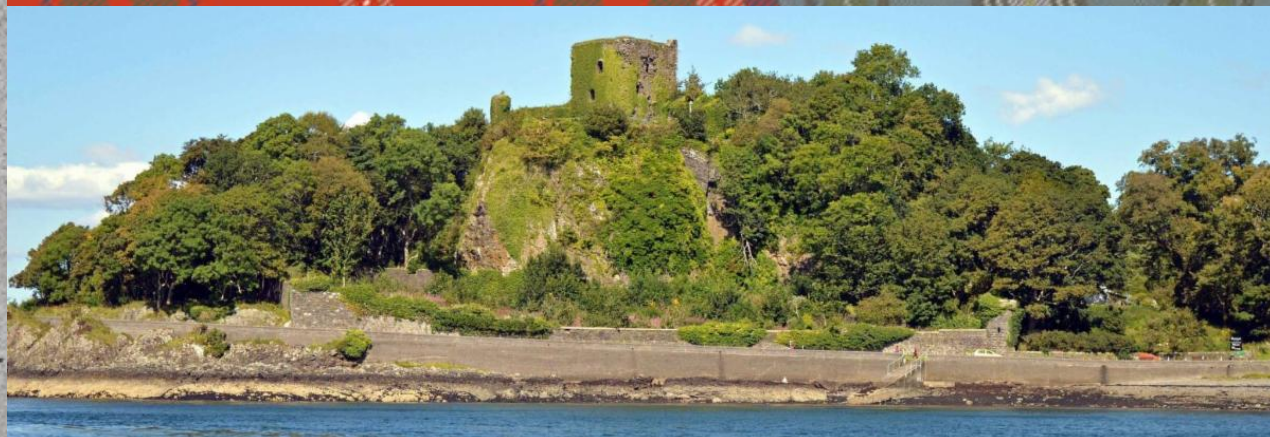




Happy June, everybody!

This is the busy time of year for CMSNA. With all the Highland games going on and reports coming in, progress happening at our heritage sites in Scotland, and updates rolling in from our John A. Memorial Scholars, this issue just kept growing and growing! We hope you find it an enjoyable read and that we haven't thrown too much at you.

Over on the administrative side, the Officers have been planning for our annual convergence on Grandfather Mountain, working on the projects and budget for 2023, developing new programs, and training up Representatives in locations where we have had little or no presence. Busy, busy, busy! This is a fantastic thing!

I'd like to call your attention to one area I have been thinking about. Each year for the past several years, we have awarded around \$3,000 through the John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship program to the very deserving students you read about in *The Raven* from issue to issue. I feel that is the reasonable amount to ask the Board of Directors to approve based on the importance of this program to fulfilling our purpose of educating the next generation.

Beginning this year, we are designating July as a time we celebrate the month we were founded back in 1965, by conducting a special supplemental fundraiser. This first year I am asking you all to express your support of our scholarship programs by making a small additional donation. Whatever your heart feels is appropriate. Just select one of the scholarship options when you visit our [donations page](#). Together we can continue to hold up this important purpose.

On another topic, one of the reasons things are going so well and we've seen such an increase in our activity in recent years, is that we have been much more proactive in reaching out to communicate with our members. My goal for the summer is to speak to as many of you by telephone as possible. It's an ambitious goal - around 700 calls to make - but will be worth the effort in helping us do the best job we can. (I might have to have Misha or some of the Representatives help me!)

By putting in this effort, we will be able to hear directly from you what your priorities are for Society

programs and what you wish we were focusing on. We will learn for sure how important scholarships, or heritage sites, or youth education, or genealogy or a dozen other things are to you. So, be forewarned, your phone will be ringing. Put my number in your contacts. (320-372-0718) I hope you'll take the call. It's not a scammer or a salesman. It's just Cousin Kyle wanting to connect.

Kyle Jones
President, CMSNA

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Grandfather Mountain Highland Games & Gathering of the Scottish clans

July 7-10, 2022 MacRae Meadows, Linville NC

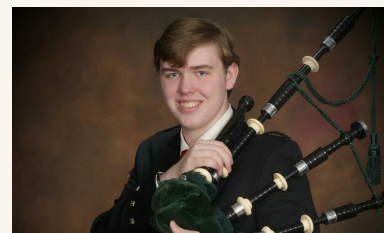
Visit us at the Grandfather Games, July 7 – 10

Please let us know if you're attending the 2022 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina. Our Society was created at these games 57 years ago, and we're planning fun, fellowship, and hospitality refreshments at our CMSNA tents. Contact Malcolm MacDougall at mpmacd@yahoo.com so we can plan to welcome you.

Scholar Updates

Preserving Culture Through Music

Andrew Simpson, recipient of a 2022 John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship, has been making international news with his quest to collect and record every song of the Jacobite period.



[Read Full Story](#)

Audrey Trawick

This past year has kept me busy in a lot of

ways. I started off the year competing at the Orlando Championship, placing 1st runner up for Premier age 19 and over. It was a wonderful first-time achievement for which I am very pleased with my progression as a competitive dancer.

Following this competition, I noticed that I was showing signs of an injury, and I decided that it was best to take a little bit of time off to allow my injury to heal. I used this time to work extensively toward my Scottish National's examination. My studies are going extremely well, might I add, and I am happy to announce that I will be scheduling to take my examination this summer!!!



I have not shared the extent of my injury with everyone in the Highland community, but I would like to share it with all of you because of the continual support that I have been given throughout the years by your organization.

In April, I had found out that I have two vertebrae in my spine that are compressed, causing back pain as well as nerve and muscle issues in my left leg. I am undergoing PT in hopes to correct the injury, and in the meantime competitive dancing has been put on hold for the remainder of this year. I was, however, able to attend the SE Regional competition in Savannah Georgia, and managed to compete. I placed 5th runner up in Premier 19 and over against 17 registered dancers in my division. Two days before the competition, I suffered a reinjury, that I had worked so hard to overcome so that I could attend regionals this year. My family and I left for the event not knowing if I would actually be able to compete due to the severity of my injury. I knew that I was not 100% but was determined to finish out the season the best that I possibly could.

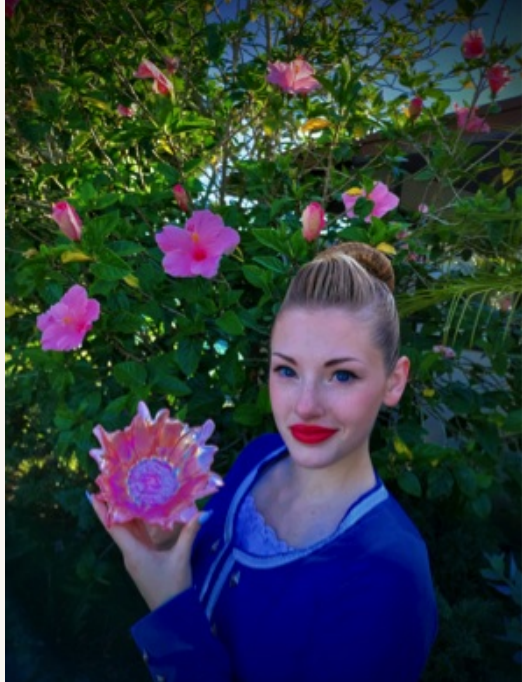
To my surprise, I was not expecting an overall trophy but extremely pleased with my efforts and abilities to be lucky enough to obtain one at the end of the regional competition.

As for the remainder of the season, I wanted to let everyone know that I will continue to study in anticipation for my Scottish Nationals examination while continuing my physical therapy.

One of the requirements for taking my examination is that I will need to dance 8 national dances for my examiner, as part of my Scottish National exam. At this time, with the current state of my injury, I am unable to perform all 8 of my National dances and will have to put my examination on hold, toward the end of this summer, until my body is able to handle the stress of all 8 dances.

Even though these past years have had a few bumps along the way, I would like to tell everyone that I'm not at all interested in giving up. It might be taking me a bit longer than normal to achieve my goals this go around, and it's definitely been a bit frustrating, but I can confidently say, that it's still worth putting in the effort to reach my educational goals, as a dancer and as an instructor.

I definitely think it's the hard things in life that reap the greatest rewards. I don't know what my future holds as a competitive dancer because of the extent of my injury, but I can tell you that I'm going to enjoy the experiences, both positive and negative, along my journey.



my heart.

Sincerest thanks,
Audrey N. Trawick, TBHD

For anyone who might be struggling, I would like to give you some encouragement...life is about what you make from it. It changes from day to day, moment to moment. Don't be afraid to find your joy when things don't come easy. Seek out to do the things you want to do no matter how long it takes and don't listen to the negative remarks that might come from others around you. We all progress in our own time and in our own moments. And it's ok if life hands you challenges along the way that might set you back a bit, just don't lose sight of your end goal, and continue to push through.

Thank you so very much for all you do to contribute to community members like me. When I think of all the things that I have accomplished so far, I think of all of you standing there with me in support. You are all amazing community members and I thank you from the bottom of



Brynn Brown

I wanted to update you with what has been happening in our lives! Brynn competed at Savannah and sadly, is an alternate for the USIR. However, her dance instructor Victoria Anderson is taking her to the USIR in Madison, Wisconsin to compete in all the other competitions for those who did not qualify on a National level. This will be an experience we could have never afforded as a family as we live in South Carolina. But with your support, and her teacher's unwavering belief that Brynn will qualify next year - she can now go and experience what it is like on a National level. This is an invaluable experience that will serve as an internal motivator for sure! We are thankful for your support and having these scholarship programs available for kids like my daughter who work so hard!

On a side note, I had a stroke right before Regionals and then a heart procedure last week. I am positive this impacted Brynn as we were all side tracked for sure. On another side note- I had 12-hour brain surgery years ago to remove a tumor in my cerebellum. I have had extensive rehab and therapy to relearn everything since then. I was hoping to secure my 1st part-time job before the stroke occurred. I do not share this to earn sympathy because we are very positive and happy and thankful. I'm sharing it to provide insight to our lives as everyday people who honestly need financial support to buy Brynn new outfits, dance shoes and help with all the workshops and registration fees! We are unbelievably thankful to Clan MacDougall for supporting the dreams of our daughter Brynn!!!

Up next: Brynn will be competing at the Ohio Scottish Games in June and attending the Ohio Scottish

Dance Camp for the first time! In July, she will compete on Saturday at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and then go to Madison to compete!

As we are trying to get back on track health wise, I do hope to make it around the Clan tents to meet you all!! Brynn would like to see the faces behind the letter and to know who is supporting her!

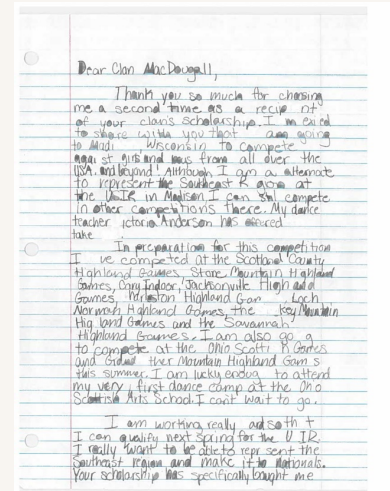
Warmly,
Michelle Brown (mother of Brynn)

Editor's Note:

We also received a letter for you from Brynn, herself. Click the notebook paper image to "open" your mail.

Above, we encourage you to click the image of Brynn to see a post about how the dance community support each other and pass our traditions along. This is an example of what our Society is all about and we are so proud of Brynn - and all our Scholars!

We wish all of them and their families the best of luck in competition this season, and swift healing for any injury!



Sedalia and Garrett County Games Reports **By Jon MacLucas, Mid-Atlantic Region Commissioner**



Greetings Clansfolk—

It is time that I provide an accounting of the Celtic Festival that happened at the Sedalia Center in Big Island, Virginia this past March 26th. After only getting lost twice in my GPS-afflicted odyssey

around Lynchburg, VA. during the morning hours on that Saturday, I finally managed to arrive at the site a bit after 9 A.M. to find that the stalwart Brian MacDougall had already managed to erect his tent and put out clan materials. The site at Sedalia Center is quite beautiful except when old man winter decided to impose. For the next several hours we desperately spent trying to hold the tent and materials from being blown away in 40-plus mile-per-hour wind gusts, temperatures in the low 40's degree F, and amidst at least 4 snow gales. Aye, real Scotting weather!! Fortunately I had brought down a clear plexiglass display case that Virginia State Representative John Dowdle had gifted to me that greatly helped keep most of the brochures and other display items from journeying down the road and over the hills. Nevertheless we persevered, cross-bracing the tent with PVC tubing and taking turns propping up the side where the wind was coming from. A few other clans were represented but all in all attendance at the Festival was decidedly sparse, save for the Highland Games competitors who laughed it all off. T'was a day for blue knees for those in kilts like yours truly.

I tip my bonnet to Brian and his family for braving the elements and making our clan's representation at this Festival as successful as it was. However by 3 PM the tent gave up the ghost and was folded up into a crumpled pile of bent tubing and plastic and we judiciously decided to call it a day. Despite all of the obstacles, the event was decidedly a success in spirit (and not just because of the spirits that were imbibed) and the impression I left with was that the attendees did enjoy the ambiance, food, and music that was created. I even gave a nod to my 10,000th great grandfather Norse ancestor and acquired a bearded hand axe as a token to my kinsman Somerled. So hopefully next year we can look forward to celebrating another Celtic Festival in Sedalia Center with a more hospitable climate. Meanwhile please pass the hot pad and a steamy cup of spiked hot chocolate!



What a difference about 60 days makes! From the cold and gusty yin of the Sedalia Center at the end of March 2022 to the radiant balmy yang of the Garrett County Games on the first weekend of June 2022. It was a most pleasant time to saunter about in the crystalline clear mountain air amidst all of the amiable folk who showed up in Friendsville, MD. to the Saturday 05/05/22 festivities. My hat is off to John Cowan who preceded my arrival to the event by about ½ hour and already had the tent and tables up when I wandered in. We together made quick work of the rest of the tent Clan displays and settled

in for the attendees to show up. We scarcely had a breeze until later in the afternoon when a faint whisper came over the mountains to the west. Glad not to have to be concerned about whether the tent would take flight. We were also quite pleased to see Ashby and Rosemary McCowen and their family, grandchildren and all, visit the Games and pronounce them to be most worthy of the trip. Happy Birthday Ashby! This is the second time that I have attended this event and it appears that it has not lost any of its charm and appeal despite the COVID plague these last two years. We shall hope that you may consider spending a day in the mountains of Maryland when the next Garrett County Celtic Games occur next year!

Busy Days in the East

By John Dowdle, Virginia State Representative

We try to preserve as much of the original text of Officer reports as possible, to communicate honest insight from the event attendees to the readership of *The Raven*. You will enjoy the following detailed event reports from Virginia State Representative John Dowdle, who has been very busy all spring. He and Cynthia always have fantastic pictures! Our thanks to the Dowdles for working so hard!

Kirkin O the Tartans

Southern MD Celtic Games

VA International Tattoo

Scottish Fest Returns to Orange County

By Darleen Weisz, So. Cal. Representative

Our local games are coming back in full form with all the traditions we enjoy. The Scottish Fest returned the last of May. It was a grand weekend of celebration and being together again. Our special thanks to the local member families who represented us with style and warm welcomes at the hospitality tent this year.

Society member Floyd Ferguson presented Kristy with our Clan MacDougall Plant Badge, the Bell Heather. For local festivals and Games, Floyd has developed a list of plant badges for all clans to help people identify their own badge and learn more about it.



Kristy MacDougall and Elliott Beltran representing Clan MacDougall at the Orange County (CA) Scottish Fest

A Good Day Out in Pennsylvania

By John Cowan, Pennsylvania State Representative



We had a beautiful day and a great turnout for the Garrett County Celtic Festival. This festival has

been steadily growing over the past few years. Jon MacLucas came up from the DC area to work the tent with me and “Ollie”. We received a lot of compliments on the tent display. Also, we were honored to have Past Society President Ashby McCown stop by the tent with his extended family, and spend time with us. He’s an unbelievable wealth of knowledge regarding the history of the Clan and Scotland.

News from Dunollie

Since the pandemic, the team at Dunollie Museum, Castle & Grounds has been trying to create more online resources for people across the world to experience a bit of Dunollie from the comfort of their own home. The latest addition to this can be found on **our website** and takes the form of virtual 360 tours to explore 4 different locations within the site. Particular attention should be drawn to the third one: ‘Dunollie Castle – Interior’ as it shows the second floor of Dunollie’s Castle Ruin which was only made accessible to the general public after the 2019 Castle Consolidation works. Many of you may not have had the opportunity to visit since then and this renovation wouldn’t have been possible without fundraising efforts to which many of you contributed.

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The Dunollie website now contains an **Online Events Programme** and **Special Events Page** with a variety of opportunities upcoming. Watch these pages for links to the events as they become available. The first event is a presentation on the collection at Kilmartin Museum. This event is free for Airhead and Or Worldwide Clan Supporters of Dunollie. If you are interested in becoming a Dunollie Supporter, please **click here**. Click the image below to go to the page to **book your seat**!



All that Glitters is not Gold: Bronze Artefacts in Kilmartin Museum's Collection - *Online Talk*

Thursday 23rd June at 7pm.

We are delighted to welcome Dr Sharon Webb, curator and director of Kilmartin Museum. She will be sharing her knowledge of Kilmartin's incredible collection of Bronze Artefacts, recognised as one of Museums Galleries Scotland's '50 Nationally Significant Collections' and made up of Bronze age objects found all over Argyll. This opportunity is especially valuable as their museum is to remain closed for another year.

This event will take place over zoom, with time for questions at the end. Everyone is welcome to join although the talk typically targets adults.

I'm in Oban for a couple of days so had to stop in to see the Dunollie area. The 2nd floor is open and they are working on the stairs to the next level. There isn't any floor of course, but a small area at the top of the stairs.

The tour guide talked a little about the railings up the path and that they're not allowed to dig, so have some mighty big logs that they'll drill into or attach the railing somehow.



Updates from The Big Dig on the Isle of Lismore

Some great updates on the dig at Lismore were received, with a wealth of photos. In order to



share all of the photos, we have included the updates as received here.

Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Day 4

Day 5

Day 6

Day 7

New Members

Jennifer MacDougall
Colorado Springs, CO

Derin Kyle
Indianapolis, IN

Scot Sund
Monument, CO

Draper's Shop Spotlight Product of the Month



Heritage Playing Card Company collaborated with us to create a wonderful set of cards inspired by the aesthetic of Dunollie Museum Castle & Grounds.

In early March, I had the opportunity of meeting Jeremy Shaw at the Cultural Enterprise in Glasgow, and I was happy to chat with him and his company. We have chosen to collaborate this summer to create a wonderful set of cards inspired by the aesthetic of Dunollie Museum Castle & Grounds. We also worked with Joanna Shaw, who designed the arrangement of the cards, to produce a one-of-a-kind deck.

A deck of cards may be used to play hundreds of different games! and It's small enough to fit in a pocket and may be shared and enjoyed with family and friends of all ages.

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This Month in History...

Elijah Craig (pictured below, a Baptist

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preacher of Scottish descent, is frequently credited with inventing bourbon in June of 1789. Bourbon is whisky distilled from corn, aged in charred oak barrels. However, modern historians dispute the claim that Craig is in fact the sole inventor of bourbon. The American Bourbon Association supplies that bourbon was not invented for another almost 40 years. The American Congress, in 1964, issued clarification of the circumstances in which an American whisky may be called bourbon. Myths abound as to the true origin of bourbon, but one thing remains true in each story – bourbon wouldn't exist without the American Scots who loved their whisky!



Join Us at the Highland Games!



Georgetown Highland Games

June 11, 2022

Halton Hills, ON, Canada

9am to 4pm



San Diego Highland Games

June 25, 2022

1200 Vale Terrace Drive

Vista, CA 92084

Several Pricing Options and Discounts

See **Details**.



Red Deer Highland Games

June 25, 2022

Harvard Business Park

3420 21 St

Springbook, AB T4S 2E6 Canada

Kingsville Highland Games

June 25, 2022

Lakeside Park



315 Queen St
Kingsville, ON N9Y 1Y8, Canada



Embro Highland Games

July 1, 2022

355644 35th Line
Zorra, ON N0J 1J0, Canada



Kincardine Highland Games

July 2, 2022

Kincardine, ON N2Z 1Z9, Canada



Grandfather Mountain

Highland Games

July 7-10, 2022

MacRae Meadows
Linville, NC 28646
Complex Pricing, See **Details**.



Cambridge Scottish Festival

July 15, 2022

200 Christopher Dr
Cambridge, ON N1R 8K7, Canada



Orillia Scottish Festival

July 15-17, 2022

Orillia, ON L3V 1W2, Canada



Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival

July 16, 2022

Look Park - Northampton
300 North Main Street
Florence, MA 01062

Tickets



Minnesota
Scottish Fair & Highland Games

Minnesota Scottish Fair

August 6, 2022

Celtic Junction
836 Prior Ave N
St. Paul, MN 55104



Fergus Scottish Festival
August 12-14, 2022
Victoria Park
St David ST S
Fergus, ON N1M 2P7, Canada

**COVENANTER
SCOTTISH FESTIVAL**
AND HIGHLAND GAMES

Covenanter Scottish Festival
September 10, 2022
1199 Valley Road
Quarryville, PA 17566



Kalamazoo Scottish Festival
September 10, 2022
Kindleberger Park Dr
Kalamazoo, MI 49004



New Hampshire Scottish Festival
September 16-18, 2022
Loon Mountain Resort
Lincoln, NH 03251



Ligonier Highland Games
September 17, 2022
Idlewild Park
Ligonier, PA 15658



Seaside Highland Games
October 7-9, 2022
Ventura Fair Grounds
Ventura, CA
Tickets.

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