



The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America



Mo dheagh chairdean. (Welcome my Friends.)

There is so much happening right now within our Society. Games season is upon us once more. We are celebrating an anniversary. We have a book club going. We have volunteer spots to fill. We have elections happening this month and next for Board Members and Officers. We have a sales training seminar coming up for our Games Volunteers. We have events coming up all around the country. For those that like to travel and visit different Games and Festivals, don't forget to check out our Event Page on our website to keep up with the festivals we will be represented at. There is always a short list here in the Raven for you as well. The website has the comprehensive list and adds more as the season progresses, so continue to check all sources to stay up-to-date.

For those that enjoy history and celebrations, it is our 60th Anniversary year in 2025! Stop by a tent at your local Games and celebrate with our representatives this season. For those that would like to join a more formal celebration, we will be hosting a dinner at GMHG so keep reading for more information.

For anyone interested in volunteering for a Games Representative position, please contact [Anne Carine](#), our official Tanist and we can put that into motion. The US and Canada make a wide terrain of options for our Games Volunteers. We have many festivals and games events that we need representatives for. Ask about opportunities and how you can be involved.

We have a book club happening now. Make sure you join so when the next quarter begins and the newest book reading starts, you can join in. Updates are shown in our Facebook Group. Lindsay has chosen a bit of history for the first round of reading. Stay tuned and see what she has instore for the next round of reading. You know if it has to do with MacDougall or MacDowall, it's going to be interesting!

As President, I would love [to hear from our members](#) myself: what would YOU (our Members) like to see us offer? Keep in mind our Purposes. ([see our website for a refresher](#)) It's been a journey and an adventure being involved with Clan MacDougall Society of North America. I never thought this path was for me, let alone think of being President of this or any organization. I've made some life-long friends, some acquaintances, some awesome team mates, and definitely some interesting people. I have traveled to places I thought I would only dream of and I have set my sights higher because of it all. I have rediscovered myself. It is all very well worth the involvement, the passion, the efforts. I will see you at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and hopefully at our 60th Anniversary dinner celebration! Join Us!

Flowers of the Forrest

James Warren McDougal passed away on February 1, 2025, at the age of 92. He was born in Mansfield, Ohio, on November 11, 1932, and was the only son of the five children born to Dalton and Thelma (Willet) McDougal. He was married to Percilla (Warner) McDougal for 71 years and she was at his bedside when he passed away.

Jim was a corporal in the US Army Medical Corps, stationed in Berlin, Germany. When he returned from service, he had several occupations. He learned the electrical trade by correspondence



courses he took while operating a first aid clinic during the construction of the Campbell Soup plant in Napoleon, Ohio. He continued his work experience at United Can Company and H. Pole Electric Company. The family moved to Toledo, Ohio, and later to Ooltewah, Tennessee, where he worked for 23 years as an electrical foreman for McKee Foods Corp. Shortly after he retired, he learned he had colon cancer and several years later was diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia. He was a long-term survivor of both cancers and spent most of his time during this period doing woodworking and raising daylilies. A life-long member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, Jim was a family man and mentor. He was a Master Guide, directed two Pathfinder Clubs and took his family camping regularly. He was also proud of his Scottish heritage. He had served as the

Southeast Regional Commissioner for the Clan MacDougall Society of North America and was an avid Scottish Country Dancer, hosting dance classes in his barn for many years. As a man of faith, he was the first elder of several Seventh-day Adventist Churches and was giving spiritual counsel almost until his death.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Helen Gebert and Geneva Smith. Jim is survived by his wife, Pat McDougal, four sons and three daughters-in-law, Todd (Renita) McDougal, Tim McDougal, Terry (Jennifer) McDougal, and Troy (Barbie) McDougal, and three grandsons, Eric McDougal, Martin McDougal, and Oliver McDougal. He is also survived by two sisters, Florence Dickinson and Alice Grove.

Donations may be made to [Doctors Without Borders](#).

Please share your thoughts and memories at www.chattanooga-valleyview-chapel.com

Highlighted Members of CMSNA

The John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Program



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

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

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

Applications will be accepted until March 31st, 2025.

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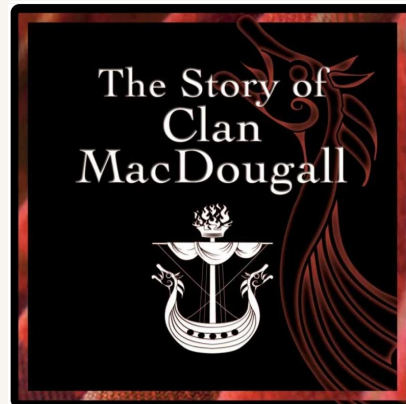
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Author, Catherine Gillies.
Photo Taken by Misha Lowther
Dunollie Castle, Museum and Grounds
at the Gathering 2024.



"Monies raised from this book will be used to fund further conservation and heritage projects undertaken by the MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust."



We've started a book club with a monthly meeting here within Clan MacDougall Society of North America. The current book is a history book

from Amazon. However, Dunollie and The Draper's Shop offer quite a few that should be included on any book shelf of MacDougall and MacDowall for that matter.

One such book was first offered at the 2024 Gathering; ["The Story of Clan MacDougall"](#) by Catherine Gillies. I happened to have had the opportunity to grab a copy and have Catherine sign it while attending the Gathering. It's a small book with a wealth of information and some of that include MacDowalls as both clans have been linked through the ages back to the Isle of Man. However, you should have the pleasure of reading this treasure for yourself.

A note from the Author: *The new clan book was funded by the Gary MacDougal Family Foundation in America, who has also funded an additional limited run of premium edition copies of The Story of Clan MacDougall. This will come in a higher quality binding, and will be one to keep. It will be available at the Drapers Shop within the next few weeks. ~Catherine Gillies*

www.TheDrapersShop.org **Don't miss it!**

Book Club Update:

Read more with Clan MacDougall Society of North America.

This book Club is lead by Lindsay Davis, current Secretary and long time member of CMSNA. Thanks Lindsay!

We hope to read and learn with YOU!

The book club is in full swing and meets the last Thursday of the month. Visit our Facebook Group and check your emails if you signed up.

The book pictured to the right of this article is from The Draper's Shop as well. All things from The Draper's Shop support Dunollie.



See our book list on [LuLu.com](https://www.lulu.com) for your reading pleasure as well as a great way to support your clan Society. Proceeds from Lulu.com purchases yield donations coming back to our Society.

Update on our Anniversary



60th Anniversary Party!

**Celebrate with us at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
- The Place where it all began!**

Check out [Stonewalls Restaurant](#) in Banner Elk! Visit their [Facebook Page](#). They are also on [TripAdvisor](#). Now, once you have done all that reading up on our event venue, don't forget to get your tickets to [Grandfather Mountain Highland Games](#) and let's CELEBRATE like there is NO Tomorrow! There are a limited amount of seats so be on the lookout for our Registration Form and Mail It In! You are Invited.

Upcoming Events



NYC Tartan Day Parade!

When: April 5th, 2025

Where: New York City

Who to contact: **John Cowan**

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). There is still time to contact John Cowan. Make sure NYC knows we're still here and celebrating 60 years!

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!

Dunedin Highland Games and Festival

Dunedin Community Center
Dunedin Florida.

5th April 11:00am to 8:00pm

Southern Maryland Celtic Festival

Jefferson Patterson Park

St. Leonard, MD

26th April 10:00am to 6:00pm

Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games

Townsend Visitors Center

Townsend, TN

17th May 8:00am to 18th May 5:00pm



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International Women's Day







**March 8th, 2025 was
International
Woman's Day**

These are photos from
International Gathering in
Oban and some of our
Ladies that host Clan tents
at Games all over the US
and Canada. We Celebrate
YOU!

Persons wishing to submit articles, photos, or items of interest may contact:

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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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