



The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the
Clan MacDougall Society of North America



Games Recap: Central Florida Highland Games By Patricia MacDougall Daoust

Hosting the MacDougall tent at the Highland Games last month was a fantastic experience. My family and I have come to the games and walked in the Parade for the last few years. It is a whole new experience hosting the tent. We got to see a different side of it all, and we look forward to doing it again. The other hosts were very helpful and friendly. The people we got to meet who stopped by were one of the best parts; we loved listening to their stories about their families and how they are trying to learn more. We invited them all to join the parade and sign up as members.

We are looking forward to seeing if we can find others to sign up to help with the tent next year, or even to join the parade and represent the MacDougall Clan.

I also enjoyed hosting the tent with two of my children, Hayden and Isabelle (pictured right). I hope that this will continue forward with them.





Volunteers Wanted

The Communications Committee is looking for individuals interested in assisting with the management of CMSNA's social media platforms. If you're looking to gain social media marketing experience or looking to leverage your skills to help your Society, this is the position for you! Please email **Lindsay Davis** if interested in volunteering.

The Communications Committee is looking for individuals with technical or legal expertise in the deployment of generative artificial intelligence tools who would be willing to provide 2-3 hours of subject matter expert consultation for the development of an artificial intelligence policy. Please email **Lindsay Davis** if interested in volunteering.

2026 NYC Tartan Parade

The New York City Tartan Day Parade is fast upon us. Clan MacDougall has been an active participant in the parade for the past several years.

The Clan's participation this year will be in honor of our recently deceased Clan Chief, Morag MacDougall, and our new Clan Chief, her son Robin. In light of this, it would be fantastic for us to have a large clan membership turnout to participate and march in their honor.

The parade will take place on 11 April. It marches up 6th Avenue, 10 blocks, from 45th Street to 55th Street. Before the parade we meet for lunch at a restaurant near our parade staging area.

This year's Grand Marshall is Scottish actor, author, and entrepreneur Sam Heughan. He is best known for his role as Jamie Fraser in the popular series *Outlander*.

The Clan has been registered to march in this year's parade, and march we will, with pride as members of the MacDougall clan, and in honor of our Clan Chiefs, past and present.

If anyone has any questions about the parade or plans on participating this year, please reach out to me, John Cowan, at email, jvcowan2002@yahoo.com.

Flowers of the Forest

Charlotte McDowell Baker

Charlotte Louise Baker age 79 of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee passed away on January 20th, 2026 and went on to be with her lord and savior Jesus Christ.

She attended Nashville Tech and obtained an Associate's degree. She worked for the banking industry for 38 years.

She loved Art, Genealogy, and flowers. She was the administrator for the McDowell DNA project as the clan archivist. She was also the Tennessee Representative for Clan McDougall. She also wrote the clan newsletter "The Vincent Vel Mori". She was also honored with the Title of "Kentucky Colonel" by Governor Matt Belvin.

She believed in integrity, loyalty and grace through faith in her Lord Jesus Christ. Charlotte attended Hermitage Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her loving husband, David Andrew Baker of 27 years. Her daughter Caryn Crowston, sister Molly Heber.

She had two grandchildren, Megan Dunn and Michael Halfacre, And two Great granddaughters Luci and Zoey Halfacre. She also has many Nieces and nephews (5) Votta; (4) Baxter; (6) Sullivan; and (2) Heber. There are many great as well as great-great nieces and nephews also.

Charlotte was proceeded in death by her parents, Charles L McDowell Jr and Eva Marie Crow McDowell, her brother Charles L McDowell III, her (3) sisters Ann Marie McDowell Votta, Yvonne McDowell Sullivan, and Joyce McDowell Baxter and her son Richard B. Halfacre.

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Did You Know...

The oldest living tree is a 3,000 year old yew located in Scotland.

Bonnybridge, Scotland is the UFO capital of the world with over 350+ alleged sightings.

Scotland has the highest proportion of redheads in the world.

An estimated 20 million Americans of Scottish descent live in the US, vastly outnumbering the 5.3 million Scots still in the motherland.

The world's first color photograph was a ribbon with a tartan pattern.

The bagpipes were actually invented in Ancient Egypt. They are thought to have come to Scotland via the Romans.

Edinburgh was the first city in the world to have its own fire department.

Scotland pioneered modern coal mining, developing most of the techniques used to propel the Industrial Revolution.

Scotland flies one of the oldest national flags in existence, originating in the ninth century.

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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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