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FROM OUR EDITOR / PRESIDENT

Summer for Our Clan

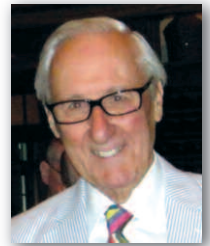
An active summer for us has just begun, with our first appearances at our first games. As summer continues, please send me some news and pictures from games where you have staffed a tent or booth. All of you who are doing this deserve praise and recognition.

Two games of great importance to us are at **Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina** and **Greenmead Park in Livonia, Michigan**. At the first, we are planning our annual Board of Directors meeting and our Founders Dinner, both at the historic Eseeola Lodge. At the second, we are planning our first Annual General Meeting at a games other than Grandfather Mountain, with a dinner to conclude the day. More about these inside. Notices with full information are going out by Constant Contact, and, for those without internet connection, by post. It would be wonderful to see many of you at one or both of these meetings. Many thanks to Malcolm and Judy MacDougall, and to Kevin and Sandy Phelps, for hosting these events.

Many of you may recall that last year, advised by Walter MacDougall, we found a designer and fabricator for a clan standard. It flew for several days above the castle and was then stolen by a very agile thief. The Board subsequently agreed to replace the standard. Once again with Walter's counsel we commissioned another standard and after a long delay mailed it to Oban.

Luckily it arrived while the Chief was in residence. She has sent me a very gracious letter expressing thanks and appreciation. She also sends best wishes to all of us, particularly to those who represent us at various games.

For my part, many thanks to those who send me items for this newsletter. That includes Charlotte Baker who has sent in some news for our MacDowell members.



President Peter Clepper



Fair Hill Highland Games

These games took place at the Fair Hill Racetrack in Maryland on May 12, 2012. There was a large attendance on a warm, sunny day. Many attendees came from far away, because several games in the area have been discontinued. Seven new members joined the Society. Judy MacDougall hosted our tent. Others participating were Don and Sandra MacDougall and Ashby McCown.

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REMINDER: LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY!

Sign up **NOW** for Founders Dinner; join our annual gathering on Grandfather Mountain...

It's not too late to attend! Please send in the reservation form to join us for a fun-filled weekend featuring wonderful food... great fellowship... and a celebration of heritage... at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July 12-15, 2012!

We hope to see you at the Games where our Society began, and where you can join with other Clan Society members and friends for the festivities and weekend events.

Begin by making your reservations for our **Annual Founders Dinner...**

Friday, July 13: The Society's Annual Dinner, a Very Special Tradition

Make this the summer you attend the Society's Annual Dinner, a long-standing tradition and an evening of excellent dining and entertainment:

- **Cocktails at 6:00** on the beautiful grounds of the Eseeola Lodge in Linville, North Carolina, accompanied by bagpipe entertainment.
- **Dinner at 7:00** in the Lodge dining room, a festive occasion with traditional piping and address to the haggis, followed by a four-course dinner, song, and entertainment.

Take the time now to print, fill out, and return the registration form (*on back page*) as soon as possible, but **not later than June 29, 2012**, or simply call or email Lynne.

[Note: The dinner is preceded at 3:00 p.m. by the Board of Directors Meeting at the Eseeola Pool Pavilion. If you have the time and interest, you're invited to attend to witness the proceedings.]

Saturday, July 14: Fellowship, Entertainment and BBQ on the Mountain

Our celebrated **Feast of Porky Campbell** caps off an exciting Saturday on the mountain:

- **Beginning at 4:30 p.m.**, the Clan Chief's tent is reserved again exclusively for Clan MacDougall to enjoy plenty of delicious **Carolina pork BBQ** and desserts.
- An exciting added attraction is the **Chelsea House Orchestra**, talented high school musicians from Michigan performing Scottish fiddle tunes just for us.
- Always plenty of **free food, fellowship, and fun** for the whole family!



Eseeola Lodge, Linville, North Carolina

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TWO MONTHS AWAY, CONVENIENT LOCATION!

Please attend the Annual General Meeting on Aug. 4 at Greenmead Park, Livonia, Michigan

For the first time, our AGM will take place at the Saint Andrews Highland Games in Livonia, Michigan, on August 4, 2012. For numerous years our Board of Directors has urged us to hold meetings in different places accessible to members in various regions. Our Heartland Regional Commissioners, Kevin and Sandy Phelps, have offered to host this meeting.

We are very happy to accept this offer. The Highland Games have been sponsored by the Saint Andrews Society of Detroit for 163 years, making them among the oldest in the country. The venue for the past 14 years has been the Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. The park replaces an earlier farmstead, with the addition of several historic buildings. The grounds are spacious and well laid out, with ample parking. The clan area is in a compact central space, adjacent to every activity, but not too close to the loudspeakers. Kevin and Sandy have had the same tent space for many years; it will accommodate our meeting very easily.

Livonia is an outer suburb of Detroit, about fifteen miles distant. The Greenmead Park is approximately one mile north of the junction of Interstate 96 and Interstate 275. Closer to the junction is the Embassy Suites Hotel. The Hotel offers a Highland Games rate of \$89 a night. Contact (734) 462-6000.



Our tent at Greenmead Park, 2011

Immediately after the Parade of Tartans on Saturday, in our tent area, we will offer a picnic lunch of sandwiches, salads, desserts, and soft drinks for ten dollars per person. We will have the AGM following the lunch.

Saturday evening, at the Hotel, we will have a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. with clan dinner at 7:00 p.m. We will shortly send notices by Constant Contact and by postal mail to those not on the internet, with complete details and reservation form (with price) for the dinner.

For those who arrive on Friday, August 3, there will be a ceilidh in the evening. Please consult the Games website <http://www.highlandgames.com> for tickets, which must be purchased in advance. We all look forward to a large attendance at our first ever AGM away from Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina.

Southern Maryland Celtic Festival 2012

The first of the 2012 Mid-Atlantic local festivals took place on April 28 at Jefferson Patterson State Park on the shores of the Potomac River. It was a fine Scottish day—cloudy and cool, just right for wearing the kilt. Attendance was good and enthusiastic. The games included a lot of rugby.

Dennis and Donna McDowell organized this event for us. Also at our tent were Sandra and Don MacDougall, Andrea Blackburn and Gregg Rubinstein, Suzanne McDougal, and Peter Clepper.

Reports from Highland Games

[Whenever you participate in Highland Games with a MacDougall tent or table, please plan to take photos and send us a brief report. Please send information to editor@macdougall.org]



Dennis, Gregg, Peter, and Don

Southern Maryland Games



COMING IN OCTOBER:

Scotland County Games

[Your news about upcoming games participation is always welcome—and appreciated by members in nearby areas who might want to attend! Please send information to editor@macdougall.org]



October 5, 6 and 7 will feature the fourth annual Scotland County Highland Games in Laurinburg, NC. The Games began in October, 2009 with Bill Caudill [award-

winning piper who performs at our Founders Dinner at the Eseeola Lodge] and our own Beacham McDougald serving as co-chairmen.

Almost 4,000 paid attendees were at the 2011 edition of the Games, and a larger crowd is expected for 2012.

A reception will begin at Downtown Deli on Friday afternoon with a whisky tasting scheduled. Advance tickets are recommended.

One special feature this year is Angus MacColl, director of the 2011 World Champion Oban Pipe Band from Oban, Argyll, UK. Mr. MacColl will be judging the dozen or so pipe bands expected to attend and performing at the Ceilidh to be held at the Belk Student Center of St. Andrews University on Saturday evening.

2012 will also feature the Games' first dance competition. This event is possible after the Williamsburg (VA) Festival decided to discontinue dance competitions.

This also marks the 20th annual student exchange between Laurinburg's Scotland High School and Oban High School. Eleven Oban students and three teachers from 2012 exchange will be present for the Games, and past students from the exchange from both "sides of the pond" are expected to be present. They will have a special tent for the Games.

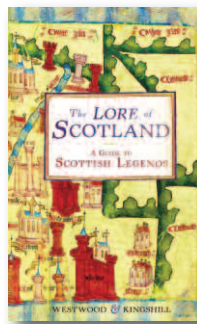
Clan Stewart of Appin will be the honored clan. Clan MacDougall will have a tent at the Games.

More information may be found at: www.schgnc.org



The Lore of Scotland

Jennifer Westwood and
Sophia Kingshill



"Within a few minutes of this book arriving, I had put bookmarks in five places and was roaring through the index. A lovely compilation. It's the real macabre" – Terry Pratchett

Scotland's rich past and varied landscape have inspired an extraordinary array of legends and beliefs, and in *The Lore of Scotland* Jennifer Westwood and Sophia Kingshill bring together many of the finest and most intriguing: stories of heroes and bloody feuds, tales of giants, fairies, and witches, and accounts of local customs and traditions. Their range extends right across the country, from the Borders with their haunting ballads, via Glasgow, site of St. Mungo's miracles, to the fateful battlefield of Culloden, and finally to the Shetlands, home of the seal-people.

More than simply retelling these stories, *The Lore of Scotland* explores their origins, showing how and when they arose and investigating what basis—if any—they have in historical fact. In the process, it uncovers the events that inspired Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, probes the claim that Mary King's Close is the most haunted street in Edinburgh, and examines the surprising truth behind the fame of the MacCrimmons, Skye's unsurpassed bagpipers. Moreover, it reveals how generations of Picts, Vikings, Celtic saints and Presbyterian reformers shaped the myriad tales that still circulate, and, from across the country, it gathers together legends of such renowned figures as Sir William Wallace, St. Columba, and the great warrior Fingal.

The result is a thrilling journey through Scotland's legendary past and an endlessly fascinating account of the traditions and beliefs that play such an important role in its heritage.

Kilt for Sale!

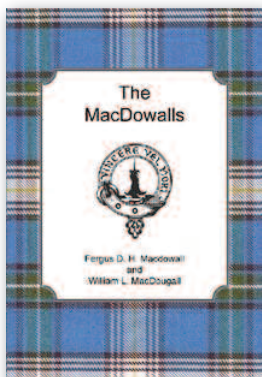


An anonymous donor has contributed a kilt to the Society. It is in Modern MacDougall tartan, 44-inch waist, 23½ inches long. The kilt is fairly new and in excellent condition. We are selling it for the best offer over \$200, with proceeds going to the

Dunollie House Preservation Fund. *If interested, contact Peter Clepper at editor@macdougall.org or 301-907-4823.*

MacDowell Messages

[Charlotte McDowell Baker has sent news and background about our MacDowell kinsmen. The following is a collaborative effort in which Fergus and Garnett Macdowall contributed, with assistance from William MacDougall.]



What our MacDowell Clan Colors, tell us

When studying MacDowall colors it is important to understand the science and art of "Heraldry Language": it gives the colors a voice from our family past. The White Lion signifies courage, heroism,

strength, and power; the Gold Crown stands for nobility; the Oak Badge means self-reliance. Below is a note and article extract from Garnett Macdowall, describing our clan colors which are shown on the cover of "The MacDowalls" book (see page one):

The "MacDowall of Ancient Galloway" is a modern tartan which was used on the book cover of "The MacDowalls" published in June 2009. This modern tartan was designed over a seven year period by Dr. Fergus D. H. Macdowall the present Clan Chief through alteration of the sett of Hunting Stewart, Lords of Galloway, by differences and by the symbolic use of colors from his plain Arms of ancient Galloway. The central device, the silver (white) lion rampant, is represented in the tartan under the covers' labels by a white square crossed by the yellow over stripe as the gold crown. The lion romps in a blue field indicative of the Irish Sea around the Rhinns of Galloway where the original families were based. Their family seats and the oak badge are represented by the crossing green bands, with the white over stripe to symbolize the widespread family. This clan tartan was registered by the Scottish Tartans Authority on November 12, 2007 and it is before the Lord Lyon to be recorded in the Court Books following the new Scottish Tartan Register under passage by the Scottish Parliament.

Clansmen may officially wear any of the following four tartans: MacDowall of Ancient Galloway, Hunting Stewart, Galloway Hunting, or MacDougall.

Material For "MacDowall of Ancient Galloway" is now available. The material is 14 oz. 100% Scottish wool and custom woven. Requests to purchase the "MacDowall of Ancient Galloway" Tartan material may be e-mailed to Garnett Macdowall at garnett_mac@hotmail.com.

Galloway, Home of the MacDowells.

Galloway (Scottish Gaelic: *Gall-Ghaidhealaibh*, pronounced [əŋ ɡaul̪ˠɣəl̪ˠəv̪] or *Gallobha*

Note: Our Home Sweet Home has a lot of links on Wikipedia, some of which are shown as underlined in this article. Each of these can be investigated after accessing this link: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galloway.

Galloway, meaning "Land of the Foreign Gaels") is an area in southwestern Scotland. It usually refers to the former counties of Wigtownshire (or historically West Galloway) and Kirkcudbrightshire (or historically East Galloway). It is part of the Dumfries and Galloway council area of Scotland.

Galloway is contained by sea to the west and south, the Galloway Hills to the north, and the River Nith to the east; the border between Kirkcudbrightshire and Wigtownshire is marked by the River Cree. The definition has, however, fluctuated greatly in size over history. Galloway has always been slightly isolated due to having 150 miles of rugged coastline and a vast range of largely uninhabited hills to the north. Generally, however, the landscape is rugged and much of the soil is shallow. The generally south slope and southern coast make for mild and wet climate, and there is a great deal of good pasture. The northern part of Galloway is exceedingly rugged and forms the largest remaining wilderness in Britain, south of the Highlands. This area is known as the Galloway Hills.

The Romans named the inhabitants of Galloway the Novantae. According to tradition, before the end of Roman rule in Britain, St. Ninian established a church at Whithorn which remained an important place of pilgrimage until the Reformation. The county is rich in prehistoric monuments and relics, amongst the most notable of which are the Drumtroddan Standing Stones (and cup-and-ring carvings), the Torhousekie Stone Circle, and Cairn Holy (a Neolithic Chambered Cairn).

There is also evidence of one of the earliest pit-fall traps in Europe which was discovered near Glenluce. In the west, the city of Rerigonium (literally 'very royal place'), shown on Ptolemy's map of the world, is a strong contender for the site of Pen Rhionydd, referred to in the Welsh Triads as one of the 'three thrones of Britain' associated with the legendary King Arthur, and may also have been the caput of the sub-Roman Brythonic kingdom of Rheged. Rerigonium's exact position is uncertain except that it was 'on Loch Ryan', close to modern day Stranraer; it is possible that it is the modern settlement of Dunragit (Dun Rheged).



*Charlotte Baker
in the MacDowell tartan*

Six members elected to Board

Six members were recently elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors of the Society. As provided in the by-laws, eligible voters were members of the Board of Directors, Regional Commissioners, and Chairs of the Standing Committees. All candidates received broad support from the electors.

Beacham McDougald and Keith Place are new to the current Board. Reelected were Buzzy Bramble, Art Dingley, Bruce McClintock, and Scott MacDougald. All six will serve for the term running between the 2012 and the 2015 annual meetings of the Board.

Who's Who: Board of Directors and Officers, Clan MacDougall Society of N. A.

The full Board consists of 18 members serving staggered three-year terms to ensure continuity. The alphabetical listing below can be found under "Our Society" on our website, which also lists Officers, Regional Commissioners, State Representatives, and Chairs of Standing Committees.

Member	Term Ends
Joe Borneman	2014
Buzzy Bramble.....	2015
Peter Clepper, <i>President</i>	2014
Art Dingley	2015
Jack Kane	2014
Bill Leroy, <i>Membership Secy/Archivist</i>	2014
Scott MacDougald, <i>VP for Canada</i>	2015
Dick MacDougall	2013
Don MacDougall, <i>VP for Treasury</i>	2014
Malcolm MacDougall, <i>President Elect</i>	2013
Walter MacDougall.....	2014
Bruce McClintock	2015
Beacham McDougald	2015
Sheila McDowell.....	2013
Alan McHale.....	2013
Keith Place	2015
Nancy VanValkenburgh, <i>VP Membership</i>	2013
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Clan MacDougall Society 2012 Board of Directors and their term expirations—4/25/2012

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Art Dingley	2015	artdingley@myfairpoint.net
Jack Kane	2014	jkk28ga@cox.net
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Scott MacDougald (VP for Canada)	2015	SMacdou102@ao.com
Dick MacDougall	2013	dnbmacdougall@juno.com

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Please complete and return by June 29th, 2012

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

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The price for the meal is \$48.00 per adult, \$12.00 per child (12 & under)

Please note, for guests staying at the Eseeola Lodge, dinner is \$8.00

____ Number of adults attending Dinner (\$48.00 each) ____ Children (\$12.00 each)

____ Number of adults attending Dinner staying at the Eseeola Lodge (\$8.00 each)

Send your completed form and check payable to Clan MacDougall Society to:

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