

Clan MacDougall Society of North America



Welcome MacDougalls and MacDowalls



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Hello Clan MacDougall Society kinsfolk.

We have many updates to share. Our Group photo from The Anniversary Dinner, our Games recaps from our Tent Hosts, our Announcements, Committee news, and other things happening here within our Society. Thank you to those who made our 60th anniversary Dinner a success. Stonewall's was a beautiful place. The wait-staff was amazing and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Many commented on the Haggis that was served. Read more about that event in the September issue of "The Tartan".



The Women of Dunollie

Dear Clansfolk,
Perhaps you've already seen this, or perhaps not—but I recently came across a **video** and some information that truly moved me. It's so inspiring to see



It speaks of MacDougall history, Clan Chiefs and the Women of Dunollie in history as well as the women of Dunollie today.



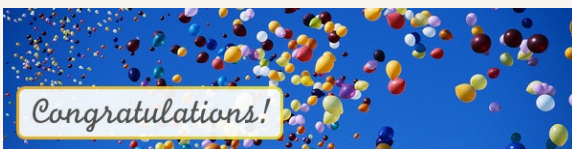
The video is a short 30 minute viewing but well worth your time. It is our heritage. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

something so positive that highlights the **Women of Dunollie and their connection to our clan's rich history.**

As a woman, this is something I feel deeply connected to and look forward to sharing with my own daughters. We are all part of a strong heritage within Clan MacDougall. Yet too often, when people think of a "clan," the image that comes to mind is one of warriors—men in kilts, swords in hand and great battles of old. Today, I want to take a moment to shine a light on the other warriors of Clan MacDougall: the women. Quiet in some ways, perhaps, but strong, resilient, and deeply woven into the fabric of our legacy. There is **a video** that was posted by Dunollie during the era of COVID in 2019-2020. It is titled: "The Women of Dunollie."

We have had TWO women of Clan MacDougall as Chiefs most recently.

A Happy Birthday Celebration!



We want to take this moment to celebrate "Grandpa Mac" also known as Dick MacDougall on his 95th Birthday! He is a former CMSNA President, a life member, a Father, Grandfather, Friend, and dear gentleman! I know those that have met him personally find a special place in their heart for him.

Richard "Dick" MacDougall, May this birthday outshine all the former birthdays and be but a shadow of those to come. We wish you the very best on your birthday and every day this year!

HAPPY 95th BIRTHDAY!

For those of you wondering about people you know from Clan MacDougall Society of North America and perhaps haven't heard from for a time.... we are happy to post announcements like this one:

Our former President, Peter Clepper is



doing very well. His daughter, Anne, wanted to share this post with our readers that know him.

" He is doing very well but has difficulty with technology these days-including phone and email. Never the less, he loves to hear from and of his friends and how all are doing. He is now in full-time care nursing wing at Kendal~a retirement community~ in Lexington, VA. He is flourishing at his new residence. The photo included (to the left) is of Peter taken approximately two weeks ago."

If you would like to communicate by letter, here is where to send it:

Mr. Peter Clepper
160 Kendal Drive, Suite 515
Lexington, VA 24450

If YOU have a birth, engagement, or wedding Announcement, Birthday, Graduation or Anniversary you would like to share in "The Raven", please [email us](#). We would be glad to make the announcement to our Clan!

The Scholarship Program

The John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarship supports learning endeavors that enhance knowledge or appreciation of the Society and our cultural heritage. If YOU are interested in Scottish Cultural studies of any variety, please reach out to our Scholarship Committee. Be sure to put "Attn: Geordan Baker" in the subject line as she is our Chairperson.

Email Here.

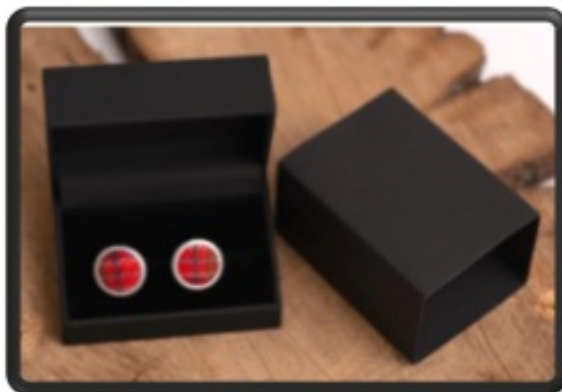
If you would like to continue making a difference, please [consider making a donation](#) using the blue button below.

Donate Here



Shop and Support Dunollie:

CUFFLINKS



Cufflinks ONLY: £10.00

Cufflinks AND Bow Tie: £30.00

Visit the Drapers Shop to get your accessories today and support Dunollie at the same time. All proceeds from the products sold in The Drapers Shop go directly back to the support of our Heritage site – Dunollie Museum, Castle, and Grounds.



The Draper's Shop

As of August 4th, 2025~
The U.S. equivalent for
the Cufflinks would be \$13.28
and the combination of
Bow Tie and Cufflinks would be \$39.85.
Please remember that the proceeds also
support the Clan MacDougall in Oban as
we are supporting **Dunollie Museum,
Castle, and Grounds** when we shop at the
Oban store. Your continued support in all
the ways you contribute is much
appreciated.

Events To Come ~ From our Events Calendar 2025

Quechee Scottish Games and Festival

45 Deweys Mills Rd
White River Junctions, VT
August 23rd, 8am to 5pm

Maine Highland Games & Scottish Festival

Windsor Fairgrounds, 82 Ridge Rd,
Windsor, ME, USA
happens August 16th & 17th.

Capitol District Scottish Games

Altamont Fairgrounds
129 Grand Street
Altamont, NY
August 30th , 9am to 6pm

Virginia Scottish Games

Great Meadows, 5089 Old Tavern Road
The Plains, VA
Drop in and say hello to
John and Cynthia Dowdle!

Longs Peak Scottish~Irish Highland Festival

Estes Park Fairgrounds
Manford Avenue,
Estes Park, CO
Say hello to Barry and Millie!
September 5th through 7th!

Middle Tennessee Highland Games

Celtic Festival
Sanders Ferry Park
Hendersonville, TN
Drop in and see Mandi!
September 6th & 7th

Covenanter Scottish Festival

1199 Valley Road
Quarryville, PA
September 6th, 9:30am - 5:00pm

Columbus Scottish Festival

Bartholomew County Fairgrounds
750 W 200 S
Columbus, IN
September 13th & 14th

New Hampshire Highland Games
(Loon Mountain)

Loon Mountain Resort
60 Loon Mountain Rd,
Lincoln, NH
September 19th - 21st

USCO - Oklahoma Highland Games

Choctaw Creek Park
Harper St., Choctaw, OK
This festival focuses on Highland Games
and Clan Tent Row! Drop by and see
what's happening in Oklahoma! Say hello
to Misha Lowther.
Oct. 10th - 13th (closes 5pm Sat & Sun.)

Scotland, CT Highland Games

Historic Waldo House
96 Waldo Road
Scotland, CT, USA
opens at 9 am **October 12th.**

Please be sure to check our [website](#) for more details on **upcoming Games and Festivals.**

CMSNA Events Attended in July and August:



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

July 10th through 13th, 2025

Celebrating 60 weekends on the mountain
By Doug MacDougall

2025 was a beautiful North Carolina weekend at McRae Meadows. After the damage done by Hurricane Helene, we were unsure if there were going to be lingering scars. Thankfully the repair work made it just another games on Grandfather Mountain.

My brother Connor arrived early Friday morning to find much of the setup done by the ever

industrious Jon MacLucas, bringing his usual bag of gifts. Then we got to the work at hand, telling our history and telling the people what we're up to currently. The next hours passed in a blur of storytelling, passport stamping, and meeting with old friends (along with sharing a dram or two).

Saturday is always the busiest, so Connor and I sought a hearty breakfast from the Scottish Cottage (a must if you are at any of the Carolina games). After our Haggis and eggs, we met up with T'Shael Jones who was handling the masses while we loaded up for the day. Being in the Heritage tent always makes me feel like we're in the thick of things. Another day talking with as many people as we could. We went until the mid-afternoon as Jon MacLucas and I had to come down the mountain a bit early, we had a date at Stonewalls for the 60th anniversary dinner.

Sunday is always my favorite. I love a parade, especially one where we get to participate. All the pomp and circumstance makes me remember why I started coming to Highland Games in the first place. The massed bands always make me a bit misty, because it's our sign that this marvelous weekend is coming to an end.

All in all it was a great weekend. 4 new members joined the clan, and I got to revel in the music, food, and drink of our shared culture. Some of the most beautiful scenery in the world didn't hurt. Hope to see you next year!

~Doug MacDougall (SE Regional Commissioner)

"Buaidh No Bas" ~ Victory or Death!



Sherwood Park Highland Gathering

July 19th, 2025

Sherwood Park

Sherwood, Alberta, CANADA

Sherwood Park highland games was a great weekend as well. This has been a great season for our games volunteers. We had **three** renewals and a **two** new sign ups at this festival in Alberta Canada. We hope to see more in Alberta over the coming seasons. Canada is Rocking! Celebrate with the Northern most members of CMSNA as well! We have some awesome people in Canada!

~ Barry McDougall

Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival

July 19th, 2025

Look Park 300 N. Main St

Florence, MA, USA Hello fellow members!

Our North East team of Aaron, Eve and myself enjoyed a lovely Saturday at Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival in Florence, MA on July 19th!

We accidentally forgot the top to our tent but improvised with a tarp we had available in the trunk!! That's life!!

During our day we were delighted to see Alexander MacDougal again! He and Andrea live in that area and signed on at last year's games! So good to talk with them again.

We were also visited by Geoffrey Phillips this year! He is a life member and we were happy to spend some time and have good conversation together.

Welcome to our new member David O'Donnell!

A family friend surprised us with a visit. She also loves to hear Albannach band play!! It brings us all joy to see one another again and enjoy the environment of Scottish Culture and traditions.

Hope you can visit us next year or help us host!

Blessings to all!

~Anne MacDougal Carine



Fergus Scottish Festival

August 9th, 2025

Victoria Park

Fergus, ON, CANADA

This Festival happened Friday and Saturday. I hope you had the chance to visit and say "hello" to our Canada Team!

~Scott MacDougald

~Vallerie McDougall-Tilley

~Barry McDougall

They had a **surprise visit** from our Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioner,

Jon MacLucas! What a weekend! We had a couple of renewals and **THREE** new sign ups at Fergus Scottish Festival!

Board News:

Our next Board meeting is October 26th, 2025. Let us know if you are interested in joining in as a guest. Regional Commissioners and Committee Chairpersons are our Directors pool and therefore always welcome. Our members interested in volunteering are welcome also. Please remember that as guests, questions and opinions are welcome but voting and business decisions are strictly for the Board of Directors. We do love to hear what YOU have to say so talk with us any time.

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Supporting our Heritage & Dunollie in 2025

Dunollie is currently working on bringing



We mentioned at the beginning of this issue a video of the "***Women of Dunollie***." Above, you will see a photo from that video. This is important because one of our Purposes is "to preserve and maintain our heritage sites." We also strive to maintain and preserve our heritage as a whole through print, events, and media. Therefore supporting this project covers many of our intentions carried out in our Purposes. You support these purposes by giving an annual donation to our organization - and we appreciate you. Here is this year's project from Dunollie. The Board of Directors has chosen to support our heritage, our history, and to help bring it full circle.

"The MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust (DPT) are the custodians of Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds, seat of the Clan MacDougall, and have in their collection two stunning Regency-era evening dresses: one black, one gold, adorned with lace and trimmings. Affectionately known as the "Husband Catchers", these twin dresses were specially made for the sisters of the 25th MacDougall Clan Chief, Mary Jane (19) and Ann (21), to wear on their debut into society at the 1820 aristocratic County Meeting at Inveraray Castle on the banks of Loch Fyne, Argyll, and seat of the Clan Campbell, Duke of Argyll."

these dresses back to Inveraray, full circle after 200 years.

"While the black dress is in good condition and able to be carefully mounted and displayed, the gold dress is in need of conservation and cannot be safely handled for exhibition.

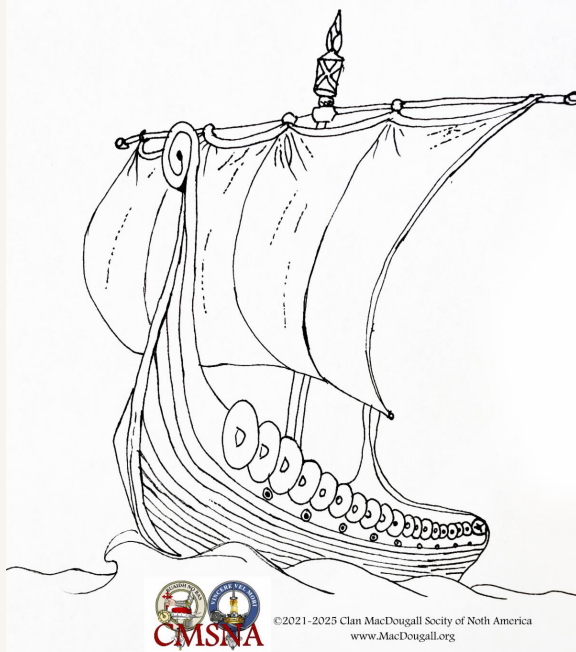
*"...relatively few dresses survive in good condition to this date,The gold dress is a fine example of all elements, with a strong back story, and will offer a superb resource for study and publication. Through the financial aid from supporters of Dunollie and the MacDougall clan, we would be able to achieve conservation of this rare and historically significant dress. This work will ensure the twin journey of the "Husband Catcher" dresses continues long into the future and will enable their story to be told."Conserving the gold dress will strengthen the heritage partnership between the clans and museums alike, allowing us to re-enact this historic meeting at Inveraray Castle through a joint exhibition. **The gold and black dresses, and others of the era, will once again be on display at Inveraray Castle, over 200 years since their debut at that very location.**"*

CMSNA is blessed to be apart of this conservation endeavor. Thank you for your support of our history and heritage once again. We hope you will continue to support us and our Purposes this fall during our annual campaign. We have 60 years behind us and I am so looking forward to the next 60 years and what is to come. I am happy to support Dunollie in their exhibits and in bring MORE visitors to **Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds** by partnering with other museums all over Scotland.

New Members!

Please see a complete list of new members in the October issue of the Raven. Also, look for September's Issue of "*The Tartan*" as our team has put together something quite special for you.

For the Children!



The long boat or Galley Ship is usually connected to the Vikings.

Somerled and our Raven Banner are connected to our Norse heritage via Scotland as well.

We hope you enjoy this excerpt from our Coloring Book of 2020.

Enjoy the Scottish Banner!

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We hope you will enjoy the latest issue, courtesy of our friends at The Scottish Banner.



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To perpetuate Scottish culture through the collection, preservation, and distribution of literary, historical, and genealogical materials, especially those related to Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall. Preservation of heritage sites and relics is of particular importance, as is the education of our kin through learning opportunities and scholarships. Donations in support of these causes is tax deductible in the U.S.
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