



Scott's Reflections

At this time of year many of you are planning your vacation or thinking of travel. Some of you have been sending interesting inquiries to us about travel to Galloway, Scotland, the homeland of Clan MacDowall. In this issue we have an article about that. If you would like to see us publish other articles or cover other topics, please let us know. You may send your comments or questions for your Society Officers to me by clicking on the red button below

It is not too early to book your tickets to our Friday 12 July 2019 Annual Founders Dinner at Whispering Waters Farm. Perhaps you have not attended our Annual Founders Dinner recently, if so, we invite you to come back to see old friends and make new ones. If this will be your first visit with us, we invite you to come with your friends and family for a special evening with your clan. Your Dinner Invitation form is included in this newsletter.

On 20 February we transferred our approved \$7,500 donation to the Dunollie Preservation Trust for use in the Dunollie Phase III north & east wall stabilization project. Included in this amount was the \$4809 remaining on hand from our Dunollie Castle Conservation Campaign from 2014 to 2016. I thought you would like to know that the \$4809 remaining from your donations constituted the majority of this February's \$7500 donation.

Every cent of the \$29,809 raised in the Dunollie Castle Conservation Campaign has now been delivered to the Dunollie Preservation Trust to support repairs to Dunollie Castle. The Society had already transferred \$25,000 of these donations to the Dunollie Preservation Trust in January 2016. Past President Malcolm MacDougall, who managed the Dunollie Castle Conservation Campaign, has asked me to say a Special Thank You to those who donated during the campaign and made it such a success.

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

Scott MacDougald
President

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2019 MacDougall Gathering at Dunollie



If you missed out on Advance Registration Tickets do not worry, there will still be an opportunity to book onto activities when the programme opens to the public from the middle of March 2019. Full information will be available from www.dunollie.org.

For any enquiries regarding the International Clan Gathering 2019, contact gathering@dunollie.org. To hear about updates via Mailchimp newsletters as they are announced, make sure to sign up to Worldwide Clan MacDougall at www.dunollie.org/worldwideclan

Annual Founders Dinner Friday July 12, 2019

Come enjoy our Founders Dinner on Friday July 12 at Whispering Waters Farm, a scenic country location at 274 Shulls Mill Rd, Boone, NC 28607-5388. Whispering Waters Farm is on Highway 105 and is 11 miles north of our previous venue of Eseeola Lodge in Linville. For those familiar with the area it's 6 miles north of Seven Devils, or 3 minutes north of Foscoe on the east side of Highway 105. It's on the same Shulls Rd as the nearby Hound Ears Club. Their web site is <http://whisperingwatersevents.com>.

During the Friday afternoon you are welcome to come to observe our Board of Directors Meeting, participate in our General Meeting of members, enjoy our Social Reception and Annual Founders Dinner, and then stay for the entertainment. Here is a link to our Registration Form for you to come enjoy our Annual Founders Dinner.

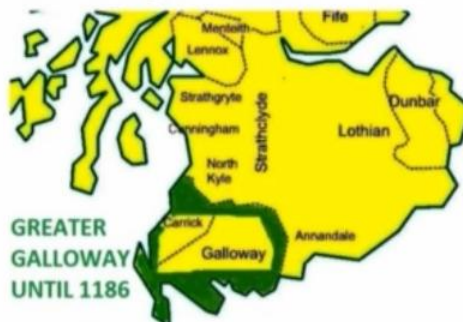
[Get Form](#)

Our Society Tents on Grandfather Mountain will be staffed by Society Officers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 12-14.

Galloway, Scotland, the Homeland of Clan MacDowall

Galloway

Nine centuries years ago our ancestor Prince Fergus ruled greater Galloway, a land larger than the Galloway of today.



In the 800 years since Clan MacDowall originated many MacDowalls / McDowells / McDouals of many spellings have left their Galloway homeland. After 1609 many moved 20 miles westward across the Irish Sea to Ulster in northern Ireland during the population movement known as the Plantation of Ulster. In 1707 the Union of the Three Crowns opened up the colonies of the English crown in North America to settlers from Ireland and Scotland. Depending on the dates involved, some Clan MacDowall families stayed in Ireland for only a generation or two, and others much longer, before sailing for the colonies of England. First it was a trickle of immigrants which kept increasing until the 1775 outbreak of the Revolutionary War stopped the flow of these people who became known as Scots-Irish or Ulster Scots.

Now, more and more of their descendants want to return to see their ancient homeland of Galloway. It is a land bordering on the sea with an inland landscape varying from fertile river valleys to rough and scenic hill country in the north.



Glenluce Abbey - Photo by Sheila McDowell

Chusan Palm trees grow at the Logan Botanic Garden on the site of the ancient property of the McDoualls of Logan in the south west tip of Galloway. In the photo below the remnants of Balzieland Castle of the McDoualls stand in the Botanic Gardens.

Photo credit and more information:

www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/logan/botanicgarden/index.html



If you would like to read the most authoritative source of information about the historical places of Clan MacDowall in Galloway I suggest that you obtain a copy of The MacDowalls written by the Chief of Clan MacDowall. The book may be purchased on line at www.lulu.com at a softcover price of \$19 plus shipping or ordered through major book sellers. It lists sites of importance to the clan but one must remember that many suffered heavy damage in the past 800 years leaving little to see. However, some such as the Abbeys listed are still maintained by Historic Environment Scotland Scottish which manages sites as old as Pre Roman. For a list of their sites in this area see www.historicenvironment.scot.



The VisitScotland web site at www.visitscotland.com offers information about all areas of Scotland including, of course, Galloway. Stranraer, Galloway is easily accessible by train and there is regular ferry service from nearby Cairnryan to Ireland. Plan to take the time to enjoy Galloway and consider taking that ferry ride across to Ulster, a sea journey your Galloway ancestors may have made. Enjoy your trip.

New Members

Sally C. Davis
East Petersburg, PA

Upcoming Events

Although it still feels very wintery in many areas, games season *is* actually upon us. We are thankful for our many dedicated representatives and the tireless work they do! Your help is needed to expand our reach. To become involved, contact your local representative.

You can find their contact information at the following links:

[Officers and Regional Commissioners](#) and [State Representatives](#)

North Texas Irish Festival

March 9th and 10th
Fair Park
Dallas, TX

Celtic Festival and Highland Games

March 30th
The Sedalia Center
Big Island, VA

Nebraska Tartan Day

April 6th and 7th
Hayworth Park
Bellevue, NE

San Antonio Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival

April 6th and 7th
Helotes Festival Grounds
Helotes, TX

NYC Tartan Day Parade

April 6th
West 45th Street
New York, New York

Houston Highland Games

April 13th
Crown Festival Park
Sugar Land, Texas

Southern Maryland Celtic Festival

April 27th
Jefferson-Patterson Park and Museum
St. Leonard, MD



Come join your clan in New York City and march in the Tartan Day parade. (pictured above) We would love to see old friends and make new friends. Email us at mchoul2000@yahoo.com so we can keep you up to date on the activities.

Bill and Cathy McHoul, Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioners
Anne Carine, Northeast Regional Commissioner

Texas Rep. Shares Artwork



*The Fifth Lord: Sir John of Lorne
as depicted by Brent Rich*

I've been a teacher of history, research, and art for 27 years, and, in my mind, an artist for all my life. Since

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Persons wishing to submit articles, photos, or items of interest to our newsletters may contact:

The Tartan Editor

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a 2016 trip to Scotland, my readings and writings have been more or less consumed with our connection to Clan MacDougall. My painting inspiration varies, but certainly the MacDougall Clan is part of my painting projects.

In this painting, I've depicted a young John of Lorne with the Brooch of Lorn outside his castle. Though the timing of the events is not in line with history, artistic license is liberating to paraphrase Picasso.

Brent Rich, Texas State Representative

editorial note: For more information on Sir John, see items IV and V on <https://macdougall.org/our-heritage-2/chiefs>.

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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.



Volunteer Opportunities

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

Our Volunteer Form has now been updated to be fully interactive. It can now be downloaded and filled out on your computer or tablet and then emailed. This is one of the many improvements our webmasters John and Chris (who are volunteers themselves) continue to make to our online tools. We certainly appreciate all the very technical work they do! You can find the new form via the button below.

Get Volunteer Form



Join the Facebook Team

Changes are coming to our Facebook presence and we are seeking members interested in serving on our team of administrators, moderators, and content creators. If you are a social media power user who enjoys an active, creative environment this is the opportunity for you! Contact President Elect Kyle Jones to discuss the details.

Email Kyle

Help Us Stay Up To Date

Our membership staff works hard to keep our records up to date.
Remember to inform them of the changes in your lives.

Update Telephone, Email & Postal Information Here

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John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarships

Our Scholarship Program supports one of the key purposes of our Society. Access our website for the procedures for applying for a scholarship. Donations to our Scholarship Fund help defray costs, are accepted year-round and are greatly appreciated by the Society and recipients. The Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions to its endeavors may be tax deductible in the U.S. and may be sent to

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