



Scott's Reflections

If you have been thinking of making a trip to Scotland someday, a wonderful time to do so is during the Clan MacDougall Gathering in Oban, a lovely seaside town on the beautiful west coast. The dates are 30 July to 4 August 2019. Being together with your clansmen in the historic home of your ancestors in Argyll is a special feeling not to be forgotten. Having special events, tours and trips concerning our very own history and culture is a treat unique to the Gathering.

Whether you intend to visit Scotland during the 2019 Gathering or at another time, Scotland has many excellent web sites for visitors. These sites will help you to plan your trip to make it more enjoyable. Here are a few to start your planning.

1. The VisitScotland web site at <https://www.visitscotland.com/> offers information about all areas of Scotland including, of course, Argyll and Galloway to which our two clans have special affinity.
2. If you want to see what is happening this minute along the Esplanade road leading to Dunollie Castle, this is the web cam to watch <https://www.oban.org.uk/lighthouse-webcam/> It is part of the Oban Tourism web site <https://www.oban.org.uk/> which offers lots of local information about Oban and area.
3. Public transportation in Scotland is frequent and convenient with lots of discounted advance fares. It also will save you from the stress of having to drive on unfamiliar roads on the opposite side of the road from what North Americans are used to. There are very useful web sites for rail, bus and ferry services, and a site which coordinates journeys between them <https://www.travelinescotland.com/?lang=en> I use these web sites when planning my own travel in Scotland. I also use them to buy some of my tickets in advance before I go.

Registration providing priority selection for events for the Clan MacDougall Gathering has been underway since April. Only a few of these advance tickets remained on offer in early October. The Gathering section of the Dunollie web site <https://www.dunollie.org/> says that sales of the advance registration ticket sales end on 1 December. Watch this site to keep informed of any further ticket offerings or events as plans are announced.

If you do visit Dunollie Castle you will see the results of the Dunollie Castle Conservation Programme which is described at <https://www.dunollie.org/castle-conservation> They hope to complete Phase III of the work by the time of the 2019 Gathering.

This will consolidate the North East and North West facing walls and the internal first floor to allow visitors safe access to the next level of the castle.

As you walk the pathway up to Dunollie Castle you will see the new handrails, benches and lighting for which we donated funds earlier this year. Support for Dunollie is stated in our Bylaws as one of the Purposes of our Society. You will have the option to donate to our Dunollie Preservation Fund, or to support our other Society Funds such as Scholarships, when you receive our annual letter in the coming days.

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

Scott MacDougall
President

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Renew Membership

News from Dunollie

Dunollie has a newsletter to which you may subscribe by completing the information box at the bottom of the Dunollie Home Page at <https://www.dunollie.org/> The September 28 edition of Dunollie News posted the following:

If you are planning on grabbing a Registration Ticket for our
International Clan Gathering in 2019
(which features some fabulous exclusive benefits)
then you better do so quick... we now have less than 20 tickets remaining!
For more information or to purchase your ticket, visit this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/international-clan-macdougall-gathering-2019-registration-tickets-45482181429>

More tickets have been sold since then. Those who have purchased a Registration Ticket in advance will receive priority allocation of the event and tour tickets when they become available. Information about those specific tours and events is expected to be announced later this year.

Editor's note: at press time, the number of remaining adult tickets was down to six!

Headline

As noted in the September issue of *The Tartan*, we have been tracing members with whom we had lost contact when they relocated in past years. This enjoyable and successful endeavor has helped us to locate missing members we would have otherwise lost. You can help us by keeping us up to date with your current telephone and email contact information. Advise us at any time by writing to either address below, or by clicking the big red button and filling out the form that will appear.

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New Northeast Region Commissioner Appointed

Effective October 1, 2018 I have appointed Anne Carine of Foxboro, MA to the position of Regional Commissioner for the Northeast Region with overall responsibility for Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. She will be working with our Tent Sponsors and State Representatives in these states. Anne has been our Tent Sponsor in Massachusetts until now but was also the host of our Society Tent at the Maine games in August. On October 7, Anne hosted our Society Tent at the Games in Scotland CT. -*Scott MacDougald, President*

Griffin Pedals for Kilbride

We received the following message from our good friend, Liam Griffin, who continues his efforts at historic Kilbride. This time, he has taken to a bicycle to the benefit of our Clan.



Thank you for your generous donation to the Historic Kilbride Preservation Fund. Despite my ageing limbs, I covered the 50.84 miles from my digs in Steppes Glasgow, via the starting arch at Glasgow Green, through to Ingleston Field, Edinburgh, in 4 hours and 20 minutes. Your very generous £50 donation, added to others, saw us raise a total of £1306.70 pence. Donations like yours will eventually supply the tools to bring to fruition Historic Kilbride's preservation plan. Thank you, again, and we hope to see you at next year's Clan gathering. Best wishes to you and yours,

Liam Griffin, volunteer... Friends of Kilbride.

"Kilbride - A past too rich to have no future"

The Historic Kilbride Preservation Fund is an independent fund operated by the Friends of Kilbride who are working to preserve the ancient Church at Kilbride a few miles south of Oban. If you wish to support to their work, you may send donations to:

Friends of Kilbride - SCIO No. SC046175
c/o An Tobar
Lerags
Oban
Argyll, PA34 4SE

New Members

Kent Bishop
Johns Creek, GA

Douglas Rickey
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Ballwin, MO

Pedro MacDowell Innecco
Nass, Kildare, Ireland

Fred McDowell
Reidsville, NC

David A. McDougal
Pittsburgh, PA

Upcoming Games

The events listed here all feature a Clan Tent hosted by members of our Society. We invite you to stop by for a visit. If there is not an event listed near you, consider becoming a Clan Tent Sponsor and help us expand our presence in your area. It is a lot of fun and we will teach you all you need to know. Contact [Scott](#) or [Kyle](#) or inquire at any of our Society Tents for more information.

October 13-14, 2018
[Seaside Highland Games](#)
Ventura, CA

Oct 20
[Stone Mountain Scottish Festival](#)
Stone Mountain, GA

Oct 27
[Central Virginia Celtic Festival](#)
Richmond, VA

Dec 1
[Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk](#)
Alexandria, VA

They Will Be Missed

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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.



We are saddened to announce the passing of Kathryn Lausen of West Roxbury, MA who died in December 2017.

Volunteers

Members can support their clan by submitting a Volunteer Form to become more involved in Society activities.

You can get the form below.
We look forward to your help!

[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

Clan MacDougall Society of N.A., Inc.
Treasurer
P.O. Box 6595
Williamsburg, VA 23188-5225

[Add Donations Appeal](#)

Flowers of the Forest

Shirley Marie MacDougall Antigonish, Nova Scotia 1937-2018

Shirley MacDougall of Antigonish, Nova Scotia passed away on February 15, 2018. Predeceased in 2003 by her husband, Dougald MacDougall, she is survived by four children, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was one of the original organizers of the Clan MacDougall Chapter in Antigonish and a loyal and active supporter of clan activities in Nova Scotia. Beyond its borders she was a friend and contact with MacDougalls and Clan MacDougall activities. She received the Somerled Award in recognition of outstanding service to the Clan MacDougall Society of North America.



In February, we joined our Chief, Morag MacDougall of MacDougall, in expressing our condolences to Shirley's family and friends.

Shirley was born in Little Dover, Nova Scotia, on October 20, 1937, to Captain Douglas Boudreau and Nora (Casey) Boudreau. She met and married Dougald, who himself became an important support of the Clan MacDougall Chapter, when working as a telephone operator for Maritime Tel & Tel in Antigonish. Later she worked in Government Documents at the Angus L MacDonald Library, St. Francis Xavier University, from which she retired in 2002. Shirley tirelessly and generously gave her time and energy to her family, church and community as is recorded in her obituary at <https://macisaacs.ca/tribute/details/256/Shirley-MacDougall/obituary.html>.

Our Society Past President Walter MacDougall reflects:

I first met Shirley during the time in 1979 when, with High Commissioner John McDougall's blessing, we arranged the visit of our Chief, Madam MacDougall, to Nova Scotia and the Highland Games at Antigonish. There was at that time an exceptional group of Clan-people in Nova Scotia and Shirley was one of this group. Her ability to work with people, her vision of what clanship might be, and her leadership skills steadily made her role important in the Antigonish Chapter of the Clan MacDougall Society. She gave of her strengths and abilities steadily not only to the organization in Nova Scotia but to the growing cooperation between MacDougalls in the Atlantic Provinces and Clan members in the state of Maine. Shirley was a major player in the MacDougall Workshop held in Antigonish 1994. It was Shirley who organized a group of youth with a Scottish ancestry from the Antigonish area and brought them south to Maine to entertain the annual gathering of Clan-people.

For years Shirley was a key figure in keeping the Chapter active in Antigonish. I remember attending a meeting of this lively group one fall when they gathered in the old Antigonish railroad station. A Highland association and culture lived in the warmth of wonderful hearts.

I saw Shirley for the last time in 2010, when our present Chief and her husband visited in Maine and Canada. Her passing is a true loss to her family, friends, community, and the Clan.

Tòmas MacCòmhghan (neo Ashby McCown) reflects:

I met Shirley MacDougall in 2009 in conjunction with the North American Society's support of a youth Gaelic program organized by Cathy MacDougall and sponsored by a renewed Clan MacDougall Society of Antigonish which had chosen Shirley President. With her considerable administrative skills and deep knowledge of the Society she proudly kept the Society's records and the photo albums which she displayed to visitors at her home or at the Clan Tent at the Antigonish Games. During her office, the Gatherings of MacDougalls on Thursday of the Antigonish Games week were warm and

lively family affairs. We would usually march to the Cairn from the John Paul Centre, have prayers in English and, now and again, in Gaelic, while Debbie Helm, taking up her mother's mantle, would reflect on our history. We would return to the John Paul Center for a spot to eat, conversation, music, song, and storytelling. In 2013, a special MacDougall gathering was organized at the Claymore Inn in honor of the 150th anniversary of the games. Family and friends from near and far came and went that day. The food ran out quickly – at one point I counted 80 people in the room – but the music, conversations, and reflections went on through the afternoon. Shirley organized me to give an account at the Clan tent, on Saturday, of the plans for, and our Society's support of, development of Dunollie Castle and Heritage Center.

Shirley was herself proudly Acadian French but said of her work with the Society "I am doing this for my grandchildren." I might add great-grandchildren and all of us.

My last conversation with Shirley was over lunch at the Claymore Inn, as was our habit, in late November 2017. We spoke of the need of a new generation of leadership in Antigonish and of the interest of several MacDougalls to the South in visiting the remarkable week of activities at the Antigonish games. We decided that we should find out how many people were interested and at least gather for an informal MacDougall lunch or dinner to establish acquaintances. Shirley passed away before this could be arranged. At the same time, unforeseen developments in North American Society kept some away from Antigonish that weekend. Nevertheless, during last July's Antigonish Games, Debbie Helm, Jon MacLucas, Cathy and Bill McHoul, Jon MacLucas, and I were at a wonderful dinner hosted by Cathy MacDougall at her home on MacDougall Road in Lakevale, Nova Scotia.

We miss and salute you, Shirley.