

## CLAN MacLEOD SOCIETIES of CANADA

### CHAIRS of NORTH AMERICAN GATHERINGS - CANADA

**North American Gatherings (“NAG”):** In 1976 the first NAG was hosted, in Glengarry / Ottawa. It alternates, every 4 years (in the 2 year intervals between Parliaments, as below) between Canada and the USA. It usually runs for about 5 days, and attracts many of the same participants as attend Parliaments. A worldwide network of MacLeod friends is thereby strengthened. NAG 2016 was in Merritt, BC, and was the 11<sup>th</sup> NAG (6<sup>th</sup> in Canada).

The USA NAGs were: 1980, Dearborn, MI; 1988, Chicago, IL; 1996, West Point, NY; 2004, Chicago, IL; and 2012, Alexandria, VA. (across the Potomac River from Washington, DC).

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHAIR(S)</u>	<u>HOST SOCIETY</u>
1976	Barbara MacLeod Armstrong * <sup>1</sup> 2008 * <sup>2</sup> 1994-2000, (* also NAG 2008) Donald Norman MacLeod	Ottawa <b>and</b> Glengarry, ON Ottawa <b>and</b> Glengarry, ON
1984	William J MacLeod * <sup>1</sup> 1992	Nova Scotia South (Halifax), NS
1992	William G (Bill) McLeod * <sup>1</sup> 1994 Neil R. McLeod * <sup>1</sup> 2008, * <sup>2</sup> 2000-2004	Vancouver, BC
2000	Colin and Beth Macleod * <sup>3</sup> 2000, * <sup>1</sup> 2004	Central Ontario (Guelph, ON)
2008	Barbara MacLeod Armstrong * <sup>1</sup> 2008 * <sup>2</sup> 1994-2000, (*also NAG 1976)	Ottawa, ON
2016	Dr. Donald M McLeod * <sup>2</sup> 2008-2012 * <sup>4</sup> 2014-2018 Christine Dooley, Neil McLeod, June McLeod	BC Central Interior (Merritt, BC)

\*<sup>1</sup>year = Outstanding Clansperson Award

\*<sup>2</sup>year = President, Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada

\*<sup>3</sup>year = Award of Merit

\*<sup>4</sup>year = President, Associated Clan MacLeod Societies (world-wide body)

### NOTE REGARDING PARLIAMENTS and NORTH ROOM GROUP

**Parliaments:** The 1st world gathering, or “Parliament”, was organized by Dame Flora in 1956, to coincide with her grandson, and heir apparent, John’s 21st birthday, on August 10, 1956. Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip attended that event. Initially, Parliaments were held every 3 years. In 1974 they changed to every 4 years. 2014 was the 17<sup>th</sup> Parliament. The 1<sup>st</sup> Parliament was only 1 day. Now it is about 7 to 10 days, and may include trips to MacLeod lands other than just Dunvegan.

**Youth and NRG:** Each Parliament has separate activities for the younger MacLeods, in several age groups. The most active is the North Room Group, or NRG, being the roughly 18 – 25 age group. They were named after the room in Dunvegan Castle where the 1<sup>st</sup> such group met at the 1<sup>st</sup> Parliament. The NRG arrives several days before each Parliament and takes on a work project on a MacLeod site. They also assist with Parliament activities. In exchange, they receive some subsidized housing and meals. More importantly, they develop a worldwide network of MacLeod friends (while also finding plenty of time to “socialize”). Lifetime friendships are built, and the future leadership of the Clan is developed.