damage was extensive to be sure, but the degree of repair in the six months following the hurricane has been amazing. Things are now at the place where those attending the 2025 Games will find the North Carolina High Country much like we were for the 2024 Games.

This message is being sent in the hopes that you will share the news about the repair and recovery in our area with your members. You are in a unique situation with regard to the membership of your clans and societies, and getting a clear message about attending in 2025 will be helpful to both GMHG and your clan or society organization. We appreciate your help.

Thank you in advance for helping us get the word out. We are really looking forward to seeing you "on the Mountain!"

Yours Aye,

Steve

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courtesy of our friends at The Scottish Banner.

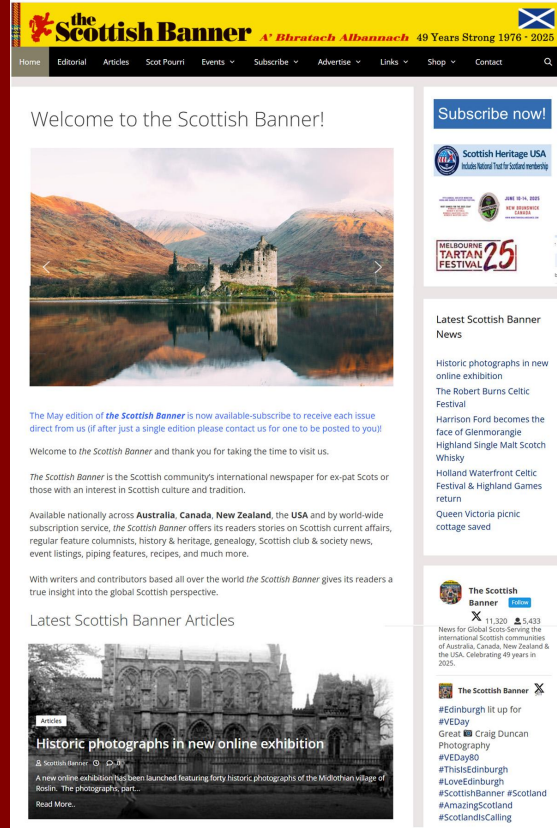
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