



The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the
Clan MacDougall Society of North America



Mo dheagh chairdean. Bliadhna Mhath Ùr!
(Welcome my Friends. Happy New Year)

It's January 2024. We've all made our New Year's resolutions by now. My own new year's resolution is to be more organized and diligent in the things that I do. This includes my personal life as well as my volunteer positions with Clan MacDougall Society of North America. In the spirit of that diligence, I'd like to share a few items with you.

- **Thank You!** To all of our Members reading this, renewals went out in the Fall of 2023 in the form of our annual contribution campaign. Several of our Life members continued to donate. I point this out because I appreciate that our life members stay involved and think of the Society as more than a "membership". Thank you **ALL** for placing our Society at the top end of your charitable priorities. Without ALL our Member contributions, we would be unable to fulfill any of our purposes. **IF** you did not receive the fall contribution letter, please reach out to our membership VP and update your contact details as we did have a few mail returns marked undeliverable.
- **We are always looking for information about YOU.** Birth announcements, wedding dates, other special events and even saying goodbye to loved ones...these are all things we would love to share in the Raven. The Raven is a way to inform you of our programs and needs, but it is also a way to keep you connected with kith and kin all over the world.
- We always need **volunteers**. In January of 2016, it was posted in The Raven regarding the closing of our sister Clan Society in Europe. That closure was due to principal volunteers retiring or passing on without volunteers to step up to fill these key roles. We continue to have good relationships with those who were previously involved in our sister Clan Society. *I mention this because our own Society is run exclusively by volunteers – people like YOU. We have committees that need volunteers.* We have elections every year for Board Members, Officers, and we are always looking for volunteers to host Game Tents all over the country (both United States and Canada). If you have a desire to be involved with Clan MacDougall Society in any way, please contact one of our Board Members, Officers, or fill out the application on our website.
- **Burns Night!** A celebration of Scotland's famous poet, Robert "Rabbie" Burns - Born on 25th of January. Celebrations all over the world take place in January often including food, drink, the reading of Burns poems and a formal gathering of Scots everywhere. We would love to share your Burns Night Celebration with our members if you're interested in sharing your experiences.



International Gathering 2024: Ath-choinnicheamaid san Òban (Let's meet again in Oban). Yes! Our Clan Chief, Madame Morag MacDougall of MacDougall is hosting an international gathering THIS

SUMMER! I know the banners have been posted on our website, in our Tartan and Raven editions and on the Dunollie Museum website. This will be my personal first visit to Scotland and to any International Gathering held at Oban. I am so excited to attend and sincerely hope to meet many of you there! Join us on 30th July through 4th of August for this wonderful celebration. **Thank You to ALL those at Dunollie who have had a hand in making this coming gathering possible!**

Visit Oban, Argyl, Scotland and Join Clan MacDougall for the International Gathering 2024!



Visit: Dunollie.org for tickets and MORE information

A Recipe for Celebration

A new year brings many opportunities for celebration among Scottish decedents: Hogmanay, Roberts Burn's Night... and let's be honest, what evening isn't improved with a wee dram? For your next celebration, here's a delightful dinner from Mary Berry. Dame Mary Berry is a British baker, known in America for being a judge on The Great British Bake Off. While born in Britian, Mary's mother hailed from Scotland. This recipe was originally shown on a Christmas special, but make it your own!



Ingredients

- 2 tbsp sunflower oil
- 2.2lbs beef shank, trimmed and diced
- 2 onions, sliced
- 3 sticks of celery, sliced
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups red wine
- 10fl oz beef stock
- 1 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 tbsp chopped thyme
- 1 13.75oz jar pickled walnuts, drained and quartered
- 1lb pre-made puff pastry
- 1 egg, beaten

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 325F/160C/140 fan/Gas 3 You will need a 3-pint round or rectangle ovenproof dish.
2. Heat the oil in a deep frying pan with a lid. Add the beef and sear in two batches, set aside.
3. Add the onions and celery to the pan and fry for 4-5 minutes. Add the garlic and fry for 30 seconds. Mix in the beef.
4. Add the flour into a mixing bowl. Whisk in the wine until you have a smooth consistency. Add the stock, wine mixture, tomato puree and thyme to the pan. Stir and bring up to the boil. Cover with a lid and transfer to the oven for 3 – 3.5 hours until the beef is tender.
5. Once the beef is tender, stir in the pickled walnuts.
6. Spoon the beef into the ovenproof dish and leave to cool. Invert a small tea cup or pie funnel in the center of the dish. Increase the oven temperature to 390F/200C/Gas 6.
7. Roll out the pastry on a floured surface to a large rectangle, a little bigger than the surface of the dish. Slice four x 1cm strips from the pastry.
8. Wet the edges of the dish with water and stick the four strips of pastry along the edge. Wet the top of the strips and carefully lay the large sheet of pastry over the top, press around the edge so it sticks to the strips of pastry. Crimp the edge of

the pastry. Using a small sharp knife make two holes, one either side of the cup to allow the steam to escape and prevent the pastry from being soggy.

9. Roll out the trimmings from the pastry into a long rectangle. Chill in the freezer until very firm and carefully cut out the letters HAPPY CHRISTMAS from the pastry.
10. Brush the pie with egg wash, press the letters to the top and brush again. Bake in the center of the oven for about 45 minutes until golden.

The John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Program

Applications for the John A. McDougall 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, 2024**.

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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Annual Campaign

The Campaign is not fully complete as of this newsletter. However, we would like to take this time to say "Thank You" to all of our members who contributed as of November 2023. If you missed your renewal letter or contribution letter, PLEASE contact us to update your contact information.

Our Society is working hard to carry out our purposes for generations to come, thanks to **your** help!

While responses were due December 31, it's never too late
to help make your Society and its good works better than ever!

Upcoming Events

International Gathering 2024!



Tickets are needed to ATTEND the Gathering.



Tickets are also needed to attend individual events so YOU can have a unique Visit.



Visit: [Dunollie.org](https://dunollie.org) for tickets to attend AND tickets for individual EVENTS!

You will need your registration tickets to book activities and events to fill each of your gathering days. Our tickets are going live on the morning of Tuesday 16th January, and will be bookable through the same page of our website as the registration tickets. Activity tickets will be accessible through the button above, or, in the following way from our website homepage: On the menu at the top of the page, select 'Visit', then from the drop-down menu, select 'Tickets'. This will redirect you to our ticketing website. There, select 'Tickets' and then, 'Clan MacDougall Gathering 2024' .

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Hogmanay For Kids

The Scottish Cultural Outreach Foundation created a delightful scavenger hunt to celebrate Hogmanay with your kids! Check it out!



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Thank you for your continued support!

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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.

Membership is open to all.

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