

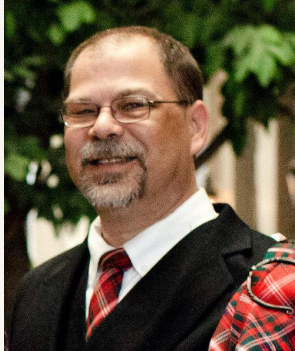


# The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Clan MacDougall Society of North America



## Presidential Ramblings



Happy March, everyone. Spring seems just around the corner and I am more than ready for it! I have just a few news items for you this month but they are very important.

### 2021 Games Season

The Board of Directors has accepted my recommendation to cancel our participation in highland games and festivals for the 2021 season. This recommendation was not made lightly.

None of us wish to miss a second season, but with the current state of the pandemic in both our countries, I can not, in good conscience, ask you all to risk your well being attending these events. As the vaccination process continues, we will continue to reassess and will return to the field as soon as it is reasonably safe to do so. With any luck, perhaps that will be before this season is over.

### Online Events

We plan to use this down time to advantage and are in the process of developing some online events to enjoy until we can gather together physically. The first episode of "The Clan MacDougall Quiz Bowl" will start us out on March 20th. The details on how to participate are in this issue. We hope you will join us for the fun, but expect a few bumps in the presentation as this is our first try!

### Scholarship Program

The application deadline for the John A. MacDougall Scholarships is April 1st, so this is my last chance to remind you. The links to the program details and application form are below, much as they were last month. Don MacDougall was able to find a photo of John to share so you could all put a face to the name. This scholarship has been a blessing for many students over the years and it is important for us to continue to honor John's legacy.

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## CMSNA: Quiz Bowl

Clan MacDougall Society of North America invites you to come and join us for some MacDougall / MacDowall FUN! We are hosting our first Trivia Night online. This happens **March 20th, 2021 at**

**3:00pm.** We will have live interaction with the pilot episode of Trivia Night on GoToMeeting. However, you will need to download an app on your phone called “Kahoot!”. This is your “buzzer” for the game -- as in your way to choose the answer to the trivia question. Question and answer choices will be seen on the GoToMeeting screen on your computer for Trivia Night. This is something we are hoping goes well enough and is enjoyed enough to do on a regular basis. Just as you would walk into your favorite pub or restaurant and enjoy trivia night, we want this to be the online version of that pub night.



If you have questions or would like more information, please see our Facebook Group (direct link at the bottom of the newsletter under "Follow Us"). Your questions will be answered faster on the FB Group page rather than via email. We can't wait to have you join us for some Scottish Trivia Fun! See you March 20th!

## **The John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Program**

**Applications are now being accepted for the John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarships.**

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, 2021.**

**[Program Details](#)**

**[Application Form](#)**



*John A. McDougall and wife Priscilla at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, 2006*

**The John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarships help fulfill one of our primary missions: to perpetuate Scottish traditions and customs. They are made possible by generous and faithful member support. If you are able, please consider lending a hand by clicking the button below.**

**Thank you!**

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## **Members Speak Up in Surveys, Society Listens**

**By Malcolm MacDougall**

This is a great time to be a member of Clan MacDougall Society. It's a time of change, with more to come, thanks in part to the many members who responded to our recent surveys. The input was excellent and will help us emerge from the pandemic on track to becoming bigger, stronger and better than ever.

More than 150 of our members responded to the online surveys with their opinions on the benefits of membership and our Society's programs and priorities. Every opinion was reviewed and tabulated. We received some refreshing new ideas, some strong support for many of the Society's current efforts, and some valuable suggestions on what we can do better. The Board of Directors recently reviewed the results in a special meeting and is evaluating the conclusions and recommendations.

The results? Watch for a complete summary of the survey findings in the April issue of The Tartan. Thank you again to all who participated. This is your Society and we're determined to make it more exciting and rewarding for all of us.

## **New Members**

George Cool  
Lakeview, OR

Susan Walker Tigner  
Lansing, MI

Rose MacDougall Mroczka  
Lee, NH

Krystal Wilson  
Harrisburg, IL

## **Learn a Gaelic Phrase**

Good Luck!

Phrase: gun tèid leat!

Pronunciation: goon cheed lat

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has been made available through The Draper's  
Shop. From The Draper's Shop:

"Working in collaboration with Jessica Gianotti  
from local environmental textile company  
Crubag, a stunning collection of Dunollie  
inspired printed silk scarves have been  
produces for The Draper's Shop. These designs  
echo not only the 17th center Jacobean  
embroidered bed-hangings from Dunollie  
Castle, but also the patterns of the Heritage  
MacDougall and Dalriada Clans."

The scarf shown in the image is the Dunollie  
Jacobean Classic Bed Hanging Silk Scarf, sized  
90cm x 90cm.

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#### **Membership Year**

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Dues may be paid, or prepaid, online for one or more calendar years.

**Renew Membership**

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