



The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the
Clan MacDougall Society of North America



Celebrating 60 Years throughout 2025!



Left: John W. McDougall; Right: George E. McDougall

Mo dheagh chairdean.

For those that are new to the Society, I'd like you to "make the acquaintance of" our first three presidents. I'd like to share a bit of Society History with you for a moment.

John Walton McDougall of Nashville, TN was our first President of the Society. He was born December 26th, 1900 in New York City. His paternal grandparents were born in Caverton, Roxboroughshire, Scotland. His maternal grandparents were born in Ayrshire. All emigrated to Ontario in the last half of the 1800s. John Armstrong, a great grandfather, was one of the founders of Toronto.

In 1967 then Chief Coline MacDougall of MacDougall placed Dunollie and some 162 acres of ground around the castle under a protective covenant with the National Trust of Scotland. This step meant the preservation of the original seat of MacDougalls, Lords of Lorn, for generations to come. Here we are today in 2025 gathering with our MacDougall Chief and other clan MacDougall members in Oban at the original seat of the Lords of Lorn every 5 years.

In 1970 John W. McDougall was appointed "High Commissioner" by Coline MacDougall. As far as it was known then, this honor had never been given to another in Clan MacDougall. It was done with great consideration. There are so many points like these stored in our archives. Please Read the archives of the Tartan and the Raven to find the details of our first President and more.

In 1986, John A. McDougall became our 2nd President after serving 8 years as secretary for the Society. He served three years as President. It was during his presidency that we were given the status of a tax free charitable trust. This took much work and preparation for this to come to fruition. Today, we are still a 501(c) (3) Charitable Organization-a benefit we get to pass on to our United States contributors.

In 1986 through 1991, George E. McDougall took the term for our 3rd President. His term of three years saw a growth in members, requests for genealogy information, and the changing of the guard for our Clan Chief. Madame Coline MacDougall of MacDougall

has many mentions in our Tartan issues from the first through the tributes given her in 1990 issues. The introduction of our Current Chief is also included in the archives.

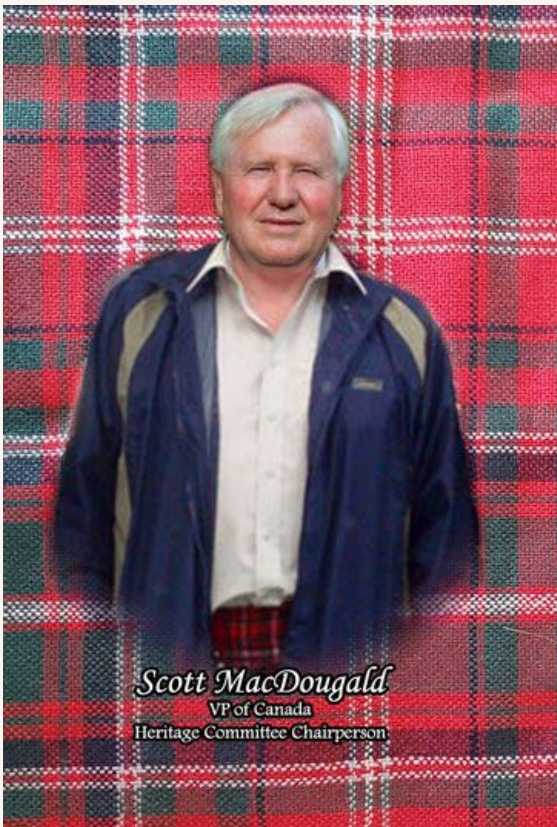
I hope this bit of "history" sparks your interest in reading some of the archived "Tartan" and "Raven" issues. Once again, Congratulations to Clan MacDougall Society of North America for 60 years of traditions, heritage, and preserving it all! If you have the chance to celebrate with us, we still have a few spots open at the Dinner happening at Banner Elk on Saturday July 12th. I'm sure they won't last much longer. If you haven't registered, please do that now before it's too late. See you soon!



CMSNA Committees

The Heritage Committee!

VP of Canada is the Chairperson of this Committee. Please meet Scott MacDougald.



According to our Standing Rules:

(page 15, Appendix B)

"The Heritage Committee, with the help of the members of the Society and other resources, seeks to provide, as comprehensively as can be established, a historical look into the significant events and traditions in the history of Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall. This is accomplished by members and others interested in our history and willing to share their information for the benefit of our two Clans. We welcome contact with those who share their knowledge with the Committee. This information can then be further researched and documented for archiving or publishing. We hope that many members of the Society will submit material for this endeavor. We hope to be able to put all of these stories into a book titled "Tales from the Clan." The Committee supports the efforts of the Society's Communication Committee to deliver its media content with continual additions or updates to information on our web site pages and media which may be open to the public, or in some cases only to Members. The Committee prepares an expenditure forecast as required for inclusion as an item in the annual budget."

Scott MacDougald is currently the VP of Canada, the Heritage Chairperson, and Editor of the Tartan. Being the Chair of our Heritage Committee gives him a unique opportunity to get the entire committee involved in research, writing articles for the Tartan, and overseeing projects that have a life of their own to them.

The Heritage Committee is always looking for writers and researchers who can write about MacDougalls, MacDougall history, Scotland, the MacDowalls, MacDowall history, Scottish history, and even members (past present and future) who are doing great things throughout our two countries, Canada and the United States.

Committees are also great ways to meet some of our Directors who serve on the Board. The Heritage Committee currently has [Scott MacDougald](#), Gayle Crosby, Doug

MacDougall, and Christopher McDowell volunteering for the Board of Directors as well as the Heritage Committee. Also serving on the Heritage Committee are Ashby McCown and John McDowell.

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The Scholarship Program



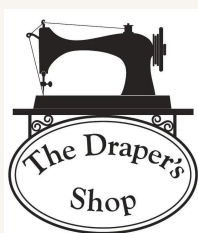
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The 2025 Awardees will be announced at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

The John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarship supports learning endeavors that enhance knowledge or appreciation of the Society and our cultural heritage. Studies can be done at North American Universities or Colleges, Scottish Universities, Dance schools, with tutors or Instructors or other appropriate institutions. The Committee can help sort what is and is not applicable for this Program. If YOU are interested in Scottish Cultural studies of any of these varieties, please reach out to our Scholarship Committee via [Geordan Baker](#), our Chairperson.

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where all proceeds benefit
Dunollie Museum, Castle, and Grounds.
Every bit of money earned at the Draper's Shop is put right back into maintaining the Museum, Castle, and Grounds.

Events To Come ~ Update:

Garrett County Celtic Festival

June 7th, 2025
Friends Community Park,
Old River Road
Friendsville, MD

Old Orchard Beach Scottish Festival

June 7th, 2025
Old Orchard Beach, ME, USA

Georgetown Highland Games

June 14th, 2025
Georgetown Fairgrounds
Halton Hills, ON, Canada

Northumberland Scottish Festival

June 21st, 2025
Port Hop Agricultural Park
Port Hope, Ontario, Canada

West Virginia Wild and Wonderful Celtic Festival and Highland Games

June 21st, 2025
4H Camp Pioneer, 38 Pioneer Circle
Kings Run Rd, Beverly, WV

Embroid Highland Games

July 1st, 2025
Embroid Zorra Community Centre
Zorra, Ontario, Canada

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

July 10th - 13th, 2025
Linville, NC, USA
Anniversary Dinner July 12th!

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

CMSNA Events Attended



FairHill Highland Games - Maryland, May 17th, 2025

So here I am standing in front of my MacDougall/MacDowell ClanTent at the Fair Hills Festival, Yes, I was flying solo this time and it shows. Fortunately I arrived at the Festival site during the mid- afternoon on Friday 05/16/25 just after the first round of inclement weather had blown through. This time the Festival organizers set up the Clan tents on the macadam track behind the grandstand as opposed to the previous site in the field opposite the horse showing circle which had the ground consistency of a peat bog. After securing the rented tent, table, and chairs, I managed to get the tent up and staked at the rear to some solid ground at the back poles and used a rope to tie it to the boundary fence that wrapped around the horse circle behind it this was a very prudent step as later that evening the main torrent arrived with a spectacular lightning show that raced across the skies coupled with heavy rain and gusty winds.

Early the next morning, I came back to the Festival site with some degree of apprehension but was elated to see that the Clan tent had survived the night intact and upright apart from a brief shower that occurred around 7 a.m. that morning. The rest of the day was thankfully clear and sunny. Lots of people came out and the Highland Games competition was rousing received. I managed to acquaint several people with their Scottish forebearers and to represent the Clan with some degree of aplomb. I was fortunate to have the Clan MacKay tent situated immediately to my right and was able to watch the orderly and practiced process as their Tent presentation took place in contrast to the way I proceeded. So I am now initiated into the ranks of a solitary Clan advocate. A rite of passage indeed! Deserving of a wee dram to toast the event and to soothe a bevy of sore muscles.

Now on to the Garrett County Celtic Festival in Firendsvill, MD. That takes place on June 7, 2025. After that I am headed to the Wet and Wild West Virginia Celtic Festival in Beverly, WV on June 21, 2025. Please come on by if you are so inclined!!! It's great to visit with our guests!

Jon MacLucas

Mld-Atlantic Regional Coordinator

"Buaidh No Bas" ~ Victory or Death!

Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games ~Townsend, Tennessee

We had the pleasure of hosting the Clan MacDougall tent for the 3rd time this year in picturesque Townsend, TN. This village, one of the 3 gateways to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, is a perfect setting for our yearly festival. It was held on May 17 & 18 and was threatened by strong storms the night before that damaged some of the clan & vendors' tents. Fortunately, we were able to enjoy perfect weather during the daytime. This festival draws approximately 20,000 visitors each year and we were kept busy most of the time.

Many festival goers stopped by to say hello, find their link to our clan or otherwise search for their Scottish roots. One of our members has extensive experience with both hosting and researching tartans and family lineage and was very helpful during the Saturday hours. Throughout the weekend we were able to connect with family, near and far, and happily had four new members join this year.

We had a coloring table in our tent where children could color pictures of a baby coo and a border collie puppy. It was a huge success with both the children and their parents. It provided a creative outlet for the children and a chance for the parents to sit and watch the games while we visited.

Slainte,

~Brad MacDougall



Greenville Scottish Games

Saturday, May 24th looked to be a beautiful morning in Greenville, South Carolina. Blue Skies, a beautiful parade walk started the morning off wonderfully.

Proudly representing Clan MacDougall Society,

~Mark Lucas in Greenville, SC

Patricia Leonard visited the Greenville Scottish Games as well and had a wonderful visit. The photos make me long for the games too. I love hearing from our members regarding the games visited. Thank you Mark and Patricia for the lovely photos and text messages regarding Greenville, SC.

~Misha



REGISTER!

60th Anniversary Founders Dinner

RESERVATION FORM 2025



FOUNDERS DINNER RESERVATIONS
Stonewalls Restaurant,
344 Shawneechaw Ave S.
Banner Elk, NC
828-898-5550

Saturday, July 12th, 2025

Cocktail hour 6:00pm to 7:00pm
(Cash Bar)

Dinner at 7:00pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number Attending: _____ (\$50 per person) \$

Total Enclosed

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"Clan MacDougall Society of North America"

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Clan MacDougall Society of North America
C/O Treasurer, Dana M. Chandler
P. O. Box 282
Garwood, NJ 07027

NOTE: Seating is limited.

We will also be piping in the Haggis at 6:45pm. Don't Miss This Event!



REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 27TH, 2025!

I believe there are 15 openings left. Let's make it a full house!

-->[**REGISTER HERE ONLINE**](#)<--

New Members

Rick Pruitt
Decatur, AL

Mike McDougall
Coryton, TN

Christine MacDowall-Kurtz
Crossville, TN

Jerry Laske
Maryville, TN

Amy Mendosa
Hobbs, NM

Steven Green
Quinlan, TX

Rebecca Ann Bandy
Safety Harbor, FL

Larry Robert McDougald
Watkinsville, GA

Christine Gordon
Knoxville, TN



Board News:

1. REMEMBER: our new Directors and Officers take their positions on July 1st! This Changes our Board of Directors and those in the Executive Committee monthly meetings. Mark your Calendars.
2. Board Meetings happen **quarterly**: July, October, January, & April,

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We will attempt to be **LIVE** at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
so keep an eye out on **Facebook** and **TikTok**.

We would also like to wish all the DADs a very happy, healthy, and wonderful Father's Day this year 2025. God bless each and every one of you. It's the most endearing position one can have (in this editor's opinion).

Birth Announcements

Hello Clan MacDougall! We'd like you to welcome a new clan member. Meet Aralynn Rose Peace, granddaughter to Shelly MacDougall-Tremblay. Shelly serves the Society as a Games Volunteer and as a Director on our Board. Her granddaughter Aralynn was born June 5th and weighed 7 lbs and 13 ozs, is 20 inches long. What a beautiful addition to the MacDougall-Tremblay family. Congrats to the parents of Aralynn and her grandparents and a Highland welcome from Clan MacDougall Society of North America. Thank you to Shelly for sharing this wonderful news!



*If YOU have a birth, engagement, or wedding announcement you would like to share, please **email us**. We would be glad to make the announcement to our Clan!*

Enjoy the Scottish Banner!

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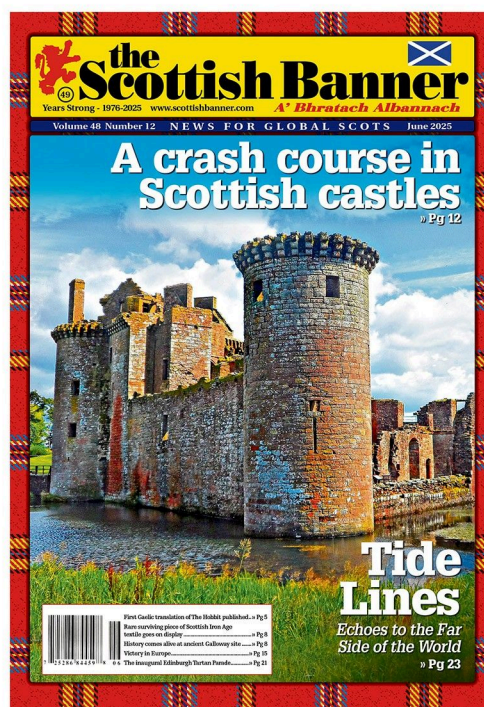
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We hope you will enjoy the latest issue, courtesy of our friends at The Scottish Banner.



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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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