



The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the
Clan MacDougall Society of North America



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

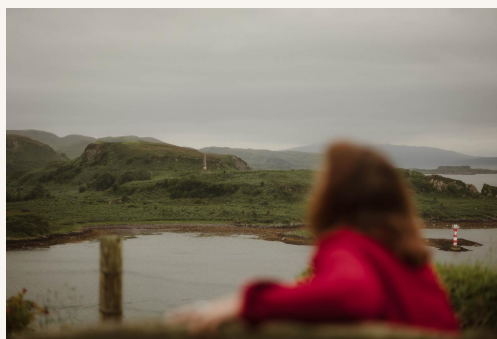
It's January 2025. Many of us like to make a difference. In the Raven this year, we hope to post about each committee we have for the Nonprofit organization you know as Clan MacDougall Society of North America. Please ask questions if you are curious. Volunteer if you have the time and skill set that one of our Committees can benefit from. Let's make 2025 better for CMSNA than 2024! Improving on the previous version of us is the best thing we can do each year (and each day). Last issue focused on the Hospitality Committee. This issue highlights the Nominating Committee. Next Issue will highlight the Scholarship Committee. Where would you like to join in the fun

at CMSNA in 2025? Reach out to ANY OF OUR OFFICERS, the editors, or Directors to become a volunteer. OR better yet, fill out the Volunteer form on [our website](#).

We have 9 standing committees and only 3 are running at this moment. We have a new member on the staff of our Genealogy Committee. He is also excited to write for The Raven and The Tartan.

I am excited to see new names and faces on our membership roster, at our Highland Games Festivities all over the Continent, and on our Volunteers Roster as well. If you have time and an interest, WE have a place for YOU! Come and Volunteer with us!

- Membership Committee
- Genealogy Committee
- Hospitality Committee
- Awards Committee
- Budget Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Young Professionals Committee
- Games Hosts (do you have a festival that does NOT have a MacDougall tent?) We need a Games Host for that festival! Join Us!





Our annual elections are held in March and April. We elect Directors to serve on the Board in March. Then in April, our Board Members elect the Officers. Nominations begin in December when the Nomination Committee is appointed. If you are ever interested in making a difference within the Nonprofit, please reach out and volunteer on one of our Committees. We love including our members!

Board Elections:

Elections take place in March. Ballots are distributed by March 10th for Voting. Ballots are sent out by the Secretary. Votes are returned to the Archivist AND Secretary by March 31st. you can print the ballots and mail them or send your ballot info by email.

Lindsay McDowell Davis is our current Secretary. secretary@macdougall.org
 Kyle Jones is our current Archivist.
archivist@macdougall.org

BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO BOTH SECRETARY AND ARCHIVIST TO BE VALID!

Checks and balances are an important part of any organization.

There are 18 Directors. Six of the Eighteen serve as Officers.

WHO gets to VOTE:

Regional Commissioners
 Standing Committee Chairs
 Board Members

Duties according to our By Laws and Standing Rules:
 (page 5 of our Standing Rules, VI. 4.)

"The Nominating Committee will submit the names of candidates for Directors and Officers to the Board of Directors to be voted upon at elections provided for in the Bylaws before January 15 of any election year."

By Laws:
 page 5, Section: IV. b. i-vi.

"b. Number and Selection of the Directors

- i. There will be 18 Directors
- ii. Term length for each Director is three years.
- iii. Six Directors will be elected each year by the Board of Directors, by the Regional Commissioners, and by the Standing Committee Chairs. Each elector will have one vote even if that individual holds more than one eligible position.

Directors to serve on the Board:

iv. The Directors will be elected in the month of March each year by ballot distributed by March 10th by the Recording Secretary/Archivist and returned by March 31st. The Recording Secretary/Archivist may use existing technology to ensure privacy during the voting process.

v. Vacancies on the Board occurring between the annual elections due to death, resignation or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors.

vi. Directors will assume their duties on July 1."

Officer Elections:

By Laws, page 7, Section: V. a. iii.
 "iii. Election of Officers: During

*Each elector will have one vote even if that individual holds more than one eligible position.

each year in which an election of Officers is required, ballots for Directors will be distributed by April tenth and returned by April twentieth. The Officers will assume their duties on July 1."

By Laws, page 7, Section: V. a. ii.
"The term of office is two years except for the President and Tanist whose terms are three years. No individual may hold more than one Officer position. All Officers except the President may succeed themselves."

Flowers of the Forrest



Beverley Herring Mundt

Beverley Herring Mundt, 77,
of Winter Springs, Florida,
passed from this life
Saturday, November 2, 2024.

Beverley was accomplished in many career fields with the majority in construction management. She retired after having been a vice president, project administrator, and a Asst. Project Manager/Project Engineer building schools, hospitals, banks, and embassies. Along with her construction management and paralegal studies in college, Beverley also maintained her certifications as a Notary and as a Community Association Manager through the years.

She was involved with many organizations such as the Orlando Museum of Art where she had volunteered and had some of her own art on display and American Singles Golf Association as co-chairman of membership. She was President/director of her neighborhood HOA, and the Orlando representative for the Clan MacDougall Society of North America where she hosted the MacDougall tent at the Central Florida Highland Games for many years.

Additionally, Beverley was a writer having her short stories published in magazines and online. When she was not writing a new story, she loved to garden like her parents. She enjoyed going to Audubon meetings and gardening events as well. Beverley loved to travel to new and interesting places. Oban Scotland for the 2019 Clan Gathering was a favorite highlight of hers. While she enjoyed golfing and going for walks, she was drawn to the water. Beverley loved the beach, boating, scuba diving, and sometimes fishing too.



She was a Christian, a patriot, a daughter, a sister, and a mother who deeply loved her family. Survivors include her son, Brad Mundt of Winter Springs, and her daughter, Lindsey Mundt of Georgia; grandchildren, Brittany, Renee, and Morgan. Beverley is GREATLY loved and missed.

She was laid to rest, joining her parents and siblings, at Garland Brook Cemetery in Columbus, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the Orange Audubon society of Florida or the donor's choice of charities in her honor. Online condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at [Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home](#).

The John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Program

John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Applications are now being accepted.

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. Mailed in Applications MUST be postmarked by March 31st, 2025 in order to be accepted.

Applications will be accepted until March 31st, 2025.

Winners of the Scholarship awards will be announced in July 2025 at Grandfather Mountain as is tradition. Award letters will be mailed out in



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! Some of our past recipients are:

To join in this effort, please **consider making a donation** using the far right button below.

[Program Details](#)

[Application](#)

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Annual Campaign: January Update

While responses were due December 31, 2024, it's never too late
to help make your Society and its good works better than ever!

The Campaign Tally is almost complete as of this newsletter.
We would like to take this time to say **"Thank You"**
to all of our members who contributed as of January 1st, 2025.

IF you missed your renewal letter or contribution letter,
PLEASE [contact us](#) so your contact information can be updated.

Our Society is working hard to carry out our purposes for generations to come.
Thanks for **your** help! Your contributions and donations make it all possible!

Shop and Support Dunollie:

Visit **The Draper's Shop** where all proceeds benefit Dunollie Museum, Castle, and Grounds.



Winter has just arrived in the US. The holidays are over and most of us are looking towards Super Bowl LIX and Valentine's Day (next month). The Drapers Shop has a lot to offer for your Valentine! SHOP NOW so your gift arrives on time!

The Clan MacDougall has a rich and storied history with our ancestral home nestled in the West Highlands of Scotland in Oban. The castle and grounds have been preserved and are maintained to offer visitors a glimpse into the fascinating world of our ancient clan. We are proud to support The Draper's Shop and Dunollie Castle, Museum, and Grounds so future generations can visit an actual location creating a living history to enjoy.

Things available at the Draper's shop are: MacDougall Tartans, Books, Threads and Yarns, Accessories, the Dalriada Tartan, the Lorne Tweed, puzzles and other gifts for giving, and MORE!

Events Update and ReCap:

DECEMBER!

Dec 7th, 2024 - **Alexandria Christmas Walk** - Alexandria, VA, USA

We had 14 people walk in the parade for the Alexandria Christmas walk! Thanks for showing up and supporting our Clans and our Society! Local events were a number ONE request on our 2021 survey AND local events are still a request when we talk to our members and contributors today! We LOVE that you want to support us and be involved!

Book Club Update:



In November, we published a Book Club article in hopes of getting more members involved with each other....

If you are interested in receiving emails with additional information, please sign up using this [LINK](#).

You will be able to opt in and out of each book as you please. Signing up does not immediately commit you to each book – choose those which interest you most!

Books will be centered on Scottish history, culture, or themes and may be fictional or nonfictional in nature.

The Clan MacDougall Society of North America is initiating its first ever Book Club! **Starting in January 2025 and running through the calendar year, the Book Club will read one book per quarter (four books through the year) and meet once a month.** In between meetings, active chats will be held for interested members to discuss the book in detail.

We hope to see you there!
SIGN UP NOW!



Upcoming Events

NYC Tartan Day Parade!

when: April 5th, 2025

Where: New York City

Who to contact: **John Cowan**

It's one of the largest, if not the largest, celebration of Scottish heritage in the country. Yes, it's the annual New York City Tartan week and Tartan Day Parade! Last year we had 9 Clan members march and this year we'd love to have MORE. We always gather for a nice lunch at the Bryant Park Cafe then gather at our starting spot with enough time before the parade start to visit with some of the other Clans and pipe bands. This parade draws Clans, Scottish organizations/societies, and pipe bands from all over the world. Clan MacDougal is registered and we're eager to march and hoping to have as many members as possible join us. If you want more information or have any questions please feel free to message me on our Facebook Group, or [email me at jvcowan2002@yahoo.com](mailto:jvcowan2002@yahoo.com)

Let's make last years walk look small! Walk with us in the parade and support your Clan Heritage. Spread the word. The more the merrier!

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the online store!
Let's go Shopping!



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Port Authority Embroidered Men's
Heathered Silk Touch Performance Polo
Product: A262-419-1465 - Style: 5178



The Clan MacDougall Society of North America **online store** with the Queensboro Company is your source for official CMSNA apparel. A portion of each purchase you make directly benefits the Society's budget and our ability to keep doing all the things you care about.

Thank you for your continued support!

Many Looks and Options available! Check it out!

New Members

Dawn Reilly
Abita Springs, LA

Tony McDowell
Tropic, UT

Gary Lee Barton
Daytona Beach, FL

James Spradlin, Jr
Leesburg, FL

John Smith MacDougall
West Hartford, CT

Bryan Barry
Mt. Holly, NC

William MacDougall
Kelseyville, CA

Elizabeth McDougall
Van Nuys, CA

Doris McDowell
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Jeraldyn Moore
Angier, NC

Michael Brunswick
Wapakoneta, OH



Board News:

We have six members up for re-election to our Board of Directors this year in 2025.

Kyle Jones * Brent Rich * Darleen Weisz * Lindsay Davis
Malcolm MacDougall * Valerie McDougall*

We have 4 of our Directors running for re-election (Darleen, Lindsay, Malcolm, & Valerie). We have 1 interim position to be filled which will be open for re-election again in 2026. We have 2 of our Directors who will be vacating their Directors positions (Kyle & Brent). At this time we would like to thank those leaving our Board of Directors. The time and efforts you have put in during your service to CMSNA as a Director is greatly appreciated. Though you are leaving your Director position, we appreciate the friendships and relationships you have cultivated personally and professionally for the Society and within the Society during your service to Clan MacDougall Society of North America. We, The Board of Directors of CMSNA, wish you all the best in your continued support of the Society through other projects and endeavors. Thanks for being part of the team and making it a great team to be on. Have a blessed year in 2025!

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courtesy of our friends at The Scottish Banner.

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OUR NONPROFIT MISSION

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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