



Scott's Reflections

The 2019 Gathering at Dunollie was such a success that we have decided to issue this Special Edition of our eNewsletter to tell you more about it. During my speech at the Saturday Evening Dinner I expressed the strong sentiments that brought us there.

"Our Chief and Dunollie are at the center of our Clan. Our shared attachment to our Heritage and to Dunollie bring us here tonight. Without these bonds, we clansmen would have drifted apart and disappeared into the mist, like the broken Clans of old."

To demonstrate our North American attachments to our clan, we set up a Society display inside the big Marquee Tent positioned on the front lawn of Dunollie House. Where better to welcome arriving clansmen than the place where the visitor registration and indoor events were held? During the week at our Display Table we received many appreciative comments from our clansmen in Scotland and from several other countries for the work our North American Society is performing. I want to share their genuine appreciation and recognition with all of you; it is our members who make our support of our heritage possible.

At our table we played a special 8 minute video which we specially created for the Gathering to show how we Scots outside of Scotland have been retaining our heritage over the centuries since our ancestors left Scotland. Many people enjoyed it so much that they asked us to post it where they could view it again. We think you will enjoy it too. Just click the button below to watch.

You can also see many photos of the events on our Gathering page and While many of our officers and members were gathering together in Scotland, others were attending our events in North America. Some are mentioned in this newsletter but we know there are many more of our volunteers quietly and without fanfare working on your behalf. No matter where you were, thank you for supporting your Clan and your family traditions.

[See the Video](#)

***Cuimhnich air na daoine o'n d'fhàinig thu.
Remember the men from which you came.***

Scott MacDougald
President

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International Clan MacDougall Gathering 2019



From Tuesday 30th July to Sunday 4th August, over 300 MacDougalls from all over the world descended on Dunollie to celebrate their heritage as part of the International Clan MacDougall Gathering 2019.

Attendees travelled from countries as far as Australia, North & South America, South Africa, Europe, England, Ireland and Wales. There was even the joy of a surprise wedding, with a lovely young Swedish couple who were married in secret in Oban whilst joining the festivities.

Dunollie hosted a range of over 80 activities for attendees to enjoy, including Whisky Tasting, day trips to Kerrera, Lismore and Kilbride, Boat Trips, Gaelic, Clarsach and Art Workshops, Historical Talks, Re-Enactment Events and a Scottish music performance inspired by the iconic Brooch of Lorn. In keeping with tradition, attendees donned their finest apparel for the Clan Dinner dance on the Saturday evening. The Gathering drew to a close with the Farewell March along the stunning coastline to Dunollie on Sunday afternoon, led by the Isle of Mull & Iona Pipe Band.

After the success of the 2019 Gathering, Madam MacDougall and the committee are due to meet next month to discuss future plans for the event, and how we can continue to bring together MacDougall's from all corners of the globe to connect, discover and celebrate their roots.

If you would like to keep up to date with news on the next International Clan MacDougall Gathering, make sure to sign up for free to Dunollie's Worldwide Clan MacDougall at <https://www.dunollie.org/worldwide-clan-macdougall> to receive information as it is announced.

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Clan Group Shot
Image by Kevin McGlynn



Farewell Procession
Image by Edwina Aitkin



Listening to Donald MacDougall Play the Pipes

Image by Kevin McGlynn



**Speech of Past President Richard MacDougal
at the Clan Dinner Dance**

Image by Dunollie



Madam Morag MacDougall

Image by Kevin McGlynn



**"My Kingdom for a Horse"
A Presentation by Catherine Gillies**

Image by Edwina Aitkin

Many more photos from the 2019 Gathering are now posted on our website. If you attended and have photos you would like to share, please send them along to newseditor@macdougall.org. Please include a caption naming any people in your photos so we may identify them properly. Thanks for sharing!

[See more from the Gathering](#)

Dancer Sends a Note of Thanks

Hello everyone,

I am pleased to finally be able to report my exam results to you for my Associate teacher certificate. It came in the mail yesterday.

I passed with a grade of: "Highly Recommended", which was one of my goals stated in my application/proposal. I am so very

happy, there were tears of joy! ☐

I have included a Youtube video which you can view in the link below, and some photos of me in my newest Highland Dance Jig Costume.

I just wanted to say thank you one more time from the bottom of my heart. I could not have done this without your support. My success is also the success of the Highland communities like yours.

I am greatly thankful for all you do.

Audrey Trawick

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Editor's Note: You can see the moment the results arrived on [YouTube](#)! Congratulations, Audrey!

Upcoming Events

August 31 & September 1

[Virginia Scottish Games](#)

Skye Meadows
The Plains, VA

August 31 & September 1

[Scottish Highland Gathering & Games](#)

Alameda County Fairgrounds
Pleasanton, CA

September 5 - 8

[Scotfest](#)

Estes Park, CO

September 7

[Covenanter Scottish Festival](#)

Quarryville, PA

September 7 & 8

[Middle Tennessee Highland Games](#)

Percy Warner Park
Nashville, TN

September 13-15

[Scotfest](#)

Broken Arrow Events Park
Broken Arrow, OK

September 14 & 15

[Ligonier Highland Games](#)

Idlewild Park
Ligonier, PA

September 20 - 22

[New Hampshire Highland Games](#)

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October 3
Houston Highland Games

Crown Festival Park
Sugar Land, TX

October 12 & 13
Seaside Highland Games

Ventura, CA

October 13
Tyler Scottish Festival

Tyler, TX

October 19 & 20
Stone Mountain Games
Stone Mountain, GA

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Membership Year

Membership Dues are on a calendar year
basis ending on 31 December. Dues may be
paid, or prepaid, online for one or more
calendar years through PayPal by clicking the
image below.



Annual General Meeting

Fri.-Sun. 18-20 Oct. 2019

We rotate our Annual General Meeting (AGM) locations in order to meet more of our members.
This year, our AGM will be held on Saturday 19 October from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Clan Visitors Tent during
the Stone Mountain Highland Games at Stone Mountain Park on the east side of Atlanta, GA.

An informal dinner will begin at 5 p.m. at the Blue Ribbon Grill, 4006 Lavista Rd, Tucker GA.
(10 miles west of the Games site.)

Highland dress is welcome but not required.

The Stone Mountain Games have an excellent web site with maps which will make us easy to find.
It is <http://www.smhg.org/>

Portland Comes Alive, Momentum Growing in NW!



The Clan MacDougall Society tent
fared well this year for the 2019
Portland Highland Games. It was sunny
and warm per usual, and turnout was
strong. Chris McDowell and his new
wife, Martina, took over tent duties for
Doll MacDougall Tschannen. Dozens of
people looking for information on family
history, the MacDougall Clan Society
and basic genealogy stopped by the
tent all day long. This is the second
year in a row the Clan MacDougall
Society has hosted a tent here after
being absent for several years.



Volunteer Opportunities

There are numerous opportunities to become actively involved in the work of your Society.

Our interactive Volunteer Form can be downloaded below to be filled it out on your computer or tablet.
Choose the items that interest you most and we'll be in touch to guide you.

[Get Volunteer Form](#)