



Scott's Reflections

The Grandfather Mountain weekend in July has always been a major event on our Society calendar since we were founded there in 1965 and were the fourth Clan Tent on site. So it was again this year but there were differences too. We no longer socialize at a Tartan Ball as in the early days, or have our Annual Founders Dinner at Eseeola Lodge where we began. Now the crowds on the Grandfather Mountain meadow are large and the Clan Tents are numerous.



However, the friendship and joy of meeting old friends and making new ones has never lapsed, and where better to meet them than at a Clan Tent filled with symbols of our heritage. This year NC State Representative Doug MacDougall and SE Regional Commissioner Keith Place hosted another excellent Society Tent at Grandfather Mountain. Sometimes Officers such as Past President Ashby McCown and I had the opportunity to assist them a little with visitors to our Tent.

Since 1994 our Society has been made up of two Clans, so these days our Society Tents are heavily visited and supported by Clan MacDowall too. I was pleased to encounter several clansmen from Clan MacDowall who told us they had come specially to see our Officers at our Clan Tent. I am not easily flattered but that did it! They told us that in their search to learn more about their Clan history, heritage and genealogy, our Society's name kept popping up for them as the best place to learn more. Several had travelled a long way to visit our Clan Tent, to ask questions, to seek answers, and to consider becoming members of our Society. Inside the tent, we discussed many historical events our ancestors faced. We learned from each other. They asked me many good questions and, as I answered, I was reminded that we should not take for granted whatever knowledge we have acquired. It is a pleasure to share what we have learned.

Some of these visitors are now reading this column for the first time after becoming Society Members at our Clan Tent. I am sure there are several more new readers from other locations too. Let me say to all of you first-time readers, and new members:

No matter what your Clan, Welcome, and thank you for supporting your Clan and your family traditions.

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

Scott MacDougald
President



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Good News for Dunollie Castle

On February 20, 2019 as reported in our March e-newsletter, we transferred a donation of \$7,500 to the MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust for its Phase III work project. In our May e-newsletter we announced that our Society's Dunollie Preservation Fund had subsequently received a large donation from the Clan MacDougall Foundation to which many of our members had donated during the years before our Society created its own IRS 501(c)3 eligible Funds. This large donation to us had been arranged by our Past President A. Wylie MacDougall.

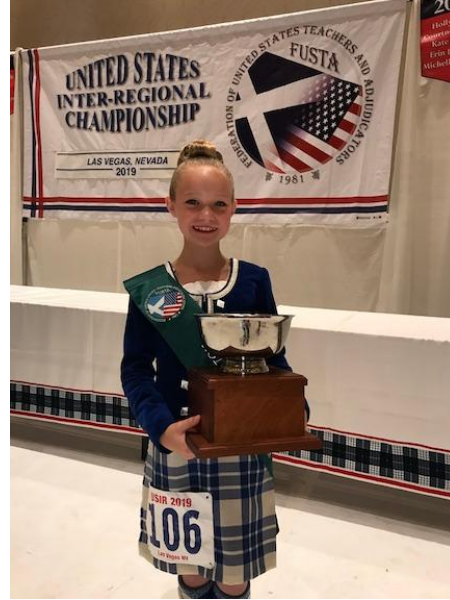
At our Society's Board of Directors Meeting on July 12, 2019 the Society approved the donation of \$23,000 for use in the Phase III project work of preserving Dunollie Castle. This is our second donation to the Dunollie Phase III project. We could not have made it without our Members' generous support. Our donation is made up of all the money that our Society's Preservation Fund has received in recent months from Members' donations and the Clan MacDougall Foundation and *Journeying in MacDougall Country* book sales, plus an additional \$1,400 from our Society itself. This \$23,000 has now been transferred to Scotland to the MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust where it will be used to carry out Dunollie's Phase III workproject to consolidate and stabilize the North and East wall areas and repair.

Dancer Sends Thanks

The United States Inter Regional Championship

was held on a hot Las Vegas weekend recently. We are pleased to announce Sage Tousey placed 4th runner up in the National Championship for her age group. The following day, Sunday, she danced in the North American Championship and placed 3rd runner up. Sage's mother, Jen, reports:

"The competition was the most fierce she's ever experienced. The dancers were all champions in their own right, representing the top each region of the states had to offer. At the Sunday Championship, she danced against several lassies from Scotland as well. Superb dancers! All of this makes the fact that Sage placed in both championships an unbelievable accomplishment. What normally takes new dancers years to accomplish, she has reached in 14 months. Clearly, Sage has taken to Highland dance as a fish does to water.



...a sincere THANK YOU. The reality is Sage would not have the opportunity to pursue an endeavor such as Highland Dance without the support of the Society. You have made it possible for this little girl to go from watching the beautiful dancers on stage to being counted amongst US champions. She has found her passion and it is exciting to watch her stretch her wings. THANK YOU for being part of this tremendous journey we are on. We are so pleased to be part of such a special community and we cannot wait to see where the world of Highland dance takes her. We are very grateful for your support and hope you will continue to be a part of our adventure!"

Congratulations, Sage!

Upcoming Events

August 10th
[Fergus Scottish Festival](#)
Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex
Fergus, ON

August 31 & September 1
[Virginia Scottish Games](#)
Skye Meadows
The Plains, VA

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

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September 14 & 15

Ligonier Highland Games

Idlewild Park
Ligonier, PA

September 20 - 22

New Hampshire Highland Games

Loon Mountain
Lincoln, NH

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

Annual General Meeting

Fri.-Sun. 18-20 Oct. 2019

We rotate our AGM locations in order to meet more of our members. In 2019 our AGM will be held on Saturday, October 20 during the Stone Mountain Highland Games near Atlanta, GA. An informal dinner is planned for the evening.

The Stone Mountain Games web site is <http://www.smhg.org/>

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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.



Stay Tuned for Gathering Recap



The 2019 MacDougall Clan Gathering in Oban was a smashing success!

We are thankful to the Dunollie staff for all their hard work in putting on an unforgettable week for us all. Hopefully, they are all enjoying a well deserved rest.

We will soon be sending a Special Edition newsletter of stories and photos from the event.

Keep an eye on your inbox!

New Members

Jodi White
Broken Arrow, OK

Steven E. Sarak
Covina, CA

Tod Hale
Aiea, HI

Mellani Day
Golden, CO

Sara Jane Johnson

Katie Brewer-Jenson
Snow Camp, NC

Lauri McDougall
Louisville, KY

Craig MacDougall
Madison City, IA

Claudia Fuentes
Canteen, NC

Christine Garrison

Wilson, WY

Andrew MacClugage
Laramie, WY

Jennifer Kenway
Mauldin, SC

Dennis H. McDowell
Inmom, SC

Ian MacKichan
Rural Hall, NC

Leslie MacDougale
Albany, NY

Walter Douglas McDowell
Arden, NC

Austin, TX

Paul Habeck
La Crosse, WI

Geoffery Phillips
Feeding Hills, MA

Aaron MacDougall Carine
Foxboro, MA

Elizabeth Erin MacDougall
Renton, WA

Gale Oban MacDougall
Florence, AZ

Nikki MacDougall
Newport, Wales



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.

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