



Scott's Reflections

Here in Ontario the Highland Games season is nicely underway. Last week I attended my first event at the little town of Embro on July 1. It is a community with a long Scottish history, having been settled by Scots evicted in the land clearances to make room for sheep after the Napoleonic Wars. It was here that my parents would bring their three little boys every year. It was here that I acquired my love of our heritage.

Again this year I enjoyed the wee dancers, the Massed Pipe Bands, the good food, the local Tug of War events, the caber tossers, the Clydesdale horses, the Highland cows, and our Society Tent which I shared with Valerie McDougall, our VP for Membership. But what caught my attention the most were the many people I encountered at this little local Highland Games in a little country town who were from other nations including China, Romania, The Netherlands, Portugal, El Salvador, and Serbia. I heard the languages of other countries too. Even though they all have their own special and distinct cultures, heritages, traditional costumes and culture, they were there to see and enjoy our Scottish Highland Games.

They asked me many good questions about our clans, glens, language, Tartans and history. It reminded me that I should not take what we have for granted. If people with such rich cultures of their own are coming to our Scottish Highland Games to see our Massed Bands and all that we do there, then we too do have something special to show to the world. I hope that you too will support your local Highland Games. They are indeed something to be proud of.

This weekend we will gather again at Grandfather Mountain NC to meet Society Members, to socialize, to operate our Society Tent on the mountain meadow, and to conduct the business of the Society. However, one of our longstanding members who attended Grandfather Mountain for forty years, Sibyl McDougald Wilkinson, will not be there as she had planned. Sibyl passed away at age 95 on June 28. This year we will have our memories of her, and members of her family with us, as we continue our annual tradition at Grandfather Mountain.

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

Scott MacDougald
President

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Busy Times in Ontario



The first week of July has been a busy time for Clan MacDougall in Ontario, Canada. On July 1, 2019 Scott MacDougald and I attended the 82nd Highland Games in Embro, Ontario. It was a little hot that day, with only the shade of our Clan tent. We had many visitors at our tent, a few were MacDougall's while most were just curious about what Clan they belonged to and what their Tartan looked like, which Scott and I were more than happy to assist them in learning a little more about their heritage. I remember one little boy about 10 years of age, can over and was asking a few questions, only to learn that he was part of the Douglas Clan. He was quite interested in what we had on display and enjoyed browsing through our books, with a lot of interest in the pictures I had of our castles. It was a great day for our first game of the season.



It just wouldn't be a Highland Game with out a little dram of Scotch, provided by Clan Kincaid.

The 20th annual Kincardine Scottish Festival followed on July 6, 2019, taking place in the beautiful town of Kincardine, Ontario, on the scenic shores of Lake Huron. I had arrived at the games early in the morning to begin setting up in hopes that I would be able to take a short walk across the street to take in the sites of Lake Huron before the games began. When I arrived at my little look out, I was pleased to find a lone Piper playing while overlooking the Lake.



I couldn't think of a better way to start off my day. Clan Bruce was the Clan of Honor this year, with Lord Charles Bruce as the Chieftain of the Games. They were set up directly across from me, and as you can imagine there was a little banter going on between us. I believe it was William, one of Clan Bruce's past Presidents came up to me and said "We killed all the MacDougall's in Minnesota". We both laughed, and I responded "Not all of them". I was a little surprised to learn that the Bruce's attending the Games were not aware that it was the MacDougall's that had almost captured The Bruce and still to this day, have his Brooch in our procession.

I also had a visit by the Daughter of one of our Members Marjorie Jean Timmons, of Kirkland Lake, Ontario. It wasn't until after the games when I had met up with Scott, and was telling him about my day that Scott



recalled Marjorie would come to Kincardine every year, just so she could visit, and march in the Clan Parade with him.

I look forward to next year when we can attend both the Embro and Kincardine Games again. Fergus Scottish Festival will be the next games I will be in attendance on Aug 10, 2019, if you are in the area be sure to stop by and say hello.

Yours Aye,
Valerie McDougall
VP Membership



Upcoming Events

July 11-14

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
Linville, NC

July 20

Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival
Look Park
Florence (Northampton), MA

July 20

Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games
Eagan, MN

July 20

Portland Highland Games
Mt. Hood Community College
Gresham, OR

August 10th

Fergus Scottish Festival
Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex
Fergus, ON

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Tues-Sat. 30 July - 4 Aug. 2019

MacDougall Gathering in Oban, Scotland.
We hope to meet many of you during the events.

Details at

<https://www.dunollie.org/international-clan-gathering>

Fri.-Sun. 18-20 Oct. 2019

Annual General Meeting.

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 being planned for that evening. The Stone Mountain Games web site is <http://www.smhg.org/>

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Membership Year

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They Will Be Missed



Sibyl McDougald Wilkinson
1923 - 2019

On June 28 Sibyl McDougald Wilkinson died at the age of 95 in Huntsville, Alabama. Sibyl was a grand, caring Southern lady who was greatly loved by the community and will be truly missed. She was active in many Church, Community, and Military organizations and received many awards for her dedicated volunteer service. While a college student she met her future husband, James Chason Wilkinson. He served with the U.S. Marines in the Pacific during World War II and returned as a disabled veteran. He predeceased her in 1988.

Sibyl was a proud member of Clan MacDougall who traced her McDougald lineage back to settlers in Cape Fear NC from the Isle of Jura. Sibyl was a dedicated and loyal supporter of our Society who served as our 4th Librarian from 1992 to 1995. In 2008 we awarded her our highest honor, the Somerled Award.

For the past 40 years she loved going to our July Weekend at Grandfather Mountain where she especially enjoyed attending our Annual Dinner with her family and listening to the music after the meal. Last year, after the music ended, she told me how much she loved to hear her son-in-law, Richard Van Valkenburgh, singing our traditional songs,

especially her favorite *These are My Mountains* which he sings so well.

The song starts with these words:

*For fame and for fortune I wandered the earth
But now I return to the land of my birth
I brought back my treasures but only to find
They're less than the pleasures I first left behind
For these are my mountains, And this is my glen
The days of my childhood, I'll see them again
No land will ever tempt me, Nor far will I roam
For these are my mountains, And I'm going home*

Sibyl will be in my thoughts when I hear those lovely words again this year. And now she has gone home to her maker in whom she so deeply believed. On behalf of all her many friends in our Society we extend our sincere condolences and blessings to her daughters Sarah and Nancy and to their families.

[Detailed Obituary](#)

New Members

Robin Severson
Papillion, NE

Brad McDougall
Knoxville, TN



Volunteer Opportunities

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