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A Visit to Dear Scotland

by Genevieve McDowell Owen

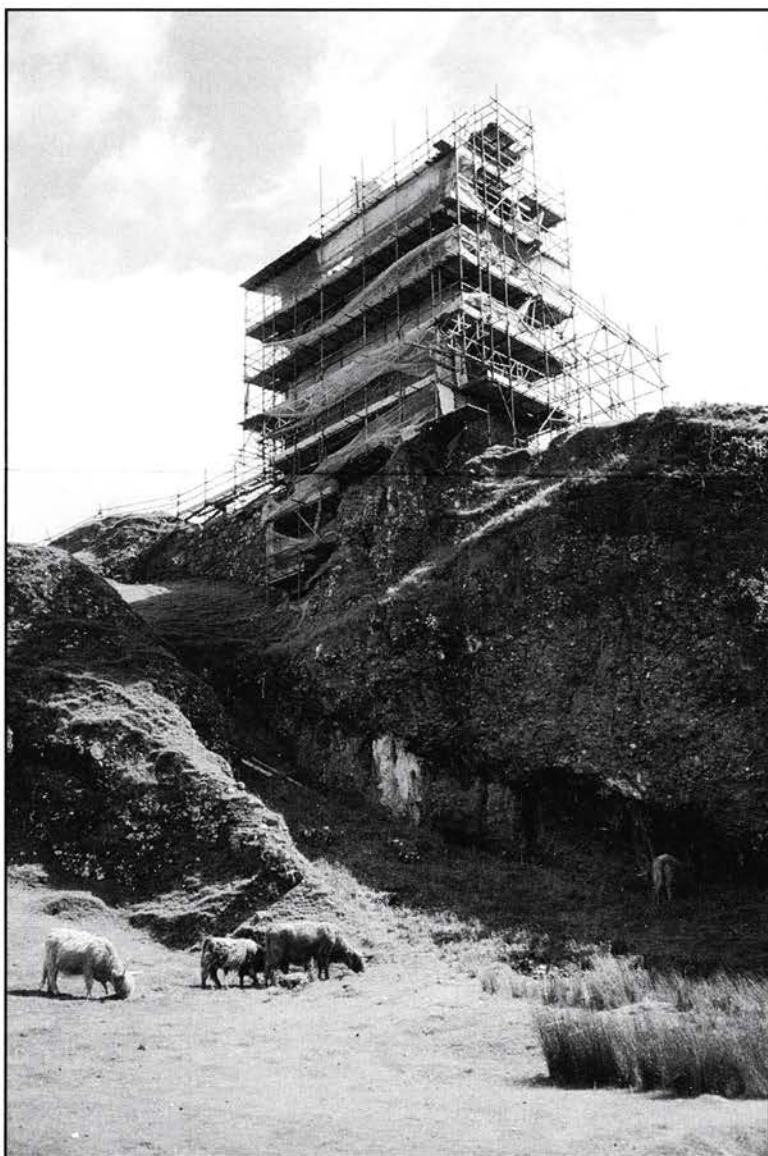
My husband, Ryland Owen, and I recently made a trip to Scotland. It was a memorial trip, of sorts. My father Robert Carter McDowell died suddenly just as he and I were making plans to visit Scotland in general, and the traditional Clan seat in particular. So my husband and I, joined by my sister Ashley McDowell, her husband, Kevin Baker, and baby daughter Chloe, made the trek without our beloved father.

The pictures are of Gylen Castle under renovation on the island of Kerrera. After crossing the Sound of Kerrera near Oban on the smallest ferry we have ever seen, carrying only 10 people, or so, on foot at a time, we hiked two miles on this lovely, sparsely populated island to Gylen. The castle, as you can see, was almost entirely covered with scaffolding, but we could tell that it was charming. It commands a stunning view of the Firth of Lorn, Mull, and numerous smaller islands.

Near the castle was a remote and appealing tearoom where we ate a delicious organic vegetarian lunch in a converted bothy or barn. We could have eaten in the tearoom's abundant flower garden, or even stayed in the bothy bunkhouse with the round toilet room. Instead we hiked another several miles, enjoying more tremendous views to Mull, Lismore, and the mainland. The island reportedly hosts both otters and seals, and though we didn't spot any of those, we were entertained by the very hairy Highland cattle and ubiquitous sheep.

I'm afraid we may have broken the law when we left a small picture of our late father, along with his Clan MacDougall membership card, tucked under a rock on the island. He was a geologist, a bird watcher, and a naturalist, and he was intensely interested in our family ancestry, especially our links to Scotland. He would have really loved the trip (especially traveling with the grandchild he never got to meet) and Kerrera. We couldn't resist leaving a piece of him there.

We loved all of the parts of Scotland that we visited, including Edinburgh, the western Highlands and Skye, Oban, Inverness, and Glasgow. It was beautiful, cool, and remote. Everywhere the people were extremely nice. We only need the excuse of the renovation of Gylen Castle being completed to tempt us back again. ☺



Gylen Castle on Kerrera, Scotland, July 2002

Photo by author.



The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougal

Something new has happened!

In this issue of *The Tartan* you will find both the Volume 37 #4 and the Special Christmas Issue. Both issues are being printed and mailed together to save postage costs.

The birthday of Robert Burns will soon be celebrated on January 25. The poet of Scotland is home again in the lives and hearts of the Scottish people as they reach out to glimpse the land they all love. Remember this poet on his 244th year after death.

Little known facts: Robert Burn's signed his name Burness, a burn is a little stream and he was born in a house beside a burn. He shortened his family name for his poetry signature.

The weather here in the south of the USA has been very hot for most of the summer as well as in a lot of other places. We think of all the clan's people who have weathered the weather to work at the clan tents and the sacrifices made around the globe for the welfare of the clan. The officers and myself wish to thank each of you for "a job well done."

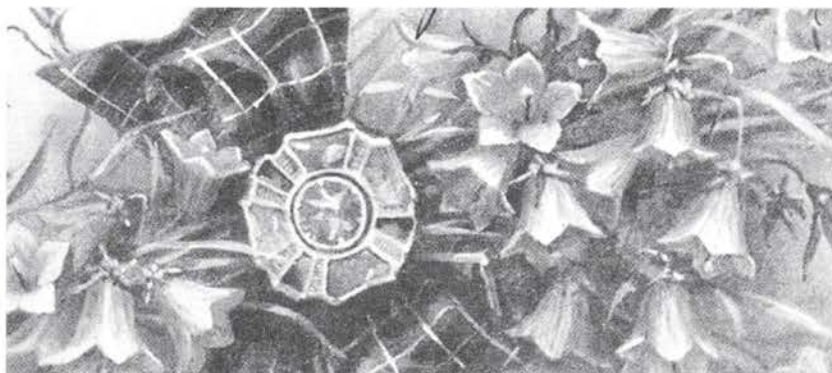
Yours aye,
Pat



In Scotland, a new game was invented and entitled

Gentlemen Only—Ladies

Forbidden...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.



Flowers of the Forest

*Please accept our expression of sympathy
at the loss of your loved one...*



Ruth Armstrong was my sister and a member of the Society (#1520) having joined before moving to Alberta from Ottawa, Ontario. Ruth was living what appeared to be a very healthy life, full of activities, when she suffered a massive heart attack in May of this year. She died a few days later on May 17, 2002. Her ashes are buried in the family plot in West Gore, NS.



Our first cousin Anne Doris MacDougall of Lexington, MA is one of the "founding members." Two other 2nd cousins in West Gore, Nova Scotia are long time members also, Mary MacDougal, who is 102 and Marita Greenough, her sister is 92. Yet another 2nd cousin Austin MacDougall of Bedford, NS and wife May and their son Peter MacDougall of Halifax are representing their family as members in the society.

*from Paul MacDougall,
Quebec Provincial Representative*



Marjorie Jean McLeod, R.N. passed away Monday, May 20, 2002, in Toronto, Canada. Marjorie was a retired Nursing Administrator in the "K" Wing of Sunnybrook Hospital.

She held memberships in the Ontario Genealogical Society, Clan McLeod Society, The Clans and Scottish Society of Canada, Forest Grove United Church and the Toronto Guild for Colour Photography, also a founding member of the Clan MacDougall Society, Ontario Chapter since 1982 and was the editor of the Chapter newsletter.

Marjorie was a founding member and a Director of Clan MacDougall Society, Inc. Marjorie, and her sister Margaret, received the "Somerled Award" in 1998 for Outstanding Service to the Clan MacDougall Society.

Marjorie was the beloved daughter of the late Carter and Janet McLeod. Dear sister of Alex, Margaret and the late Gordon McLeod. Loving aunt of Gordon and his partner June, Frazer and wife Teresita and great aunt of Angela and Jennifer McLeod.





David W. McDowell passed away on July 29, 2002, at the age of 64 after a brief battle with cancer.

The eldest son of William Davidson and Stacy McDowell, David was born in Ferguson, Missouri, and grew up in St. Louis. David attended Princeton University as well as

Park College in Kansas City, Missouri, earning a BA in Physics. He worked briefly for McDonnell Aircraft before becoming one of the first 600 Peace Corps volunteers in 1961. David met his wife Diane of 40 years during Peace Corps training at UCLA before they served for 2 years in Nigeria.

Upon returning to the United States, David received his PhD in International Education at Columbia University. He and his family moved to upstate New York, where he worked as a Professor of International Education at SUNY New Paltz. After 14 years in academia, David joined Organization Resources Counselors (ORC) in New York City. Four years later, he was hired by Bank of America to manage the International Compensation department in San Francisco. David and his family made California their home for the next 15 years. During that time, he rejoined ORC as their West Coast Director. David and his wife lived in Danville until his retirement in 1999 when they moved to La Quinta.

David McDowell's zest for life was contagious. He dearly loved his family, friends, classical music, travel and the game of golf. He became interested in researching his Scottish ancestry and playing an active role in MacDougall Clan gatherings at Scottish Games across the country. He also enjoyed composing music and poetry. He wrote two plays and recently completed an autobiographical book on his Peace Corps experience.

David is survived by his wife, Diane Kenny McDowell, his three daughters Susan Shogren, Barbara Altshuler and Katherine McDowell, his grandson Andrew Shogren, his sister Sarah McDowell and his brother William Stuart McDowell.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 3rd at 10am at the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Wiley and Davidson Memorial Fund, c/o Ms. Tracy H. Branson, Lyon University Office of Institutional Advancement, P. O. Box 2317, Batesville, AR 72503-2317. The fund provides scholarships for students studying music at Lyon University.

Editor's Note: Dave and Diane were co-editors of "Dunollie West" the Pacific Crescent newsletter.



BIG Sale on Membership **Pay now and save \$50.00!**

Clan MacDougall Society, Inc. is making an announcement for the change of membership dues, **beginning January 1, 2003.**

Membership for those wishing to pay **before** January 1, 2003 will pay at the old membership rate.
\$15.00 for a year;
Join with Life membership and pay,
Under 40 years of age \$350.00.
Over 40 years of age \$250.00.

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~ Mr. and Mrs. Jud McDougall's "50th Wedding Anniversary ~

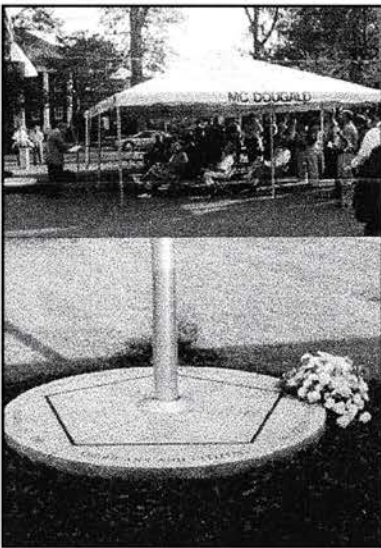


It was August 29, 1952 when Judson N. McDougall and Lorraine P. Utesch joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Merrill, Iowa.

Their family congratulates them for 50 years of marriage. Jud and Lorraine with their children, Pam and Bob Danneman and son Kevin, Beth Malm with daughters Lauren and Melissa of St. Louis, Mo., David and Denise McDougall with son Alexander and daughter Kelsey of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Their 50 years have taken them from Iowa, to South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, and to Missouri where they have lived for the last 31 years. Along the way they were blessed with many friends and lasting memories. We wish them many more, and thank them for all they have done for us. (*Lifetime Clan Member 1100*).

9-11 Memorial Dedication



Between 75 and 100 people attended a memorial dedication on the front lawn of McDougald Funeral Home and Crematorium at 8:30 this morning. Unfortunately both Scotland County and us had unknowingly planned services for the same time.

The service began with a brief introduction by Beacham McDougald followed by a prayer and speech from the Rev. Jerry Lowry of the First

United Methodist Church. At 8:46 everything stopped for a minute of silence. The silence was broken by Bill Caudill, director of the St. Andrews Pipe Band, playing "God Bless America" on the bagpipes. There was not a dry eye to be found after his special rendition.

James Ruppard of the Scotland County Volunteer Fire Departments and Early Byrd of the Gibson Volunteer Fire Department placed an arrangement of white flowers on the memorial.

Rev. Lowry concluded with a prayer and everyone joined in singing "We Shall Overcome" as the final portion of the service.

Brown Memorials of Florence, SC designed the 6 ft. diameter granite memorial. It is engraved with the names of 34 countries on 6 continents who lost citizens in the 9-11 attack, a reminder that the attacks touched not only America, but the world. ☺

The MacDougall Collection

The Hope MacDougall Collection is currently being used as a traveling teaching tool in the primary schools around Oban. The photo and caption is from the front page of "The Oban Times" dated September 5, 2002. ☺



Pictured, back left to right, are Catherine Gillies of the MacDougall Collection, Park Primary School pupils Julie Robertson and Jenna McDougall with teacher Lisa Danks and, front, pupils Grant Connor and Jamie Black.

Remembering Dud Dean

from Wylie McDougall

Walter M. Macdougall's latest book, "Remembering Dud Dean." Our former editor of "The Tartan" and past-president of Clan MacDougall Society, Walter M. Macdougall has just had another book published. This is a collection of some sixteen short stories written by his father, Arthur Macdougall, a minister but also an outdoorsman, supplemented his income writing about fishing and hunting with "Dud Dean" a fictional character. Arthur Macdougall published many of these stories for "Field and Stream" as well as other magazines in the 1920's and 30's. Walter gives his insight on the times, places and characters written about in these stories. He also writes about his parents and the rural Maine where he was raised. There are some wonderful old pictures of lakes, rivers, hunting camps and towns where Dud Dean did his guiding.

To obtain this book, log onto: www.downeastbooks.com.

Editor's note: also see at this website, a second book written by Walter M. Macdougall, "Old Somerset Railroad."

 **Alison Clare MacDougall** graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a BSc in Mathematics for Business Analysis (Honours) and was the winner of the Bill Goodbody prize for the Best honours Project. Alison attended St. Columba's Primary and Oban High Schools and is the daughter of Duncan and Joan MacDougall, Dalimart Drive, Oban. ☺

From "The Oban Times" August 29, 2002

Clan MacDougall is a hit at games.

The Clan MacDougall Society scored a big hit with visitors to the Oban Highland Games with hundreds of inquiries.

Situated in the Heritage tent the society talked to many people, from locals to visitors from overseas.

The games also enabled the society to attract new members and to announce plans for a four-day international gathering, to be held in Oban, in September 2003.

Hamish MacDougall, senior principal of the society, said: "We were overwhelmed by the genuine interest in the society as well as numerous interest in applications to join the society."

"Having the presence at the Oban Highland Games was certainly an enjoyable experience." (cont'd)
Anyone interested in joining the society by who did not have a chance to pick up information at the games can e-mail their details to shamanchelle@lineone.net.

From Fergus Macdowall of Garthland

To the clan MacDougall Society of North America

Thank you very much for inviting my wife Sandy and me to join you at the 47th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering in North Carolina in July, 2002. We regretted that Sandy could not be there but I am most grateful to President Mel McDougal and the Executive Officers and Directors of the Society for your kind invitations and reception at the Annual General Meeting, tents and banquet of the Society. I greatly enjoyed the opportunities to see my many friends and clansmen there and to renew happy memories of the Gathering years ago.

Incidentally, the photo below shows my grandson Elliott Macdowall wearing the MacDougall tartan and piping in the center of the second rank of the Caledonian Pipe Band of Penticton, B.C. He is a son of Sharon and David Macdowall of Castlesemp (Scotland) and Summerland, B.C.

I am also much indebted to my Garthland Tosheadeor, Director Dr. Walter Macdougall, with Judy and their family for taking care of me and of being my hosts through Maine and New Brunswick. Hopefully a new Branch of the Society will emerge in New Brunswick as it did in British Columbia, Canada.

Thank you all very much for your kind hospitality to me.

With best wishes,

Fergus

P. S. My flag shown on page 6 of that issue of The Tartan is actually my Pinsel that is authorized by the Lord Lyon to be carried by my commander ("Tosheadeor:") of the McDowells. During the Parade of Tartans I was very proud to see Mel McDougal leading the Parade with this Pinsel, when Walter Macdougall held my Banner beside me while I took the salute of all 110 Clans. Mel thoughtfully dispatched the Pinsel to the reviewing stand for the remainder of the Parade. My twelve-foot Standard was flown in front of the MacDougall tent facing the reviewing stand. ☺



Clan MacDougall News

FROM HIGHLAND GAMES & GATHERINGS

MidAtlantic Region News

by Don & Sandra MacDougall
Co-Commissioners

A big thanks goes out to all the members who volunteered time and talent at the MidAtlantic events this year. They are: Dennis & Donna McDowell-Donald, Renee, & Annette McCullough-Wallace McDowell Shelby-Bill & Jean McDowell-Peter Clepper-Suzanne McDougal-Alan & Jeanne MacDougall-Jack & Nancy Kane-William Ermatinger-Andrea Blackburn & Gregg Rubinstein-Manuel & Robin (McDowell) Willis. We also wish to extend a huge welcome to the new Pennsylvania State Representative, James McDowell, and his wife Jan.

We welcome all members who wish to get more involved in regional events and activities. Please contact your Regional Co-Commissioners or State Representatives as follows:

District of Columbia-Andrea Blackburn
Delaware-William Ermatinger
Maryland-Dennis & Donna McDowell
New Jersey-Wallace McDowell Shelby
Pennsylvania-James McDowell
Virginia-Manuel & Robin (McDowell) Shelby
West Virginia-Bill McDowell

An invitation is extended to join the MidAtlantic Region of the Christmas Walk in Alexandria, VA on Sat., Dec. 7th. Please call 703-549-0111 for more information.

Michigan Games...

were held May 25-26 on Saturday the weather was very cold and wet. (42 degrees). The visitors were few because the attendance was down. Kevin and Sandy did a fine job and brought many new innovative ideas for their first time of setting up a clan tent.

*Below: Kevin and Sandy Phelps,
Gloria and Michael Donovan.*



Fort Wayne Games...

were held on June 8. The weather was excellent with lots of sunshine (80+ degrees) and attendance was very good.

Below: Bob and Lee McDougal, Indiana State Representative, Bill Leroy, Clan Treasurer, and Michael Donovan, Heartland Regional Commissioner.



Clan MacDougall attends Saline Michigan Games

from Michael Donovan

Our clan tent before the games began and the presentation for the "Best Clan Tent" award at the game. (L/R) Kevin Phelps, Michigan Representative;

Mike Donovan, Heartland Regional Commissioner and two representatives from the Celtic Festival.



Every four years the International Gathering of the Clans is held in Nova Scotia. Next year 2003 the event will start on July 1st with the unfurling of the International Flag at Pugwash. July 4 to 6th will see events in Halifax. Mayor Peter Kelly hosting visiting Clan Chiefs and Chieftains, Commissioners, Clan Presidents and Scottish dignitaries. The Halifax Highland Games and Kirking of the Tartan clan parade, picnics, and Scottish activities will take up the weekend. Visitors from as far away as Australia have already committed to attend.

Clan dignitaries at the Nova Scotia International Tattoo will be on Friday evening following the reception.

The event will close in October but all summer long games will be held throughout the province along with Scottish concerts, festivals, art shows, teas, displays of weaving, milling, dancing, history and genealogy. Events are being planned from Yarmouth to Cape Breton with the new North Sydney Auld Highland Games a new highlight. The Town of Pictou will hold Scottish events and the official closing will be hosted by the town with a Ceilidh at the DeCoste Ctr on October 4th. This will lead into the Celtic Colours International Festival in Cape Breton.

Confirmed Clan gatherings to date are, Henderson, Lam'onts (with a special gathering of people by the names of McKercher/MacKarcher/McKerracher and various spellings included), MacNeils, Ramsays, Chisholms, Dunbars, Sutherlands, Murrays, Chattan, and MacGillivray.

On August 17 Clan Sutherland will hold a special service and picnic at the Historic Loch Broom Church in Pictou County where settlers from Loch Broom Scotland settled.

The Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia are promoting the event. Listed below are contacts for persons wishing to attend.

In North America call 1-800-563-1114 operator #46 Nova Scotia International Tattoo; info@nstatattoo.ca Web Site; www.nstatattoo.ca

Celtic & Heritage Festival by John A McDougall

A Celtic & Heritage Festival was held in Tunnel Hill, Georgia, on September 14th, 02. Tunnel Hill is in north Georgia, about 80 miles north of Atlanta. Clan MacDougall Society along with a half dozen other Scottish Clans and several native Indian tribes had display tents at the site. It was an interesting and fun time for all. The site of the festival is the same site used for a reenactment of the Civil War Battle of Tunnel Hill the week end prior to the festival. It is a very good site with plenty of space for parking and all other facilities necessary for a battle or a festival. It is much better to attend the festival without the battles.



Above: With flag, Buzzy Bramble, John A. McDougall's Grandson



The town of Tunnel Hill got its name when a railroad tunnel was made under Chetogeta Mountain by the Western & Atlantic Railroad in 1850. The railroad played an important part in transportation for both the Confederates and Union armies (but at different times). In 1920 a new, larger tunnel was made parallel to the first one. Now the old one is being developed as a tourist attraction, along with the battlefield site. 🍀

Left: L/R: Buzzy, Priscilla, John A., Diane, Bill, Pat & Jim

New York Games and Gatherings

by Gregory C. MacDougall W. NYS Rep.

Clan MacDougall tents have been springing up all over Western New York State lately. They have been seen at Scottish gatherings and Games from Syracuse NY to Olcott NY. Our Western New York State Representative, Gregory C. MacDougall and his lovely wife Nadine have been extremely busy this summer putting up and taking down their Clan Tent. They have hosted Clan MacDougall tents at several gatherings (6) to be exact. Yes, that is six. Most States don't even have that many a year. Greg said, "We're very fortunate to have as many Scottish gatherings and games as we do here in Western NY." "It's not only exciting to be a part of the fun of sharing our Scottish heritage with others, the message that it gives out about how much we appreciate our Scottish Heritage is absolutely the strongest." This is the first year that Clan MacDougall Tents have been present at these games, and the response and support have been tremendous. Greg said that he is aware of four more gatherings and games that he didn't (Couldn't) even attend this year. They are all within a 3-4 hour drive from his home in Rochester, NY. (That would make 10). "I am so looking forward to next year that we are beginning to prepare now and throughout the winter." Nadine tells a story about the shoestring budget that they started with, she said that Greg asked her for her tartan scarf one evening and cut it in half and then asked her to sew it together and that's what they used as their first Clan MacDougall Flag this year. Yes, Greg bought her another scarf at their first game. "We also will have a real flag next year," Greg adds.

Another congratulations is in order for The Clan MacDougall tent winning the **BEST CLAN TENT AWARD** at the Capital District Scottish Games in Altamont, New York. Great job Fred MacDougall, Cathy and Harmon Shaw, and what a time for our Past President and

Northeast Regional Commissioner, Richard T. MacDougall and his wife Betsy to be present.

Central New York Scottish Games, Liverpool, NY; Greg and Nadine.



Main Highland Games

By Jean Macdougall-Horr



Members of Clan MacDougall ran a very successful tent at the Maine Highland Game held at Thomas Point in August. Many clans' people visited from Maine and away. The class 4 piping trophy was awarded in honor of the Chief of the Clan, Morag MacDougall of MacDougall and her husband Richard Morley. 🍀



Harold and Gelene, his wife of 44 years.

Harold F. MacDowell, Southwest Regional Commissioner, is asking for your help in his region. He needs State Representatives for Arkansas, Oklahoma, North & South Texas and Louisiana. If you are interested in helping Harold in this type of work, send him an email: hmacjr@aol.com or call: ac479-646-3131 or letter at 3300 Crowe Hill Circle, Fort Smith, AR 72903, it will be appreciated.

If you are on vacation and in his area, Harold says they have two bedrooms with baths reserved for members of the clan. He also stated they would be interested in an exchange of homes and they also have a 4 bedroom condo on Lake Hamilton at Hot Springs for exchange with fellow clans members in the USA or even overseas. 🍀



Mel McDougal presents Beaucham MacDougall the appreciation award from Clan MacDougall.

A WARM WELCOME AND APPEAL FROM CLAN MACDOUGALL UK.

For several years a group headed by John A. McDougall of England has been working hard to revive the Clan MacDougall Society of Britain and Europe.

They have also been hard at work to organize a major gathering of MacDougalls, MacDowells and associated families in Oban, Scotland in 2003.

The UK Society is planning for this to be a four-day celebration which will include the following events: a reception at Dunollie House (in the shadow of Dunollie Castle), a ceilidh, a conference and exhibition, a musical production based on our long Clan history, and a buffet/dance. There will also, of course, be organized tours to places of interest to Clan MacDougall, most especially a walking tour to our Gylen Castle on Kerrera Island.

To be a maximum success it is hoped that the gathering will attract a strong contingent from the US and Canada and they are soliciting indications of interest from out side of the water. If you would like to express your interest to John and his group, please send them an email to: shamanchelle@lineone.net. It is important that you also indicate your preference for one of the two clusters of dates under consideration: September 18-21, 2003 or September 25-28, 2003.

If you do not have access to e-mail, you can write to me and I will pass on the information. Thank you for your input.

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