



Scott's Reflections

It has been a pleasure for me to speak at length with some of you recently. As we continue to reach out to improve our communications within the Society and to contact our members personally, we are making new friends as well as making our Society more social and interactive. It has been an enlightening experience for me and for our Society Officers to hear what members have to say. Thank you to all of those taking the time to respond to our calls.

April was a very successful month for the Society with several accomplishments including:

1. A new Budget which will again operate in the black
2. An update and revision of our Bylaws and Standing Rules. Key to this effort was Past President Malcolm MacDougall's very thorough review during the past year to determine what needed to be done to bring them up to date.
3. Also during April, our Society's Dunollie Preservation Fund received a large donation from the Clan MacDougall Foundation whose Executive Officer is our Past President Wylie McDougall. In past years until about 2008 many of our members donated to this Clan MacDougall Foundation before our Society created its own IRS 501(c)3 eligible Funds. Now, all remaining money previously donated by our members to the Clan MacDougall Foundation has been placed into our Society's Preservation Fund for use in the work of preserving Dunollie Castle.
4. We have begun preparing a proposal to contribute a significant donation to support the Phase III work at Dunollie Castle. The proposal will be presented to our Board of Directors at our July meeting. Our contribution will also include the many other smaller donations for Dunollie Castle which we have received in the Society's Dunollie Preservation Fund.
5. In April our Annual Dinner Committee met to finalize the plans for our Annual Founders Dinner at Whispering Waters Farm on Friday July 12. Our Society has been meeting annually at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games since 1965. Our Annual Founders Dinner is the highlight of the weekend; Highland dress is not required but will be much in evidence. If you have never attended our Annual Dinner, or have not attended for some time, this is an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones while enjoying some wonderful entertainment. Your Annual Dinner Reservation below points out that our servers are permitted to serve alcoholic beverages which you bring to our venue. Otherwise, our caterer may only provide us with non alcoholic beverages because of the licensing status of Whispering Waters Farm, our venue.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2019

Tues-Sat. 30 July - 4 Aug. 2019 MacDougall Gathering in Oban, Scotland.

We hope to meet many of you during the events. See web page <https://www.dunollie.org/international-clan-gathering> for details of the Gathering.

Fri.-Sun. 18-20 Oct. 2019 Annual General Meeting.

We rotate our AGM meeting locations in order to meet more of our members.

In 2019 our AGM meeting 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/>

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

Scott MacDougald
President

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Renew Membership

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 Shulls Road on the east side of Highway 105 and is 11 miles north of our previous venue of Eseeola Lodge in Linville, or 7 miles south of Boone. 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 at 2:30 pm to observe our Board of Directors Meeting, participate in our General Meeting of members at 4:30 pm, enjoy our Social Reception at 5:30 pm and attend our Annual Founders Dinner at 6:30pm, and then stay for the entertainment.

It is a day that you and your family will enjoy and long remember.

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.

2019 MacDougall Gathering at Dunollie

The dates of the Gathering are
Tuesday, July 30 to Sunday, August 4, 2019.

The Gathering section of the Dunollie website is
at www.dunollie.org/clan-gatherings.

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In Memory of Nancy Black

April 1927 - March 2019

By Walter M. Macdougall



This is my favorite photo of Nancy. Her face is filled with complete happiness. She is at the helm of the fifty-two-foot *Pippen* and in the home waters of her family and of her Clan whose Arms bear the galley that signified power, communication, commerce, transportation and the means to a livelihood for an ocean-going people. The sea as well as the glens and the crofts were in Nancy's genes. When this photo was taken, we had just left the anchorage below the high tower of Gyle Castle, had rounded the southwest point of Kerrera, and were on a northward course bow first into a fresh, clean wind.

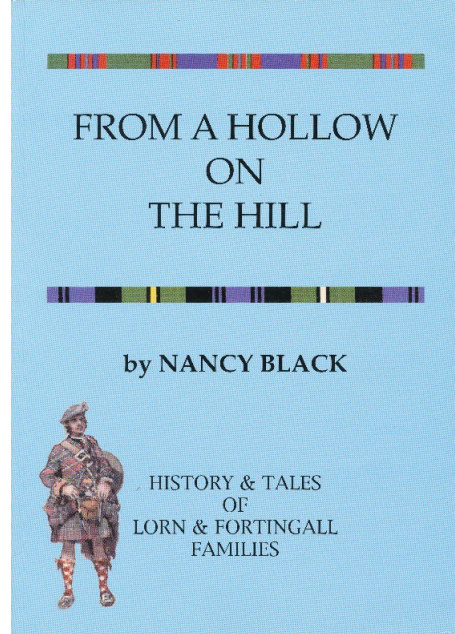
When Nancy was in high school, her world was drastically transformed by World War Two. In 1941, she left school and went to work as an office girl for the MacBrayne shipping company. There in the wartime turmoil on Oban's North Pier her role quickly expanded until she was supervising the amassing of supplies for convoys, and delivering large payrolls from the bank to waiting ships. Nancy describes her rapid initiation into a world of responsibility in her eye-opening book entitled *Courage: A Teenager's View of War*.

When the war ended and the Firth of Lorn was no longer filled with the gathering of fleets, Oban and Nancy faced a reestablishment of sanity and the making of peacetime livelihoods. As an interlude, she became an expert in polishing beach stones. Later when she attended gatherings, she would come with a box filled with lustrous examples giving them away as remembrances of Lorn. However, it was as a nautical chandler that her keen business skills became evident. When I met Nancy, she was a presence in Oban's business community, and her store in Argyll Square was a landmark. It was the Chief of Clan MacDougall who advised me that I should meet Nancy. I was told that she had extensive knowledge of kith and kin. She had accomplished that and much more. Nancy had an extended birthright of farmers, fishermen, shippers; she even descended from the legendary MacDougall pipers and bagpipe makers. She grew up in a richness of oral history and folklore which she was to build upon during her years of extensive research.

She had developed a hands-on grasp of those economic, social, political forces and conceptions which had shaped and still are shaping the world of the Scottish Highlands. Her book *From A Hollow On The Hill: History & Tales of Lorn & Fortingall Families* is a product of this productive dedication. It presents a quilt work of those indispensable facts and artifacts which are so hard to find. When Nancy wrote a less formal account of her home turf such as her *A Walk On Kerrera* it was with an in-side view and sensibility, in contrast to persons like me who, though deeply moved by what we experienced in Lorn, are always observing through a lens of some inevitable distance.

Some have told me that they remember Nancy as “a very private person”. This may have been more the case in her latter years when she was harboring her strength in the hope of finishing the tasks she had set. She was at heart a warm and amazingly generous person, adventurous even courageous and always alive in mind and spirit. She was dedicated to telling history as it was - the scars, the joys and all - to the end that we might live more appreciative lives.

Let us hope that the writings she worked upon until the last will be preserved and made available.



Editor's Note: Walter M. Macdougall is a Past President of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America and one of Nancy Black's many friends.

They Will Be Missed

Philip Neil Leroy
Buford, GA

Philip Leroy passed away on May 2, 2019. Philip was an avid attendee at the Stone Mountain Games since they began in 1972, 47 years ago. He had attended in most years since then.

New Members

Peggy Grande
Grove City, PA

Douglas MacDougall
Mechanicsville, VA

Upcoming Events

Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games

May 11 & 12
Decatur, TX

Fair Hill Scottish Games

May 18
Fair Hill, MD

Victoria Highland Games

May 19
Victoria, BC

Garrett County Celtic Festival

June 1
Friendsville, MD

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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](#)

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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