



# Clan MacGillivray Society USA Summer 2018 Newsletter

## Business updates

### New Newsletter Editor

I'll be taking over the newsletter from Jim McGilvray who will be spending time with family. I am going to try to have this as a more news letter format, so it could be printed out and saved. I plan to publish once a quarter. Send me your latest news - [john.loughney@gmail.com](mailto:john.loughney@gmail.com)

## Mark your Calendars!

2019 Clan MacGillivray Society USA Gathering, July 12 and 13, 2019, Dayton, Ohio

So far this is the info we have for you regarding the upcoming 2019 Clan MacGillivray Gathering It will be held July 12-13, 2019 at the Hope Hotel and Richard C Holbrooke Conference Center, just outside of Gate 12A, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. The Registration Fee has not been set quite yet.

A rough schedule for the Gathering would be our Meet and Greet Reception on Friday Evening, the General Meeting on Saturday Morning and the Banquet Saturday Evening with Scottish Entertainment after dinner.

The Hotel has quoted a room rate of \$99.00 per night including breakfast in their restaurant. There is much to see in the Dayton area and the Hotel offers the group rate for a few extra days

so check out the sights in the area. To name a few - the National Museum of the US Air Force, Dayton International Peace Museum, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, the Patterson Homestead Museum, the Sunwatch Indian Village/ Archaeological Park and much more. Heck, you could probably spend a week exploring the area.

We will have more information this Fall. If you are not a Clan Member and would like more information please contact Jim MacGillivray at [jemmac@att.net](mailto:jemmac@att.net) and we will put your name on the list to receive information.

## The Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival, New Mexico held May 19th & 20th at Albuquerque Ballroom Festival Park, 2018 - by Cynthia Hale

This year DeeCarboell, and her volunteer Cynthia Hale, decided to journey to Albuquerque, NM, to see if there were any MacGillivrays to be found at their Highland Games and Clan Gathering. Joining them for the first time was Jack MacGillivray, one of the newly appointed commissioners by our new commander, Ian MacGillivray, to oversee the Western region of the US. You will see Jack and Dee all dressed up to add to the colorful costumes that were there. This year we didn't have to put our tent up the day before, because all the tents were provided to the participants, which was really nice. The tent was one long one with a covered roof and back only, fitting 10 or 12 booth sided spaces with a 6 foot table and folding chairs provided as well. Dee had brought 4 of her more colorful folding canvas chairs along to make the tent look more inviting, and her beautiful banners that she does for the Clan are really decorative and bright.

The bagpipes and drums could be heard throughout the day, and the dancing competition close enough so I could watch some of it.

Dee and Jack did the walking in the parade of clans with the MacGillivray banner this year. I took the photos and stayed in the booth. There was also a parade of the dogs too. Everything from shelties & westies to greyhounds and wolfhounds. It was rather funny, since the park said "No dogs allowed." There was a long line of them, but they all seemed well behaved.

The beer was flowing and the cabers throwing, and the kids seemed to be having a great time. Note the little girl I photographed with a really nicely done digger face. The fearsome warrior at the bottom of the collage I included, wanted me to know that he had gotten a great deal on his kilt which he found in a second hand store and was really a woman's skirt for only \$3.

There was something new to the scene this year and that was the horse shoeing demo that fascinated a group of people including myself. The farrier, as he is called, was an instructor of the subject at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. He came a long way with a couple of horses in his trailer to do the demo. Check their photo out. The weather had been warm both days, but there was a late afternoon wind that whipped up and evidently continued through most of the night, wrecking the contents in a few of the tents. Dee and I thought that for next year,

Jack should find some locals willing to do the clan tent, because it was a long drive from her place in Goodyear AZ (west of Phoenix) to Albuquerque (8 hours on the road one way) and with the price of gas going up again, it makes more sense. And no, we didn't get any MacGillivrays to stop by the tent, but several "almost cousins" did.



## Bruce McGillivray reports:

Just got off the phone with Joe McGilvra up the road in St. Helens, OR. He's agreed to take over from Trey as Pacific Northern Region Convenor! He's perfect! He's hoping to take his tent up to the Kelso Games in Washington, just across the Columbia, next month. I hope to join him there.

I've decided to take a shot at becoming an Armiger of our Clan. That means someone who bears personal heraldic arms recognized in Scotland by the Lord Lyon King of Arms. It could be a long trek, but I've got some decent documentation, I think, connecting to the immigrant ancestor, from Mamie in Brae Arisaig, 1790. I'd first have to get Lyon's agreement that he could have been armigerous in his time, pay for a grant of arms to him, then "matriculate" those arms as his descendant. There are fees to Lyon Court, and possible expenses in acquiring documentation. So it's no slam-dunk. But here goes.

I'm also going to encourage Iain to see about getting his own family line, the MacGillivrays of Calrossie, a suitable achievement of arms, and to try to encourage the heirs of the four armigers the Clan had in George's time as Commander to come up with the fees to matriculate those arms for themselves now.

The Armigers represent the main cadet families of the Clan, the "gentry" of the Clan, if you will. That's as true now as it was centuries ago. As we progress as a modern Clan, this would be a very suitable part of the process. Many other clans have this. Now that we have a Commander / prospective new Chief, this is just an appropriate "bulking up" of the rest of the Clan to follow suit.

We have several families here in the US that could possibly qualify for this, given some documentary spadework. Anyone who'd like to pursue this, I'm glad to help out, if I can.

## News From New England Regional Convenor Ron McGilvray and Co-Convenor Geoff MacGillivray

"2018 Old Orchard Beach Scottish Festival – June 2, 2018 - Cats On Parade"



Federation members of Clan Chattan (Clan of The Cat), Ray and Wanda McHatton of Clan Mackintosh, Ron McGilvray of Clan MacGillivray, Joshua Jayinndo and Frank McIntosh of Clan Mackintosh during the Parade of Clans at the 2018 Old Orchard Beach Scottish Festival.

"MacGillivray Girls"



Paying a visit to the MacGillivray tent at the 2018 Old Orchard Beach Scottish Festival were: Agnes Strahan Kelly (MacGillivray), daughter Sharon Kelly and Beverly McAlpine Aitchison. Ron McGilvray Photo



Also attending the 2018 Old Orchard Beach Scottish Festival were Traci Paquin (MacGillivray Shortbread Co.) and aunts Lois Steinman and Sherrie Forest. Ron McGilvray Photo



Emily McGillivray with tired kiddos (from a long day of fun and games) Lucian and Rossalyn, stopped by the tent to say hi. She was joined by her good friend Christina. Ron McGilvray Photo

“20<sup>th</sup> Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival – June 9, 2018”



Marion (MacGillivray) Shetty and her family also stopped by the Society tent to hello and chat at the RI Scottish Highland Festival. From left to right: Mada, Tessara, Marion. Ron McGilvray Photo

"Pageantry & Pain"



Scenes at the 20th Annual Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival. Ron McGilvray Photos

## "25th Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival - July 28, 2018"



Our new and improved tent with new posters donated by Geoff MacGillivray. Ron McGilvray Photo

### "MacGillivray Visitors"



Shaun Mel (MacElroy) left and her friend Maire Bresnahan stopped by the tent to say hi and chat some today at the 25th Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival at Look Park in Northampton, MA. Ron McGilvray Photo



Alannah, Jen and Steve Puchaen, whose grandmother, Eleanor MacGillivray also stopped by the tent to say hi and chat some at the 25th Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival at Look Park in Northampton, MA. Ron McGilvray Photo



Jennifer (MacGillivray) Yarro was also on hand yesterday to pay a return visit to our tent. I met Jenn last year at the NH Highland Games. Joshua Jayindo Photo



Ellen, whose mother Sarah MacGillivray, and her husband Blake Duzak also stopped by the tent to say hi and chat some today at the 25th Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival at Look Park in Northhampton, MA. Ron McGilvray Photo

"Tartan Bearer"



I just got back from the Parade of Clans at the 25th Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival where I represented Clan MacGillivray Society.

## News From Atlantic Central Convenor Owen McGillivray "Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival"

“Owen McGillivray of Washington, D.C., at the Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival on June 16, in Mount Airy, Maryland, about an hour’s drive north of Washington. It was my first time setting up a clan tent after many years of attending games, and it went great! The organizers were very helpful, the weather was perfect, and the MacGillivray tent had a front-row seat for the bands that marched past. I had some company in the tent next door, our Clan Chattan allies, the MacPhersons. Mid-Maryland offers a smaller, friendly event for an early-summer Saturday. I had a great time there.

I’ll be setting up the MacGillivray tent next in The Plains, Virginia, for the Virginia Scottish Games, September 1 and 2 (Labor Day weekend). I hope to see some up you there!”



Owen McGillivray hosting the Clan MacGillivray tent at the Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival.



Scenes from the Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival. Owen McGillivray Photos

## Future Highland Games in the Eastern US Region where Clan MacGillivray USA will be raising tents:

2018 Maine Highland Games and Scottish Festival. Saturday, August 18th, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Topsham Fairgrounds, Topsham, Maine - <http://mainehighlandgames.org/about-us/>  
Hosted By Ron McGillivray

Quechee 2018 Scottish Festival & Competition, August 25, 2018 - Held at Quechee Polo Field, Vermont 45 Deweys Mills Rd., Hartford, VT 05001 - <http://quecheegames.com/> Hosted By Ron McGilvray

The Plains, Virginia, for the Virginia Scottish Games, September 1 and 2 (Labor Day weekend) - <http://www.vascottishgames.org/> Hosted By Owen McGillivray

2018 The New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival, September 21-23, 2018, 60 Loon Mountain Road, Lincoln, NH 03251 - <https://nhscot.org/> Hosted By Ron McGilvray and Geoff MacGillivray

Scotland County games in Laurinburg, NC on October 6, 2018 - <http://www.carolina-highlandgames.com/> Hosted By Tim and Traci Howell

Scotland Connecticut 31<sup>st</sup> Highland Games, 47 Brook Road, Scotland, CT 06264 October 7, 2018 - <https://scotlandgames.org/> Hosted By Ron McGilvray

Clover Highland Games in Clover, SC on November 10, 2018 - <https://www.cloverhighlandgames.com/> Hosted By Tim and Traci Howell

## Eastern US Regional Convenors:

Ron McGilvray – New England

Geoff MacGillivray – New England

Owen McGillivray – Atlantic Central

Tim and Traci Howell – Atlantic Central

## Member updates

### Rhonda MacGillivray Brady

My name is Rhonda MacGillivray Brady. I live in the small mountain town of Tehachapi, CA, a couple hours drive north of Los Angeles. I grew up in Bakersfield CA with an older sister and two older brothers. My father was John Allan MacGillivray from Gabarus, Nova Scotia, Canada. My father left home at age 14 over a dispute over some money with his overbearing father. When he returned 7 years later, he went to Boston to find his mother as his father had died and his mother was living with his brother. He met Viola Wilmot whom he married and had 2 sons,

Allan and Keith. They moved from Boston to California and had 2 daughters, Sandra and Rhonda. Not having much education, my father changed jobs numerous times over the years, but always managed to take care of his family. His mother Frances Victoria MacGillivray lived with us a number of years until she passed away at age 78. My father passed away in Long Beach CA, at age 63. Allan MacGillivray died at age 70. Keith lives in San Antonio, TX, age 81, Sandra is in Kentucky, age 79. Sandra and I visited Gabarus a few years ago and found the MacGillivray name was still known on what they called Rous Island. We were always proud to be MacGillivray's. The beat goes on.

## Virginia MacGillivray Loughney

The Newsletter editor and his sisters Maureen, Patty & Siobhan want to wish a happy birthday to our mother, who will be 88 this year.



## MacGillivray DNA Project

Just getting started, we hope to help sort out the over 100 different spellings of the name. The MacGillivray Clan traditionally was from the Western Highlands in the areas of Ardnamurchen, Mull, Lochaber and Moidart. They spread to Inverness and Skye. The hope of this project is to better understand how the MacGillivray clan spread and how they are connected to each other as well as to other clans.

The Clan MacGillivray was an important clan even before the Norsemen were driven out of the Outer Hebrides by King Somerled who was Lord of the Isles in the 12th century. In 1222 Alexander II of Scotland subdued Argyll and the Clan Mhic Gillebrath became dispersed.[4] Some of the clan remained on the Isle of Mull while others stayed in Morvern. There is a tradition that asserts that the chief of the clan placed himself under the protection of the chiefs of Clan Mackintosh, who were also chiefs of the Chattan Confederation. Thereafter the Clan MacGillivray belonged to the Clan Chattan.

The MacGillivray clan was first accurately recorded in Dunmaglass in 1549. In 1609 there was a great gathering of the Chattan Confederation at which loyalties were given to the Mackintosh chief and the hallow kin and race of Macgillivray was represented by Malcolm MacGillivray of Dalcrombie and Duncan MacGillivray of Dunmaglass.

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/mac-gillivray/about/background>

FamilyTreeDNA accepts uploads from 23andme, Ancestry, MyHeritage and other services for free - with a small fee to unlock premium features. There's a sale going on until the end of the month.



# Clan MacGillivray Society

## USA

### Membership Application

U.S. Residents Only

Mail the completed application with the appropriate payment to:  
Clan MacGillivray Society USA, Secretary  
Roger H. Johnston, 4805 A Dentcrest Dr., Midland, TX 79707-3711

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**Clan MacGillivray Connection** – If MacGillivray, in any form is *not* your surname, please describe your connection to the name – i.e., maiden name, mother's name, ancestry (give relation, if known), etc.

Are you:  Born in the USA?  
 Other? *State native nationality*

A Scottish Native, now U.S. resident?  
Please state the number of generations removed  
you are from your Scottish Immigrant ancestor,  
if known. + \_\_\_\_\_

**Clan Interest/Family History** – Please tell us something about your interest in the Clan and/or your own family's history.

**We will publish a directory of all members including name, address, phone number and email address. If you DO NOT want your personal information, other than name, included in this directory, please check this box.**

**Membership Categories** – NOTE: All categories are potentially **Family Memberships**, applying to a spouse, children, or other related dependents **at the same address**.

Please choose one:  Annual \$25  Term(5 years) \$100  Life \$500

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership applications will only be accepted with payment by check. Make payable to:

**Clan MacGillivray Society USA**

**Family** – Please list all family members at your address to whom this membership will apply. Use back for more.

Name	Relation	Birth Year	Name	Relation	Birth Year
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**Referrals** – Please tell us of anyone else you know, relatives or others, who might like to know about the Society.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for joining the **Clan MacGillivray Society USA!**  
Your membership and support is warmly welcomed and appreciated