



Welcome MacDougalls and MacDowalls



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Hello Clan MacDougall Society kinsfolk.

We have much to share with you this month. I hope you enjoyed reading your Fall 2025 issue of "The Tartan" in September. It celebrated our 60th Anniversary. Many of our Games and Clan Tent Hosts will be celebrating as well. Drop in to your local games and festivals to say hello to our reps and see what they have for you! We have Games and Festivals happening through November this year. Read more about the games in the articles to follow.

Many exciting things are taking place as you read this. . . .

You should have received our first fall campaign reminder. Yes, it is that time of year again. October has arrived. The children are looking forward to Samhain (or "Sauin" in Gaelic) which we all relate to as Halloween ~ also thought of as the end of the harvest season. Of course the children all know it as the time of costumes and candy. Holiday season has been in full swing in the shops since early August here in Oklahoma. They put out Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas decorations all at the same time. Whatever the holiday, Autumn and Winter promise beauty all their own and I hope you enjoy each moment given to you.

We look forward to communications with you as friends, kith & kin. Please share your stories, your time, and donate to help us continue our conservation and preservation efforts for Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall according to our purposes.

You're a blessing that continues on into the future for all involved in CMSNA. THANK YOU!

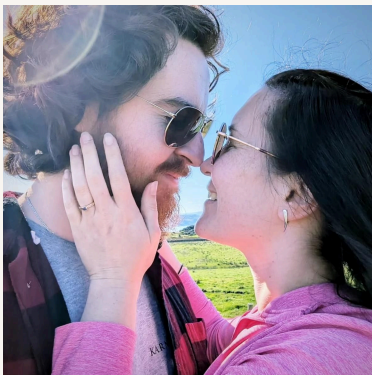
Dunollie Castle Museum and Grounds has officially closes for the Season as of October 31st. **However**, if you find yourself in Oban and are hoping to take part in a tour of Clan MacDougall, Country, Dunollie always welcomes you. "The best way to arrange an out of season bespoke visit is to email info@dunollie.org where Dunollie can confirm details, times and prices." It might take them a few days to reply because they have quite a small team in the winter, but they always do their best to facilitate visits when staffing and time allows on their end in Oban.

If traveling to Dunollie in the off season, be sure to **email Dunollie** with your plans so you don't miss out on something spectacular. Just remember it is their off season. Communications may be slow so plan accordingly.



Dunollie as seen from Battleship Hill in Oban
on September 15th, 2025.

Celebrating YOU!



**Connor Civatte
and
Alexandra
Larion
are engaged!**



We want to take this moment to celebrate with YOU the things and the people that are important in YOUR LIFE.

If YOU have a birth, engagement, or wedding Announcement, Birthday, Graduation or Anniversary you would like to share in "The Raven", please [email us](#). We would be glad to make the announcement to our Clan!

Flowers of the Forrest

Our Clan MacDougall Society would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the family of Pat McDougal upon learning of her passing on September 2, 2025 who was a devoted former editor of "The Tartan." It was only this past February that the family shared with us that James McDougal had passed away as well. Jim and Pat were married in 1953 at their minister's home in Ohio. Their legacy of 71 years of marriage was built upon a deep faith for their church, hard work, a deep family bond and pride in their Scottish Heritage. Pat served as a Master guide, head deaconess and bible study teacher in their church where they raised their four sons, Todd, Terry, Tim and Troy.

Pat served her community as a librarian, nurse's aide and driving instructor. Jim's and Pat's service to others and their compassion for their Scottish heritage carried over to their decades of service to our Clan MacDougall Society in various positions. Jim (as many new him) was the South East Regional Commissioner. Pat served as our Tartan Editor for decades. Over those years, Clan MacDougall Society so appreciated all the hard work that went into her writings, choices for stories and the organization of the quarterly Tartan. She was awarded several times with a Clan Appreciation Award for all her work.

Pat and Jim's legacy with the Clan was an example to their sons who followed in their path in service to our society in several positions over the years. We truly appreciated every effort Pat and Jim showed to our society and honor them now and will continue to remember their legacy. Again, we share our heartfelt sympathy, for the passing of Pat and Jim McDougal, to their four sons and families; Todd and Renita, Tim, Terry and Jennifer, Troy and Barbie and their families. As Pat would sign her Editor's Desk reports!

"Yours Aye, Pat"--

I, Anne MacDougal Carine, CMSNA Tanist, give honor to her as well with a heartfelt Yours Aye, Anne!



The Scholarship Program



Be sure to put "Attn: Geordan Baker" in the subject line as she is our Chairperson. [Email Here.](#)

Pictured to the left: The Kraus Children. Your donations to the Scholarship fund help many accomplish an education in highland dance, bagpipes, drums, Gaelic language, Scottish history, and so much more! We couldn't help them without you!

If you would like to continue making a difference, please [consider making a donation](#) using the blue button below.

[Donate Here](#)

Shop and Support Dunollie:

The Draper's Shop

Please remember that the proceeds also support the Clan MacDougall in Oban as we are supporting **Dunollie Museum, Castle, and Grounds** when we shop at the Draper's Shop. Your continued support in all the ways you contribute is much appreciated. Dunollie is a part of our heritage that is still here in the present and not just the history books.

Help us continue to support our Clan MacDougall family in Oban.
The Embroidery Kit shown below is 5 x 5 inches when completed.
The cost of the kit is £15. In US Dollars, the cost is \$20.12



Check out what's new at The Draper's Shop

Orders Yours NOW.
All Drapers Shop
orders support Dunollie

USA Customs Notice: Please note that due to changes to USA custom charges, from 29 August 2025 a tariff/customs fee will be charged on each item purchased, this may require a further payment of approximately 10% to be made ahead of dispatching your goods. We are unable to control nor waive these charges at this time.

Events To Come ~ October & November 2025

USCO - Oklahoma Highland Games
Choctaw Creek Park
on Harper St. in Choctaw, OK
This festival focuses on Highland Games
and Clan Tent Row! Drop by and see
what's happening in Oklahoma!
Say hello to Misha Lowther in person.
Oct. 10th - 13th (closes 5pm Sun.)

Scotland, CT Highland Games
Historic Waldo House
96 Waldo Road
Scotland, CT, USA
opens at 9 am **October 12th.**

Seaside Highland Games
Ventura Fair Grounds
10 W Harbor Blvd
Ventura, CA USA
October 11th Saturday

Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games
Marlon County Fairgrounds
7300 E. Troy Ave
Indianapolis, IN USA

Scotland, CT Highland Games
Historic Waldo House
96 Waldo Road
Scotland, CT, USA

October 11th

opens at 9 am **October 12th.**

Stone Mountain Highland Games

Stone Mountain Park
1000 Robert E Lee Blvd
Stone Mountain, GA, USA
October 17th - 19th.

Charleston Scottish Festival

Riverfront Park
1061 Everglades Ave
Charleston, SC USA
November 1st

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

CMSNA Events Attended ~ in August and September 2025

A MONTH OF GAMES & FESTIVALS

by John Cowan



September proved to be a busy month for games and festivals. Started the in the beautiful “Amish Country” of eastern Pennsylvania. **The Covenanter Scottish Festival and Highland Games** are held the first Saturday of September. The venue is quaint, allowing the Clans to circle the game athletic field and watch the competition. There was a little something for everyone. One of the most popular, and fun to watch, events was the “herding of the ducks”.



A week later the **66th Ligonier Highland Games** were held. Close to 40 Clans were represented in the Clan Village. It proved to be a busy day at the MacDougall tent which resulted in signing four new members to the Society. Jon MacLucas spent several hours of the day educating tent visitors on Scottish heritage and weaponry. The young visitors were totally enthralled.



We ended the month hosting the Clan Tent at the **Libations Winery 4th Annual Scottish Games**. This event is growing and becoming one of the more popular games in Western Pennsylvania for the athletes and the attendees. Once again, a smaller venue allowing the Clan tents to watch the games while also entertaining tent visitors. Every game presents something different and the Libations Winery offered something unique. While the athletes were taking a break, everyone looked at the sky and observed several sky divers descending and landing on the athletic field.

~John and Lynn Cowan

Maine Highland Games and Scottish Festival Windsor Fairgrounds, August 16th and 17th

Hello fellow clan members! Our Clan was proudly represented on the weekend of August 16th and 17th at the Maine Highland Games, St. Andrew's Society of Maine at their new home at the Windsor Fairgrounds in Windsor, Maine! It turned into a two day event due to the honor of hosting the World Championship Highland Athletic Games! It was spectacular to watch! Matt McDougall competed once again!!

Jon McLucas drove all the way from Maryland to join us in co-hosting. We were so thankful to have him there to share his love of history, weaponry and maps!

John and Lynn Cowen drove all the way from PA to aid us in the adventure of hosting as well. We treasure their friendship! How honored Aaron, Eve and I were to have such camaraderie!!

While together, Jon had the opportunity to present John and Lynn with an appreciation award for all the dedication and time they put into our Clan MacDougall Society through hosting several games in the PA, Maryland and Virginia areas as well as coordinating our NYC Tartan Parade Walk and luncheon! We were so pleased to honor such a special couple!! Our team had a wonderful weekend welcoming visitors! We thank you all for stopping in to share in this time. One extra treat we experienced was having Matt McDougall, his girlfriend Phoebe and his



John and Lynn Cowen were given the "Appreciation Award" by Jon MacLucas.

mother, take the time to visit with us! It was a joy getting to know them more!

I had the courage to go over to introduce myself to Graham McTavish, Dougal, to all you Outlander fans!! He was an honored guest for the weekend and there to promote his new spirits!!

St. Andrew's Society hosted a traditional Address to the Haggis on Saturday night!! All the Clan village then shared an outdoor dinner together and enjoyed wonderful music for a Ceilidh!!

~Anne

“Buaidh No Bas” ~ Victory or Death!



Lynn & John Cowen, Anne MacDougall,
Matt McDougall, and Jon MacLucas



Capitol District Scottish Games
Altamont (Fairgrounds), NY
on August 30th

The Scottish Games in Altamont (Albany) NY were held on August 30th. My sister Erin and I manned the MacDougall tent. We also honored our father's side of the family with a smattering of Clan Shaw (Chattan) items. Throughout the day there were massed bands, individual instrument competitions, highland dance

competitions, and a variety of animals as well tents selling Scottish food, clothing, books etc. We had quite a few people stop by including a few regulars. We handed out a number of pamphlets about CMSNA but didn't have anyone sign up on the spot. The weather was great until midafternoon when the wind started to pick up suddenly. The event is held in a valley so this happens pretty frequently. This time however, our tent got caught up in it (along with a number of others) and was damaged. We ended up having to pack up at that point in order to protect the items we had laid out. It was still a good day overall.

~Heather Shaw

Virginia Scottish Games
The Plains, VA on August 30th & 31st

The Virginia Scottish Games were held 30-31 August 2025 at the Great Meadow Event Center in The Plains, VA. John and Cynthia (Loden-) Dowdle hosted the society tent this year with Jon MacLucas in direct support all weekend as well. The games had the best weather I believe in a good number of years; it was sunny both days with high temperatures only in the mid to high 70s with mild, cool breezes. For anyone who has

attended these games in the past, you likely have experienced much higher heat indexes, which can be miserable.

We had society members visit or support the tent throughout the weekend, see below. A number of visitors took or scanned information about the society, and 3 people interested in joining the society had their information forwarded to the Membership Secretary. In summary, a perfect weekend weather wise for Scottish games and activities in Virginia! The event organizing committees made several positive changes in coordination and organization over the last 2 years that really made these games appear more tightly managed and coordinated throughout the weekend. We set up Friday afternoon with the tent and banners, which made finishing the tent display much easier Saturday morning. We were again adjacent to the MacKenzie clan, who provided Scottish claymore and broadsword demonstrations each day. The instructor and MacKenzie clan head, Jonathan Gordon, is a Scottish broadsword instructor and vice president/Tanist of **the Cateran Society**, an international society of people who study historical Scottish martial arts. I am also one of Jonathan's broadsword students. The demonstrations drew big crowds which helped encourage people to stop by our tent as well. We had several volunteers show up to help at the tent over the weekend. Cynthia and I would like to thank *Jon MacLucas, Ashby McCown, Sarah Cushman, Genevieve (MacDowell)/Ryland Owen, and Stephanie Loden* for helping out at the tent. And *a special thanks to Jon and Sarah for also helping us break down and pack up* at the end of Sunday!

I had several people over the weekend at the tent ask about **the MacDowall tartan**. By far the best contact in the US currently for trying to get a MacDowall tartan kilt or sash is **Master Kiltmaker Patricia (Patti) Smith** from Vermont. She has been making kilts and accessories (both male and female) for over 40 years. I have one of her MacDowall kilts and a couple of sashes as well as a bespoke (custom) Scottish jacket and vest. I cannot speak for availability in Canada, but Patti is the best source I know of in the US. Her quality of work is outstanding. If she can get enough interest, she can order some more MacDowall tartan. Her current wait time is 8-10 months I believe, as she stays booked! She has also made many MacDougall tartan apparel, but I mention the MacDowall tartan as it is much harder to find. If interested in either tartan pattern, please contact **Patti DIRECTLY by email** at **pastopcat@yahoo.com**. The **FB page** with her creations is: **<https://www.facebook.com/PatriciaSmithKiltmaker>**.
Address:

*Patricia Smith, Kiltmaker
205 Connecticut River Rd
Springfield , VT 05156
802-356-1216*

All in all, a delightful weekend to be outdoors at the Scottish games. I do not know if we will ever see such good weather again in late August. But one can hope! As a reminder, there are a good number of Celtic/Scottish Games in the fall around the US, check your local areas. I also sent out an earlier email listing the fall games schedule in the Mid-Atlantic region with weblinks, please refer to that as well. The MacDougall Society will march in the Alexandria Christmas Walk again this year on 6 December in Alexandria, Virginia. More details on that will follow in late October-early November.

Sincerely,

~John Dowdle and Cynthia Loden-Dowdle

Board News:

Our next Board meeting is October 26th, 2025.

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November is your chance to assist the Society with next year's Opportunities to Pursue our Purposes like Assisting Dunollie, and Providing Scholarships in 2026. *See our Campaign reminders in your inbox and your postal delivery coming in November.*

We love that YOU are involved in CMSNA!

Celebrate throughout 2025!

Celebrating 60 Years of CMSNA and Remembering our Raven Editors

It is a true privilege to share in the celebration of 60 years of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America with you through these digital pages of The Raven. As editor, I am honored to contribute to this legacy and to continue the work of those who came before me.

A bit of history feels appropriate here. The idea for The Raven was conceived by Malcolm MacDougall, a former President of the Society, who also served as its first editor. The inaugural issue was published in March 2014. Malcolm led the Society as President from 2014 through July 2017, and he has been a dedicated and respected figure within our organization for many years. His vision of The Raven as "the voice of the President of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America" set the tone for what this publication has become.



Following Malcolm's tenure, Scott MacDougall assumed the presidency but soon passed editorial responsibilities to then-President-Elect Kyle Jones. Kyle served as editor from July 2017 through March 2021. I greatly appreciated the engaging content during his time as editor and was fortunate to collaborate with him as a graphic designer. Kyle remains a valued friend and continues to support the Society in many meaningful ways.

In May 2021, Lindsay McDowell Davis became the next editor, serving until September 2024. Her contributions included articles about our castles, traditional recipes, and much more. She also served on the Board of Directors as Secretary, all while becoming a new mother and remaining actively involved in the Society. When Lindsay stepped down, I had the honor of stepping into the role.



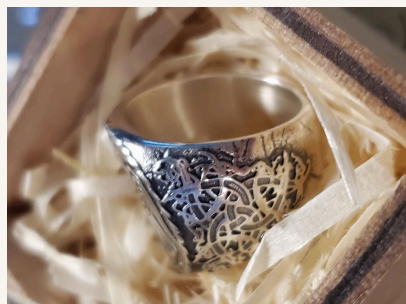


My first solo edition as editor was published in October 2024, making this my one-year anniversary in the position. It's been a rewarding journey, and I hope you've enjoyed the stories, history, and updates we've shared over the past year. As we look to the future, we also look forward to welcoming our next President, Anne MacDougall Carine, who will assume office in July 2026. I encourage everyone to join us at Grandfather Mountain to celebrate this exciting new chapter. But first, let us continue to commemorate 60 incredible years of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America.

This milestone would not be possible without your continued support and participation. Here's to the past, present, and the promising road ahead.

Warmest Regards,
Misha Lowther
Editor, The Raven

Accessories for Everyone!



SPECIAL OFFER

Please contact Jon MacLucas.

We have anniversary pins from GMGHs.

We have pins made which represent our dual clans (MacDougall and MacDowall).

Please visit our clan tents at your local Scottish Festival or Highland Games.

Most of our Clan Tent Volunteers have these pins. Find out how to get yours by talking to them at their tent.

We also have a **NEW item** that may be of interest to YOU. If you like this new item, please **contact Jon MacLucas** with your ring size, or note that you prefer a pendant, and include your contact information.

Jon will get with you to discuss the details.

This offer is only going out to our active members.

Thank You, Jon MacLucas

for supporting CMSNA
and our Clan Tent Hosts
all over North America!

Enjoy the Scottish Banner!

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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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