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The John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarship Program

Applications for the John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarships are now open.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to financially support learning endeavors that enhance knowledge or appreciation of the Society and/or our cultural heritage.

Applications will be accepted **until April 1, 2023**.

We are so very proud to be able to support such talented, passionate students through the generosity of our members. Thank you for making a difference! To join in this effort, please consider making a donation using the button below.

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Clan MacDougall Gathering 2024

Dunollie Castle

Oban, Scotland

July 30th through August 4th



Watch the Newsletters and Website for details as they become available

Where will you stay?

It is important to start planning housing for the Gathering. The Oban website provides a good start, with offerings for all lifestyles and price ranges, from luxury modern to the more simple and rustic. The site is managed by Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative on behalf of Oban Tourism Group. Once you've found your place, the rest of the site contains a wealth of information for all aspects of your trip, from the locals who know.

[Find Accommodation](#)



NYC Tartan Parade

By Anne Carine

Hello one and all!

We are delighted to report that Clan MacDougall has a spot in the New York City Tartan Day Parade on Saturday, April 15, 2023. We will be keeping the tradition of gathering at Bryant Park Grill prior to parade at noon. (I will be making reservation on March 15th, then finalizing numbers in the prior week to parade.)

Our starting point has not been emailed to me as yet. Our gathering spot is usually on 45th or 46th St. I will follow-up this story with more details as I receive them! (Personally, I might make a weekend out of it!) Please email me if you would like more info or would like to confirm your participation--

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Respectfully,
Anne



From the NYC Tartan Day Committee....

In their first proper tour of the US, award-winning Scottish band **Breabach** makes a major (and long overdue!) appearance in NYC on **Saturday, February 18 at 7:30pm** at the Sheen Center for Thought and Culture. On the heels of their brand new album, *Fàs*, the band has racked up an impressive array of accolades including five Scots Trad Music Awards, nominations as 'Best Group' in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, and 'European Album of the Year' in The Songlines Music Awards

Proudly representing NYC's largest Scottish community, we at NYC Tartan Week plan to give Breabach a warm welcome by inviting you to join us at the show with 20% off your ticket with code **TARTAN**. Then join us for a special after party, details to be announced.

Breabach
Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 7:30pm
Loreto Theater at the Sheen Center
18 Bleecker St. New York, NY 10012

Valentine's Day in Scotland

It is often said that there is only one happiness in life and that is to love and be loved. Renowned poets and scholars have often tried to categorize and explain this deep-set emotion called love, but only a few have been able to come close to the boundaries of this concept. It is a known fact that to be happy, one needs to learn how to give and receive love. Also, expression is very necessary to show our feelings and emotions. In Scotland, on 14th February every year, people of all age groups come together to honor and celebrate this unique human emotion. This is the day when people, irrespective of their religious beliefs and regional boundaries, profess their undying love for their partner. The entire region of Scotland looks like a fairyland - a dream during the occasion of Valentine's Day. Every nook and corner of the place is decorated with beautiful glistening lights, colorful decorations are hung in the different malls and shopping complexes. Read on to get a better idea of the Valentine's Day traditions in the exotic country called Scotland.

Very few people know that the remains of St Valentine, who is deeply associated with Valentine's Day, still rest in a church of Blessed St John Duns Scotus, in Glasgow city of Scotland. This fact has, over the years, led to the gradual conversion of the city as the 'City of Love'. It is but natural that the festival of Valentine's Day is celebrated with much zeal and enthusiasm all over. Moreover, the entire country is dotted with beautiful and exquisite romantic locales. So well known is the region for its romantic venues that every year, particularly during Valentine's Day, young couples and lovers make a bee-line to this region, to enjoy the festival in its true sense.



The small village of Gretna Green, located over the Scottish border, on the passage from England to Glasgow, is especially regarded as a 'Lover's Paradise' and is in fact, very famous for its romantic weddings. The village is also known for being a place where young couples used to elope at a very tender age. As per the English Law, young couples were not allowed to marry before they reach the age of 18 whereas in Scotland, this age limit is 16. So, young couples used to run away to get married. A Valentine's Day without cards and flowers to profess and express one's love is definitely not complete! The same holds true in Scotland as well.

Love cards and greetings are popularly known as Valentines in Scotland and come in different shapes and patterns. Sending beautiful cards has almost become like a tradition and even the teenagers and the young folks join in to impress the boy or girl that they are interested in. Some even take this to the extent of writing romantic poems for their sweetheart and delivering it by post. Part of the tradition was that you are not supposed to sign or indicate your name. It was entirely up to the person who you sent to, to make a guess about the sender. Some people even decide to get engaged and tie the knot on this day. Many of these traditions continue till date.

Source: <https://festivals.iloveindia.com/valentines-day/around-the-world/scotland.html>

Notable Kin

John Alexander McDougall – Politician, Councillor, Mayor

Early Life

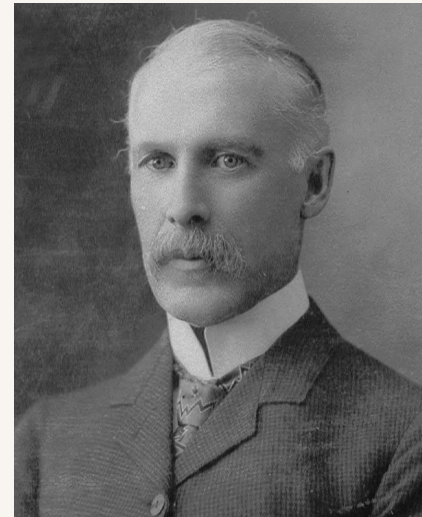
John Alexander McDougall was born May 20th, 1854, in Oakwood, Ontario, to Alexander J. McDougall and Janet Cummings. His father died in 1867 when John was thirteen. He left school and worked to support his family.

In 1873, he moved to Fort Garry (now Winnipeg) where he worked as a fur trader and completed his education at Manitoba College. In 1877 this work brought him to Edmonton, where he decided to settle, but not before returning to Ontario in 1878 to marry his high school sweetheart, Lovisa Jane Amey (1878-1943), with whom he would have three sons and three daughters. The pair settled in Edmonton in 1879, where McDougall commenced trading furs in competition with the Hudson's Bay Company.

In 1881, he was one of ten Edmontonians to guarantee the five hundred dollar annual salary of the settlement's first schoolteacher. He became a justice of the peace in 1885.

Business Career

McDougall traded furs until 1896, when he and partner Richard Secord founded McDougall & Secord, which advertised itself as "general merchants, wholesale and retail; buyers and exporters of raw furs; dealers in land scrip and north west lands; outfitters for survey parties, traders, trappers, miners and others for the north, and suppliers for country stores." The two ran the company until 1907, when they sold it and went into business as a financial house and mortgage corporation called McDougall & Secord, Limited. McDougall operated this company until his death, when its leadership was taken over by his son John Charles McDougall.



John McDougall was the first President of the Edmonton Board of Trade.

Political Career

In 1892, McDougall ran for alderman of Edmonton's first town council. He was narrowly defeated, finishing seventh place (16 votes behind sixth place Philip Daly) out of fourteen candidates in an election in which the top six candidates were elected. When he made his second attempt in 1893, he finished first of nine candidates and was elected. He was re-elected in 1894 (finishing second of nine candidates, behind Colin Strang) and was elected to the public school board the same year (he would serve one year).

In 1895 McDougall ran for mayor against Herbert Charles Wilson, but was defeated by a margin of 129 votes to 91. He would make another attempt in 1896, and would be acclaimed mayor. He did not seek re-election in 1897, and stayed out of politics for the next decade.

In 1907 McDougall was again elected mayor, defeating Joseph Henri Picard 1217 votes to 437. During his second term as mayor, he installed an automatic telephone system in the city and oversaw the establishment of a street railway as a municipal operation. He did not seek re-election in 1908.

In 1909 he was elected as a Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly for the riding of Edmonton. He served his term, but did not seek re-election in 1913.

Last Years and Legacy

McDougall spent many of his last years traveling the world with his wife. He died in Edmonton on December 17th, 1928. He had been active with the Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Order and the Edmonton Club.

McDougall was one of the founders of St. John Ambulance in Alberta.

John A. McDougall School is named in his honour.

McDougall & Secord, Limited exists in Edmonton to this day, believed to be the oldest surviving company in Alberta. Its precursors—McDougall's General Store and Secord's Fur Store and Warehouse—are reproduced on 1885 Street in Fort Edmonton Park.

Tartan Trousers Made to Order

The Draper's provides custom tartan trousers in Heritage MacDougall Tartan and Dalriada Tartan.

Our Tartan trousers are available in traditional styles such as straight waistline and fishtail back.

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Andrew McDowell
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Edmonton, AB

Edgar MacDougall
Colorado Springs, CO

Brian McDougall
Devon, AB

Beverly Lawton
Hartford, CT

From Our Archives



WINNER OF SURE-THING HAS PROBLEM Loser of Argument Pays Off Bet With Horse

By BILL EAST
Sentinel Reporter

A couple of nights ago, two men stood before the registration desk at Hotel Robert E. Lee.

Mr. McDougall, on the other hand, was a married man. His family knew where he was. Since it was Mr. McDougall's third trip to Winston-Salem and only his first, well...

It just added up — it had to be Mr. McDougall's letter.

An argument blazed. Both men became more stubborn. A bet ensued. The stake? The loser had to give the

When Mr. McDougall stepped out of the washroom into the yard, there was a four-footed critter with a huge red bow around him. Everybody said it was a horse. So did Mr. Motley's written receipt.

But Mr. McDougall was suspicious. "Get me a dictionary," he shouted as he observed the tall, pointed ears and the critter's swayback. "Looks like a mule."

In the mail slot for the room were sharing. George Motley and J. A. McDougall, both of Atlanta, Ga., spied a single letter.

Mr. Motley, a young, unattached male, said the letter couldn't possibly be his.

He Walked away from the desk and told Mr. McDougall to get it - that it was his, anyway.

But Mr. McDougall was stubborn. He called Mr. Motley back and insisted the letter must belong to him.

But Mr. Motley reasoned it this way:

He and Mr. McDougall were Westinghouse employees who travel out of Atlanta checking turbines.

They had come to Winston-Salem to check the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company turbine. Not a soul (he thought) in Atlanta had known he (Mr. Motley) was coming to Winston Salem.

winner a H-O-R-S-E.

The letter came out of the slot. There, unmistakably, was the answer. It was addressed to Mr. Motley, care of the hotel. And it was postmarked, "Atlanta, Ga."

Wondering where he was going to get a horse to pay off his bet, Mr. Motley ripped open the envelope and found the "letter" was a Christmas card from Mr. McDougall and his wife.

It had happened that they were the only two persons in Atlanta who knew where he was.

When Mr. McDougall had made the hotel reservations for the two men, he also had changed Mr. Motley's address on his wife's Christmas card address list.

Yesterday, during the noon lunch hour, a crowd of Reynolds' workers gathered around the turbine building to watch the wager payoff.

Mr. Motley said he obtained the animal "locally" to teach his partner "not to bet on sure things any more—not with me, at any rate."

Mr. McDougall's win posed a thorny problem. He didn't know what to do with the animal. It looked old enough to be Francis the talking mule's great-grandmother.

At last report, he still hadn't decided on how to "dispose" of his prize. He understood the hotel frowns on mules as roomers.

It looked as though the unwitting pawn in the bet might be a Christmas guest at the McDougalls' table.

Photo by Jean Cunningham
"A HORSE" was the pawn yesterday when George Motley, left, paid off to J. A. McDougall.

Source: Winston Salem, NC Sentinel, December 24, 1952

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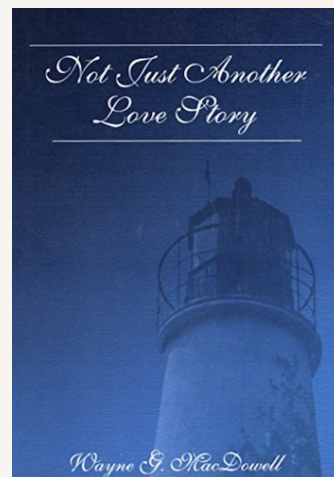
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By Suzan Tisdale



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