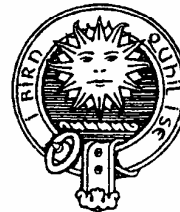


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## “AIR SCOTLAND”

*Grace, strength, and cultural heritage on display  
at the Loon Mountain Highland Games  
New Hampshire, September 2013*



***If it were easy, everyone would do it...***

*Awesome photos © by clanswoman  
Betsy Devany Macleod*

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*The Society Founded in 1954*



## WELCOME TO THE CLAN MACLEOD USA

We hope our newsletter provides useful information to prospective members and the latest news and photos for current members. The Clan MacLeod USA Newsletter is published twice a year, in concert with the semi-annual Clan MacLeod Magazine and additional international, regional, and local publications.

The Clan MacLeod Society, USA was founded in 1954 to establish a foundation for charitable, historical and educational pursuits for Clan members living in the United States. Since then it has grown to have members in all fifty states, which the Society has divided into thirteen administrative regions, each led by a Regional Vice President (see page 10).

The Society conducts its charitable functions through its Dunvegan Foundation. This body supports a broad range of scholarships, historical research, programs in the Scottish arts and language, and historic preservation of sites of significance to the Clan MacLeod. Both the Clan MacLeod Society as a whole and the Dunvegan Foundation are listed as 501(c)(3) organizations by the IRS. Our newsletter is published semi-annually, and mailed to all members in good standing of CMS USA. We welcome contributions and comments, which should be directed to the newsletter editor, Dorna Caskie, at the address below.

For more information on the Society's activities and a description of events, magazines, newsletters and membership benefits, please contact the Regional Vice President (RVP) for your area, or join us at the Clan MacLeod tent, which can be found at most highland games in the USA. Further information about the Clan MacLeod USA as well as our membership application can be found on our website, <http://www.clanmacleodusa.org>. We will be delighted to hear from you.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



You certainly can tell it's fall when the weather turns cooler and the football season begins; pumpkins are in the fields and apple cider is selling in your local farmers market or store. This is also a great time to go exploring and enjoy the changing fall colors.

And speaking of change, this will be the first time that our *Fall/Winter Newsletter* will be available to our membership exclusively online. Since 2011, we have been making past issues available online in full color while continuing to distribute a paper copy of each issue. As we have noted previously, the newsletter is one of our biggest expenses. We hope that by producing one issue a year only online we can save our treasury from further decline. I look forward to hearing your comments regarding the accessibility or format of the online version. To find our newsletters online, please visit Clan MacLeod USA at <http://www.clanmacleodusa.org>, or go directly to the publisher's website at <http://www.clanmacleodusa.magcloud.com>. Note that downloading or printing the newsletter yourself is free, but you can also purchase a full color, paper copy from the publisher's website if you wish. Our 2014 *Spring/Summer Newsletter* will be printed on paper and mailed to CMS USA members. The online version will also be available, as above.

During the last few months, Judy and I attended many Highland Games. Jack Lewis invited us to the Glasgow Highland Games, where MacLeods were the Honored Clan. Later, we joined Patrick and Erica McLeod in Detroit for the St Andrews Highland Games where we won the Best Tent Award. Early next year, we will be at the Winter Park Games in Florida with Ann and John McLeod. Clan MacLeod will again be the Honored Clan there, so we hope that as many members as possible will join us. Judy and I have also made travel arrangements for and are very much looking forward to the Clan MacLeod 2013 World Gathering, to be held in Auckland, New

Zealand this November. Rosealee and Weeden Nichols are also attending this event. (Information is available at <http://www.worldgathering2013.org>.)

I'd like to mention that in July 2014 the Associated Clan MacLeod Societies will convene Parliament in Dunvegan, on the Isle of Skye, Scotland. Now is the time to make your plans! Information about the event will be included in our 2014 *Spring/Summer Newsletter* and on our CMS USA website, as well as at <http://www.clanmacleodparliament.org>. I sincerely hope that many of our members will consider making the trip. One of the highlights of Parliament will be the dedication of a memorial to the late Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod, who passed away in 2007. A new gazebo is being built in the walled garden at Dunvegan Castle. We know this garden was a fond project of his. Anyone who would like to contribute to this memorial should contact me - Judy and I will personally be making a donation to get this drive started. Please note that it is most likely that contributions to this type of international project will not be deductible from your USA taxable income. All contributions, however, will be gratefully appreciated, recorded, and suitably recognized.

Meanwhile on a sadder note, our Society has experienced some great losses and illnesses within our membership this past year. We realize that any loss to our Society of such dedicated MacLeods is difficult personally as well as organizationally. It is heartening, however, to visit with young interested people at highland games, who give us a balanced outlook and hope for the future of our organization. Please keep our members in your thoughts and prayers, and thank you for your continuing support of Clan MacLeod!

Hold Fast,  
John N. MacLeod  
President, Clan MacLeod USA

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## TIME TO BEHAVE A BIT MORE LIKE A "REAL" EDITOR...?

*A very wise and senior member of the CMS USA Council once reminded me that very personal items in the Clan MacLeod Magazine or even the CMS USA Newsletter can be a little much at times. I apologise if I have been a little self-indulgent recently in these editorials, but hopefully the "first person" point of view can still be of some use sometimes.*

### WHAT THE NRG HATH WROUGHT

We all believe that supporting the North Room Group at Parliament can help build the future of the Clan, and that the contacts made by young MacLeods can have a tremendous influence on their lives. I continue to be amazed - hopefully without being inappropriately personal - by the "case study" of the NRG's impact on the life of my son, Peter LaValle. Spending time with young Scots and in Scotland inspired him to attend four years at the University of Glasgow, from which he graduated with an Honours Degree in Computing Science. After working in the UK for <http://www.games-masters.com>, next month he will receive a Masters of Science in Games Software Development from Sheffield Hallam University. He is already on board with a new games company, <http://www.on-the-metal.net>. Living the dream, and it all started with the NRG.

### UNDERRATED CLAN MERCHANDISE

If you haven't seen - or seriously looked into purchasing - the "challenge coins" available through RVP John W. McLeod, you are missing a real opportunity to put a smile on someone's face. I bought a bunch for personal use (here we go again), and have been giving them away as stocking stuffers or handing them out at weddings as a way of welcoming new members to our family. They are very nicely made, and much admired.

I have to admit that at first I wasn't sure how well known the use of these coins might really be. At the community center where I used to work, we have monthly meetings of our VFW and American Legion. After one of their meetings broke up, I came in and spoke to a few vets who were talking and having coffee. I said that I - respectfully - wanted to conduct a little experiment. I took out my challenge coin, laid it down on the table, and waited. One of the older Marines from the Korean Conflict looked me hard in the eye, and slowly took out and laid down his unit coin on the table next to mine - and smiled.

"Still shining and birning" and very personally yours,  
Dorna Caskie  
Newsletter Editor, Clan MacLeod USA

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## FEATURED ARTICLES

### 2013 Clansperson of the Year, James Blount MacLeod

*Clansperson of the Year is the most prestigious award given by the Clan MacLeod USA. This award goes to a Clan MacLeod USA member who has contributed greatly to the goals of the Clan. The award was established in 1966, and there have only been about 40 recipients. This is an outstanding group of individuals, selected from the thousands of USA members who contribute to the success of our Society.*

*The recipient is selected yearly, through recommendations made by current members of the Clan Council and Past Presidents. Franklin Wyatt, as a member of the Nominations Committee and Awards Chairman, polls the Council to solicit nominations for "Clansperson of the Year." The results are announced at our annual general meeting.*

James has given a great deal to CMSUSA over the years. He has invested his personal time and effort, and has been dedicated to not only the National Society but also to the Dunvegan Foundation and to MacLeod activities on an international level. He was most recently co-author, with Alexander C. McLeod, of an important article on MacLeod genealogy "Y-DNA Evidence for Norse Descent of Leod". The first part of this article was published in issue #116 of the *Clan MacLeod Magazine*.

James is greatly respected by all members, as well as other



organizations closely related to Clan MacLeod. He and his wife, Kathryn, along with other MacLeods, were recently recognized for support of the dancing and piping program at St. Thomas High School in Houston, TX. In addition to his work on the MacLeod DNA Project, James has positioned the finances of the Dunvegan Foundation for growth and stability for the future while

acting as its Treasurer.

The services and thoughtfulness that James Blount MacLeod exhibits at every opportunity embody everything represented by the Clansperson of the Year award.

Also recognized in San Antonio were the 2013 recipients of the President's Award, Ian Good and Tom McLeod. The President tries to honor individuals for their extraordinary work on behalf of the Society. In the case of Ian Good, besides being dedicated to his RVP position in the Missouri Valley, Ian took on the added responsibility of revamping and continuing to update our Clan MacLeod USA web site. Tom McLeod, who was recruited by Coralane Boyes years ago, has been a Commissioner in Kansas for well over a decade. He received the President's award for his dedicated efforts in that capacity.

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### Raasay house reopens, overcoming many setbacks

*Including material found at the BBC, Scotsman, and Glasgow Herald websites*



*Raasay House today*

The work to refurbish Raasay House was finally completed and a formal reopening celebration took place on 20 September 2013. It was well-covered in the press, and attended by Liberal Democratic British MP Rt. Hon Charles Kennedy. Chief John MacLeod of the MacLeods of Raasay is the patron of the Raasay House Community Company, which owns the building. Visiting Raasay and Raasay House is expected to be one of the high points of Parliament 2014.

You may recall that the building was the recipient of a number of grants, which allowed the entire building to be modernised and restored to use. Several small businesses, most notably the Raasay Outdoor Centre, operated out of the building and collectively employed quite a few residents on the island.

Tragically, right before that first restoration project was about to finish, the building was almost completely destroyed by fire in January 2009. Fortunately no one was seriously injured, and the project was well insured. There were further complications when the contractor, Rok, went "into administration" (bankruptcy) in November 2010. But the RHCC persevered, found another company to work with, Mansell Construction Services Ltd, and was able to get the project finished.

Raasay House is now a multi-function facility, offering accommodation from "lodge" style to luxury, serving meals, and operating a variety of recreational activities - inside and out, on land and on the water. They also support training and business meetings. The historic exterior of the building was preserved, and behind it you will now find a stunning interior. There are photos and a more detailed description of their services online at <http://www.raasay-house.co.uk>.

The original mansion was home to the MacLeod chiefs of Raasay and was burned to the ground by Hanoverian soldiers in 1746 after the Battle of Culloden. The community had supported Bonnie Prince Charlie, who crossed briefly to Raasay while he was on the run. It was rebuilt in time to receive diarist James Boswell and essayist Samuel Johnson during their celebrated Tour of the Hebrides in 1773.

If you would like to become a member and supporter of the Raasay House Community Company, contact their Administrator, Kate Smith, at [rhccraasay@outlook.com](mailto:rhccraasay@outlook.com).

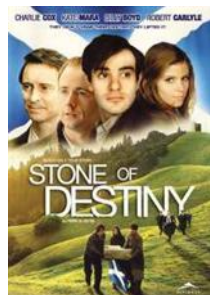
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## CLAN MACLEOD RECOMMENDS...

*This is the debut of a new section of the newsletter, where MacLeods are invited to share information about Scottish products, entertainment, events, or travel options. Please don't hesitate to offer up anything that is useful, or fun!*

### The Stone of Destiny (2008 DVD)

*Recommended by Judy MacLeod*



The *Stone of Destiny* (Released by Infinity Entertainment, directed by Charles Martin Smith, running time 1 hour, 36 minutes) is the dramatization of Ian Hamilton, QC's novel by the same name. On Christmas Eve in 1950, Ian was one of four Scottish university students who broke into Westminster Abbey and removed the "Stone of Scone" from beneath the

Coronation Chair. This was a time of low public esteem for Scotland as a nation, but a resurgence had begun and had especially taken hold within the academic community. The students set out to help turn the political tide by returning the Stone of Scone to Scotland.

This stone was the stone upon which the kings and queens of Scotland traditionally sat when they were crowned. It had been stolen by Edward I in 1296, taken to London, and installed under the Coronation Chair of English monarchs. It is probably the most powerful symbol of Scotland's nationhood, and in 1996 it was put on permanent display alongside the Honor of Scotland at Edinburgh Castle.

With a great cast, this true story of passionate and determined young people – with no money, no experience as thieves, and barely a plan – entertains while expressing tremendous national pride. The DVD is available for sale from <http://www.amazon.com>. You can also stream the movie online at Amazon, rent the DVD from Netflix (<http://www.netflix.com>), or find it in other media outlets.

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### Letters from Skye, by Jessica Brockmole

*Recommended by Judy MacLeod*



Communicated through letters, this is the tale of two women: a mother and her daughter. Although not typical of historical fiction, each woman cultivates a relationship during wartime. The mother, on the Isle of Skye, corresponds during WWI with a Chicagoan who is a fan of her poetry, while the daughter's life is related through what she writes to her fiancé, who is posted in France

during WWII. The author does an interesting job of weaving these two stories together.

Well written and intricately developed, you'll enjoy this heart warming, romantic story.

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### Over the Sea to Skye – 1961

*Recommended by John B. MacLeod,  
Council Member and Past President CMS USA*

[HTTP://SSA.NLS.UK/FILM/0363](http://ssa.nls.uk/film/0363)

The URL above links to one of the films available to view online from the Scottish Screen Archive. The Scottish Screen Archive is a film and video collection of over 100 years of Scotland's history. The Archive houses more than 32,000 items, mostly non-fiction, ranging from documentaries to advertising and promotional material.

The Archive was set up in 1976 to find, protect and provide access to Scotland's moving image heritage. It has been part of the Collections Department at the National Library of Scotland since 1 April 2007. More information about supporting the organization, or ordering copies of materials, can be found on their website.

This particular film was sponsored by the Scotland and Skye Tourist Association, and runs for about 17 minutes. It follows "a hiker" through Skye, visiting Dunvegan Castle and climbing the Cuillin.

John mischievously suggests, "Take a good look at the guy wandering off the ferry and various other places."



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### MacLeods in the news

#### A MODEL HOBBIT BRIDE

*Spotted by Judy MacLeod*

As my television briefly flickered over "America's Next Top Model" recently, I spotted a lovely woman in New Zealand delivering an assignment to the group of models-in-training. The word "MacLeod" rang in my ears, and I discovered that the





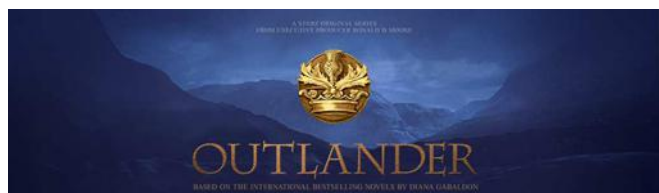
woman was Sarah McLeod, the New Zealand actress who probably had the most visible role in the *Lord of the Rings* film trilogy of any female Kiwi. Below is an online bio from <http://www.wikipedia.org>:

**Sarah McLeod** (born 18 July 1971) is a New Zealand film and television actress. Her most notable role was in the Peter Jackson films *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* as *Rosie Cotton*, a female hobbit who married Samwise Gamgee. Her daughter Maisy played Rosie and Sam's baby. McLeod also co-starred in the New Zealand soap opera *Shortland Street* as *Cindy Watson* from 2008 to 2009.

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## Outlander, the TV series

*Anticipated with great hope by Dorna Caskie*



Several years ago, my mother – who was not someone who spent any time thinking about Scotland at all - sent me some beat-up paperbacks she had been reading. They were the first in the “Outlander” series by Diana Gabaldon. I was hooked after only 100 pages, as what could be better than Scottish science fiction? But then I was crushed when the central figure, Claire Randall, acquired a gallant highlander as her boyfriend, Jamie MacKenzie. (MacLeods can be friendly with MacKenzies, right?) I feared the worst: that the book would degenerate into some kind of bodice-ripping romance novel. However, as the story has unfolded the books have delivered not only an intense and unusual romance between Claire and Jamie, but also magnificent historical detail and great characters (a few unbelievably evil ones), surrounded by a sometimes exhausting extended family saga. With time travel. To date, Ms. Gabaldon has sold over 25 million of her books, world-wide.

THE BIG NEWS IS that the USA television network “Starz” has licensed the “Outlander” series as its challenger to “Game of Thrones”. It will be produced by “Battlestar Galactica” visionary Ron Moore, and filmed in Scotland. Choosing Scotland as a location was a real breakthrough as the film industry in Scotland has been held back for many years by the absence of a major production studio. As part of creating the series, Starz will construct such a facility in Cumbernauld (childhood home of long-suffering Scottish-American Craig Ferguson). From a business development point of view, this is a very significant investment in Scotland.

You can follow the production development details here <http://www.starz.com/originals/outlander>. Starz expects to premiere the series in 2014.

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## A Good Scottish Laugh

*Anonymous submission!*

An Arab Sheik was admitted to the hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery the doctors needed to store his type of blood in case the need for a transfusion arose. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so a broad call went out. Eventually a Scotsman was located who had a similar blood type. The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Sheik.

After the surgery, the Sheik sent the Scotsman a new BMW, diamonds, and \$50,000 in appreciation for giving his blood.

A few days later, the Sheik needed a second corrective surgery. The hospital telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood again.

After the second surgery, the Sheik sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a box of Laura Secord chocolates. The Scotsman was surprised that he did not acknowledge the blood donation as generously as before. He phoned the Sheik and asked him, "I thought you would be generous again, that you would give me another car or diamonds or money... but all you gave me was a thank-you card and a box of chocolates. Why?"

To this the Sheik replied, "Aye laddie, ya see I now have Scottish blood in ma veins!"

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## The American Scottish Foundation

<http://www.americanscottishfoundation.com>

*Recommended by Don MacAskil*



*The mission of The American-Scottish Foundation®, an international not-for-profit organization, is to establish links and strengthen ties between Scotland and the United States, through the pursuit of contemporary social, cultural, educational, and business activities.*

The American Scottish Foundation was established in 1956, around the time of the birth of CMS USA. They are a nation-wide organization with a great many relationships with cultural, business, and political organizations promoting Scottish interests in the USA. ASF were a major force behind establishing the Tartan Week activities in New York City. Their website includes a magazine/blog featuring news from Scotland as well as a travel-inspiring calendar of Scottish events.

Their website material can be accessed for free, or you can choose to join the organization to better supports its objectives.

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## An open invitation from the Clan MacLeod Society of Germany



*Above: CMS Germany at our tent in Peine, May 2013*

*I asked Mathias to share with us some information about the annual MacLeod activities in Peine, Germany. - Ed.*

Dear Clansfolk, here and there!

As some of you know, we have a lot of nice Highland Games here in Germany! The games season starts every year in Peine on the first weekend of May. Peine is a nice little village near Hanover, where the first Clan MacLeod North European Gathering took place in 2011. In the beautiful setting of the city park you can hear the sound of the pipes in the competitions and you can admire the strong men in the sporting activities of the traditional Highland Games. In addition to these exciting events, you have a lot of options for good food and drinks. You can choose between "German Bratwurst", fish and chips, haggis, beer, ale and whisky.

We from CMS Germany participate in this event and have an information tent every year. As mentioned above, in 2011 we hosted MacLeods for the first NEG. This year, Clan MacLeod Germany celebrated our big tenth birthday with a tent in the Peine festival's first Clan Village.

We're very proud that the Clan MacLeod participated in the Clan Village. It was such a famous and colourful look for all the Peine visitors when the Societies of the Clans MacLaren, MacKenzie, MacGregor and of course MacLeod stood side by side in their Clan tents sharing information. It was a lot of fun, with a warm-hearted mood like a great family. The Clan Village will be part of the Peine event every year from now on.

We can tell you Peine is a amazing gathering. It takes place every first weekend in May, and we would like to invite YOU to the next event in 2014 - and to every year after that! We would like to make the Peine games an international place for MacLeods to meet, and would be very pleased to welcome you as a part of this great family. Let us show you how the German people celebrate their "Scottish Spirit." And if you are interested in visiting Hanover as well, no problem - we'll find a way.

Please don't hesitate to contact us for more information or help! Email us at [vorstand@clan-macleod.de](mailto:vorstand@clan-macleod.de).

Mathias Straetling  
President of CMS Germany

To visit CMS Germany's website and see photos of the NEG 2011 and other past events, go to <http://www.clan-macleod.de> and click on the dotted "CMDG" heading, then click on "Archiv".

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### Thursday November 20 through Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>

The WG13 program is outlined on the registration form, and all events are a la carte so you can plan personal excursions as well as participate in Clan activities. In addition to the WG13 program, the Auckland Highland Games will be held on Saturday November 23. Note that registration after October 30 will incur a NZ\$50.00 surcharge. For planning purposes, please note that the exchange rate is roughly USD\$1.00 to NZ\$1.30, and New Zealand's time zone is UTC +12.

There is an optional pre-WG13 Tour hosted by fellow clansman Alec Macleod (reach him at [AandKmacleod@xtra.co.nz](mailto:AandKmacleod@xtra.co.nz)) for three days in Northland. **This pre-gathering tour departs Auckland at 9:00AM on Monday November 18.** Tour highlights feature natural and historic locations, and includes a visit to the Scottish Heritage Museum in Waipu.

More information on the program and accommodation is available at <http://www.worldgathering2013.org>, or you may contact Laurence McLeod ([laurencemac@maxnet.co.nz](mailto:laurencemac@maxnet.co.nz)) or Cathie Macleod ([catmac15@xtra.co.nz](mailto:catmac15@xtra.co.nz)) directly. Their telephone numbers and "snail mail" addresses are on the WG13 home page.



## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

### John McClure Good

**April 20, 1938 - August 18, 2013**



The Rev. John McClure Good was Chaplain to the Clan MacLeod Society USA for many years, as well as a beloved pastor at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis, MO. He is survived by children, grandchildren, and one great grandchild, including his son Ian, who is CMS USA's Regional VP for the Missouri Valley and is also

CMS USA's webmaster. Ian shared his feelings with clansfolk at the time of his father's passing. "My dad loved that I celebrated our Scottish Heritage and he loved what Clan MacLeod has done for me. He was a proud and loving father who rejoiced in his faith and the knowledge of the serenity that awaited him."

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#### ***Support your Chief and the Clan!***

Become a Friend of Dunvegan Castle and Gardens. Benefits include free unlimited entry to Dunvegan Castle and Gardens during seasonal opening hours, half price on up to two companion entries, discounts on Castle merchandise and services, invitations to special events, and more. Information about membership can be found at <http://www.dunvegancastle.com>.

#### ★ MORE NEWS ★

#### ***Go "social" with the Castle!***

**Facebook** "Friending" of Dunvegan Castle is highly encouraged! See <http://www.facebook.com/DunveganCastle/>. Also, you can "follow" the Castle on **Twitter** at [https://twitter.com/#!/Dunvegan\\_Castle](https://twitter.com/#!/Dunvegan_Castle). "Tweets" are not limited to Castle lore; stay in touch with local businesses, people, and other news of interest to the Skye community.

### Murdoch Maclean MacLeod

**October 18, 1923 - September 21, 2013**

Photo courtesy  
<http://www.pipedrums.com>



Maclean Macleod has had a profound effect on the ability of Clan MacLeod to deliver on its mission promise to support Scottish cultural arts. He will be missed, but as a wise person who helped establish activities that could sustain themselves, his good work will be with us for a long time.

Maclean was a founding member of the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association and the United States Piping Foundation. He acted as its convenor or president for 50 years. He also received many honors internationally for his services to piping. Personally, he was a talented woodworker, a great storyteller, and a gifted singer.

As friend and collaborator Arthur McAra reminded us, "[He was] always looking for ways to encourage up-and-coming young pipers. In 1976, Maclean established the MacCrimmon Quaich competition for Grade I Amateur pipers, under the auspices of the Clan MacLeod Society USA, Inc. Today, a MacCrimmon Quaich Competition is held in each of the 13 Clan MacLeod Society regions of the United States."

He was born in Ullapool, north of Dunvegan, and after 33 missions with the Royal Air Force in WWII he pursued a career in forestry in Scotland. In 1956, he and his family emigrated to the United States. He helped found the festival that has grown to be the very successful Fairhill Scottish Games, in Fairhill, Delaware.

To remember him, the family requests that those who wish to do make a donation in his memory to a new Maclean Macleod Memorial Scholarship Fund organized by the United States Piping Foundation: Attn: Maclean Macleod Memorial Scholarship Fund, 735 Michell Street, Ridley Park, PA 19078-3721 USA.

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### Jean Macaulay Hart-Duling

**September, 23, 1917 - November 5, 2010**



Jean Macaulay Hart-Duling of Bainbridge Island, Washington was a long time member of the Clan MacLeod. Her parents were Murry D. and Pearl N. (McLeod) Macaulay. As she grew older, she maintained a lively email correspondence with fellow clansfolk. She left behind a number of family members, including cousin Jim McLeod of Bellingham, Washington.

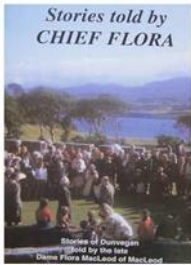
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## COUNCIL NOTES AND GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### Don't panic in the tent!

*We have the cure for the gab-challenged*



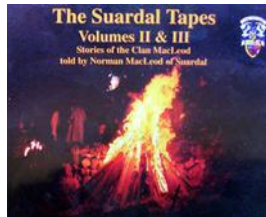
If you or your intrepid volunteers are new to hosting a tent at your regional highland games, you may occasionally need a little help starting a conversation with your guests. This challenge is amplified when you suddenly face a mob of wide-eyed eight year olds as they expectantly hold up their clan passports and ask for a stamp.

What does it all mean? If you need a little sustenance at moments like these, the best remedy we have is a copy of "Stories Told by Chief Flora," available from the ACMS website at

<http://www.clanmacleod.org/merchandising/books/>.

Once you have perused this magical volume, you will be able to regale even the most cynical teenager with heroic tales of wrestling a bull to the ground after visiting one's mistress, first-person confrontations with fairies and otherworldly elements, and drinking large amounts of claret wine out of a dirty old steer horn.

Should Dame Flora's fine volume merely whet your appetite, you can move along to advanced ear chewing with a truly fabulous series of CDs known as "The Suardal Tapes." These albums were produced by the current ACMS President, John Davidson Kelly, and contain recordings of his uncle, Norman of Suardal, telling stories with a broad range of subjects incorporating the history of the MacLeod clan and life on Skye. The setting is casual, Norman is a mesmerizing speaker, and you may come away inexplicably moved by ancient and mysterious things. These CDs are also available from ACMS merchandising.



In the next, final issue of the CMS USA Newsletter before Parliament, we will include a further reading list of available MacLeod lore.

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### Genealogy notes

*From Ann McLeod, Migration Director*

Please note that because this issue of the *Fall/Winter Newsletter* will be published on the web, and therefore visible to the general public, the password to access the CMS USA database will NOT be posted. This is to protect our members' privacy. Note further that the password will not be changed from what was printed in this section of the newsletter in the *Spring/Summer* issue. Society members should consult their paper copy of that last publication for the password. (It will be masked in the online, publicly visible issue of the *Spring/Summer Newsletter*.)

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### The Dunvegan Foundation shares a thank you from OSAS

*The Ohio Scottish Arts School*

(<http://www.ohioscottishartsschool.com/>) is one of the many Scottish cultural organizations supported by the Dunvegan Society. We recently received a letter from their registrar, thanking the Dunvegan Society for their financial support, and for being part of their inspiring student program.



*Photo courtesy Ohio School of Scottish Arts*

I've been involved with OSAS for 12 years. One of my favorite things is watching our young students grow each year - and especially when they return as instructors! This was OSAS' 35th year, and it was special to welcome two Dance, two Bagpipe, one Snare Drum, one Tenor/Bass Drum, and two Harp Instructors who were former students, now returning to teach. A former bagpipe student even taught Kiltmaking for us. Our instructors tell us OSAS is a unique school where all the arts interact.

The music and the camaraderie among the students are awe-inspiring! Watching the wee ones help adult students learn new music - adult students mentoring older teens - evening jam sessions with fiddle, harp, drums and bagpipes and dance students teaching Scottish Country dances. OSAS is an amazing experience.

The friendships formed last well beyond the week. Students enjoy running into OSAS alumni at Highland Games and other Scottish events. Some of our students have traveled to Scotland to compete in the Dance and Pipe Band World Championships.

Our students are always thrilled to receive a scholarship, presented at our final evening event of each session. While we try to keep our tuition reasonable, many times our students are traveling from a great distance and the scholarship helps offset the cost.

Pam Kilpatrick

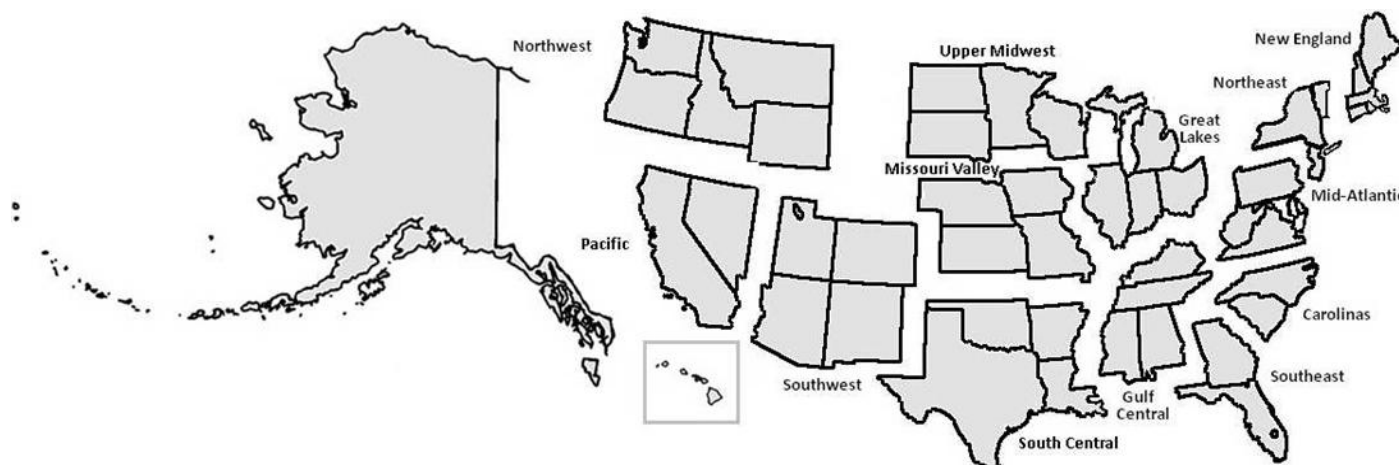
OSAS Vice President and Registrar

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### OLIVE McCASKILL BELL FELLOWSHIP

*In 2014, the MacAskill Sept Society will again offer two \$100 fellowships honoring Olive McCaskill Bell. These are earmarked for a young man and woman of MacAskill descent who participate in the North Room Group program at Parliament. Contact Sept Treasurer Don MacAskill at [maccdn2002@yahoo.com](mailto:maccdn2002@yahoo.com) for details.*

## REGIONAL NEWS



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The New England Region's Clan MacLeod tent was present at four highland games in 2013, the first being the 15th Annual Rhode Island Highland Festival, which was held on June 8th and was the first games of the season for the New England region. The day was a wonderful spring day. I made several new friends, and met with some long-time fellow clan friends. The clan village bordered the parade field where the band competition was held, and we heard as well as saw the bands strive to be the best. One of the children's games that was new to me was the "Haggis Hurl". The organizers really showed their creativity. This was a good start of the highland games season.

The Round Hill Highland Games celebrated their 90th annual event on a bright and sunny day at Cranbury Park located in Norwalk, CT. Since the games are held close to the 4th of July we always expect a hot day. This was no exception. The band competition and children's games were right next to us. By being so close to the activity, I found I was impressed with the enthusiasm and energy the staff had with these events. The youth events included the children's stone put, the caber toss, and timed races by ages in which children race around a track on the main parade field. The three-legged sack race is fun to watch with a child and adult participating. By far, the most popular is the tug of war, right down to the last great screams of "PULL". At these highland games all participants get medals, win or lose, and

every child is a winner. The clan passport is outstanding, with clan stamp pages with questions to ask each clan during the visit. When we register for the games, we are asked to provide questions that will be asked when a child visits to have their program stamped. This is a great opportunity to tell the story of why we have a bull on our clan crest.

The New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain has been

on my "bucket list," so it was an honor to be a participant this year. My wife Betsy and I were very impressed. Holly Norton, Dorna Caskie, Veronica McClure and R.J. Hoagland and family were helpful by attending to the Clan tent activities.

I have to give credit to Dorna Caskie for the enthusiasm with which she tells the story about why the bull was made part of our clan crest. The Loon Mountain event is the largest highland games in New England, and goes on for three days. The "bumble bee tartan" garnered more interest than I anticipated, and I was thrilled to come home with a very full guestbook.

It was a pleasure to march in the opening ceremony with Audrey MacLeod, Holly Norton, and Chris Chartier. While a number of MacLeods waited anxiously for the opportunity to yell "Hold Fast," the opportunity did not arise. Having misplaced a page of his clan names, the announcer skipped



*Stamping a passport for a serious young "traveler" at Loon Mountain*

over some of the clans. We MacLeods took the “bull by the horns” as I stepped out raised the clan flag, and then the four of us all yelled “Hold Fast”. We were soon followed by several other clans that were missed being called.

At the games in CT, Kevin MacCauley traditionally sets his tent up next to mine or works with me at my tent. He gave me a Cape Breton flag which I display. One woman stopped in her tracks when she saw it and went on tell me about the passion she has for her family history and Cape Breton. For her son’s high school graduation, she decorated the house with the flag and tartan of Cape Breton, hired a pipe band and celebrated. What a graduation gift.



*New member  
Tina Kimball*

At Loon Mountain in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, the weather is unpredictable. Friday and Saturday were wonderful days of stellar weather, with a breeze at times. Saturday evening brought a storm that ravaged the clan village. This did not stop the activities of Sunday. Once the water pooling in the tent was resolved, we moved forward and had another successful day.

By the time you read this, the Highland Games of Scotland, CT will have been held on the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend. These are a highland game in my local area, and I am proud to have been part of the team that organizes the event for the last twenty years. The Clan passport used there is outstanding – the clan stamp pages include questions to ask each Clan visited by the passport holder.

Since this was my first time to be at the New Hampshire Highland games, I was struck by a real sense of “family”. I found many of the people that help the much smaller event in Scotland, CT, have been organizers, coordinators, announcers at what is now the largest Highland games I have ever attended. Patricia Nisco judges our drum major competition and at these games she is Executive Director. James Dickerson used to hire our three pipe bands and he is in charge of all the piping and drumming competitions. Ox Gara always sets up camp the night before WWII style, and is always jumping in to help, and he announced the world champion drum major completion. I am proud to say my family has grown exponentially with these experiences.

Hold Fast!

John S. MacLeod

New England Region

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Hold Fast and shine the light!!!

D. Jean MacLeod

## Upcoming events schedule

THE NEW YORK ★ NEW JERSEY ★ VERMONT ★ REGIONS	August 17, 2013 (past)	Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village Annual Scottish Festival, Amherst, NY. <a href="http://www.bnhv.org">www.bnhv.org</a>
	4th Saturday in August	Long Island Scottish Festival and Highland Games. Old Westbury Gardens, Old Westbury, NY <a href="http://www.liscots.org">www.liscots.org</a>
	Labor Day Weekend	Capital District Scottish Games –Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY <a href="http://www.scotgames.org">www.scotgames.org</a>
	August 23, 2013 (past)	Quechee Scottish Festival, Quechee Polo Field, Quechee, Vermont <a href="http://www.quecheescottishfestival.com">www.quecheescottishfestival.com</a>
	June 7, 2014	Bonnie Brae Highland Games and Scottish Festival. Valley Road, Liberty Corner, NJ <a href="http://www.eohebrides.com/events/index.cfm?EventID=510">www.eohebrides.com/events/index.cfm?EventID=510</a>
	August 9, 2014	Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival. Long Branch Park, Syracuse, NY <a href="http://www.cnyscottishgames.org">http://www.cnyscottishgames.org</a>
	TBA	Ithaca Scottish Games and Celtic Festival 304 N Geneva Street, Ithaca, NY <a href="http://www.ithacascottishgames.com">www.ithacascottishgames.com</a>

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## MEGAN (MCLEOD) ZERFAS, HEAVY GAMES ATHLETE

You should all be pleased to meet Megan (McLeod) Zerfas, an enthusiastic young competitor in the heavy highland games for women. Megan just started competing in the games this year, and has participated in twelve events so far. “I love it,” she says, “I wish I had started years ago.” Megan, whose mother was a McLeod, is also registered to compete in the Masters World Championships next year in Inverness Scotland

(<http://www.invernesshighlandgames.com/>). Below is a photo of Megan (in her yellow MacLeod tartan, of course) and fellow athletes at this year’s Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village Scottish Festival and Highland Games, held at the Amherst Museum. Megan placed second overall in the women’s division at this competition.





*Amherst 2013 athletes. Photo by Melanie G. Mullally*

While there are generally fewer female athletes, women do compete in all of the same heavy games categories as men: caber toss, stone put, Scottish hammer throw, weight throw (weight for distance), weight over the bar (weight for height), sheaf toss, and "Maide Leisg" (lazy stick). The weights for the carry and throw events are different for women, but the ladies will throw the same caber as the men – which by definition only has to be manageable for half of the competitors present.

If you think you might be in Scotland for the weekend of September 12-14, 2014, Megan would love to have you cheer her on at the Masters World Championship. She can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/megan.zerfas>.

## WELCOME BACK TO ALEXANDRIA



### The Clan MacLeod Society USA Annual Mid-year Meeting

is held in conjunction with the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk in Alexandria, VA.

These CMS USA meetings are open to all Clan MacLeod Society members, and will take place:

**Date:** Friday, 6th Dec 2013  
**Time:** 8AM – 5PM  
**Location:** Holiday Inn Old Town  
Alexandria, VA 22314



We are thinking ahead to the holidays, and are pleased to be returning to the same Holiday Inn where we've hosted the Mid-year Meeting for several years. For those staying overnight 5 – 7 December (or just one night!) the Clan MacLeod Society USA has contracted with the Holiday Inn

for a special room rate of \$129/night plus tax.

The cut-off date for this room rate is 12 Nov 2013. Rooms are subject to availability after the cut-off date. For reservations, call the Holiday Inn Old Town Alexandria at (703) 548-6300. Please mention the "Clan MacLeod Society." Check out their website at <http://www.hioldtownalexandriahotel.com>.

On Thursday 5th December and Friday 6th December 2013 the Clan MacLeod Society will also host a Ceilidh at the Holiday Inn, Suite 240, from 6PM – 9PM. Come meet fellow Clan MacLeod members!

Friday is our day for meetings and Clan business.

On Saturday 7th Dec 2013 the City of Alexandria, VA, in partnership with the St. Andrews Society of Washington, DC and the Campagna Center, will host the 45th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Parade, from 11AM – 1PM in "Old Town" Alexandria.

Line-up begins at 10AM-ish and information about the rendezvous point for Clan MacLeod will be forthcoming... but we are easy to spot because many wear the yellow and black "Loud MacLeod" tartan. Don't be shy, just jump in and join us as the parade comes by! This is a particularly great event, especially for families. For more information about other scheduled events that are part of this festival, see <http://www.campagnacenter.org/events/scottish-christmas-walk-weekend/>.

Hold Fast!  
Stephen

### Upcoming events schedule

<b>AUG</b>	<b>31</b>	Virginia Highland Games and Festival. 5089 Old Tavern Road, The Plains, VA. <a href="http://www.vascottishgames.org">http://www.vascottishgames.org</a>
<b>SEP</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>OCT</b>	<b>19</b> <b>-</b> <b>20</b>	Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games. Richmond Raceway Complex, Richmond, VA. <a href="http://vacelticfestival.com">http://vacelticfestival.com</a>
<b>DEC</b>	<b>7</b>	Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk. Alexandria (Old Town), VA. <a href="http://www.scottishchristmaswalk.com">http://www.scottishchristmaswalk.com</a>

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Hello from the Carolinas Region as we welcome the start of a new year of Scottish games!

### HONORS FOR JAMES BLOUNT MACLEOD

First let us travel to San Antonio, Texas for the AGM. This occurred in early April. It had a significant life-associated event that comes back to the Carolinas. Saturday evening at the Banquet, we presented James Blount

MacLeod (who is Treasurer of the Dunvegan Foundation and currently lives in Raleigh, NC) the Clansperson of the Year Medallion. That same day he had received word that his father, Rev. James MacLeod of Lumberton, NC - a good friend of many a Scots in the Carolinas - had passed. I am honored that James received this prestigious award, and saddened that his father didn't know.

## LOCH NORMAN GAMES

After the AGM came the Loch Norman Games, in mid-April. I arrived on the Friday afternoon and went to our assigned spot and unpacked the clan tent. Since it was overcast, I covered the tent paraphernalia well in case there was rain that night. I was on the field talking with the Games Field Manager when it was announced that the Friday evening events (the Sponsors Reception and Calling of the Clans) were cancelled. This was due to the prediction of severe thunderstorms and possible tornadoes that evening. I went back to the tent to make sure everything was extra secure and then headed to the hotel to find the other MacLeods that were staying there and let them know of the cancellation. That evening Lonnie and Cheryl McCaskill, George and Debbie Grinton, Gordon Lewis, Eloise Twombly and I went to dinner and yes, it did rain Friday evening and overnight.

Saturday awoke to different weather. The clouds cleared, the sun came out, and the Loch Norman Games were in full swing. That morning Lonnie and Cheryl, George and Debbie, and Gordon helped me set up. Shortly, Tim and Valeri Batten MacLeod came by for a visit. Rick Norred, who deals with the amateur athletics, and his son Bo also came by. Other members we saw during the weekend included Michael Hardee, Jami Standridge, Ron MacLeod, Anne MacLeod MacDonnell, Mary Ann MacLeod, John Norris, and Norman Livermore. Norman had been named President of the Stone Mountain Highland Games. With good weather a good time was had by all.

This year's winner of the MacCrimmon Quaich – Carolinas Region was Grace Washam. Congratulations to this fine piper. Sunday was a slow day with the Parade of Tartans being the highlight event. The MacLeods had a fine band of participants. I thank you for supporting the Carolinas Region. At the end of the day I packed up and headed home.



*Franklin with Grace Washam, Winner of the MacCrimmon Quaich at the 2013 Loch Norman Highland Games*

## BETHABARA GAMES

In May, I attended the Bethabara Games. This is a one day event near Winston-Salem, NC. It is a relaxed event, lending itself to enjoyment of fellowship with members of other clans. There were a number of pipe bands and the Parade of Tartans was a casual event. The weather cooperated but it was overcast for the day. As I was packing up you could see the clouds building into a thunderhead north of the field.

## GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games were upon me in no time. During the drive to the mountains, I was ever watchful of the sky and the clouds. But as Thursday progressed the sky cleared and the evening turned out great for the calling of the Clans. I proudly proclaimed, "The MacLeods are here!" Friday, I was up on the mountain early to set-up the tent. The weather continued to be excellent. Lonnie and Cheryl McCaskill arrived shortly and helped me. The tents are set-up in two rows ringed around the Games field. The inner row faces the field, with a wide walkway between this row and the second row of tents. Clan MacLeod had two tents – one on the inner row and one on the outer row. I set up the work tent on the outer row, leaving the inner one for members to sit and watch the events on the field.

Friday was a short day, closing at 3:30 PM so that those attending the Sponsors Reception could prepare. Even so, there was a steady flow of people. The Sponsors Reception was held at Camp Yohnanoka. It has a large semi-enclosed pavilion, plus they set up an additional large tent to accommodate all the people. Towards the end of the reception there was a heavy downpour, making me wonder how our tents were doing on the field. But rain off the mountain doesn't necessarily translate into rain on the mountain. Anyway, all was well-covered at the clan tent to protect it from moisture.



*Franklin presents the 2013 Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod award for Open Piobaireachd to winner Kenneth McKeveny at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games*



Saturday we awoke to a beautiful day. Although the ground was wet from the rain the sun was shining, ushering in the start of a great day. Saturday brought many visitors to the tent. Lonnie and Cheryl were there to help get started. Rick, Kandie, Mac and Bo Norred came by. Other members at the tent Saturday included David and Gail McAleer, Michael McClure, Dot, Cody, Kayla, Melissa and Celeste McCaskill, and Norman and Rachel Livermore, Fay King, Bill and Susanne McCaskill, Don and Priscilla McLeod, Joel and Mariah McLead and Drew Fowlie. On Saturday we awarded the Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod Trophy for the Open Piobaireachd. This year's winner was Kenneth McKeveny. We also awarded the Ray McCabe Trophy for Amateur Grade II, overall. This year's winner was Connor O. Thompson. Congratulations to these two fine pipers. After presentation of these awards it was time to head back to the motel and relax for the evening. Little did we realize what would occur weather-wise later that evening, and into Sunday.



*Franklin with Connor Thompson, winner of the Ray McCabe Trophy for Amateur Grade II, overall at the 2013 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games*

The rain began to fall and at times it fell quite hard. Sunday morning I got up and headed to the mountain dreading what I might find. Being early I was parked on a relatively dry patch of ground. As I walked up to the tent there was a drizzling rain and the wind was gusting. When I got to the tent, I found the work tent had about an inch of water covering the ground. The table with all the work supplies was still tightly covered with a tarp, and I was reluctant to take it off. The other, inner tent was on higher ground and thus stayed dry. I was contemplating what to do: move to the dry tent, go to the Kirkin', or try to pack up, when I overheard Security saying that anyone who wanted to pack up could drive their vehicle onto the field. For me to finish packing up, I had to move everything into the inner tent in order to minimize the moisture getting on paper items. Then I had to put up a tarp on the side of that tent because the wind was blowing the rain right through it.

Fortunately for me, Drew Fowlie came by and assisted in helping me get all items transferred from the outer tent to the inner tent so I could pack up. By the time I had everything in my vehicle and was ready to drive back to the motel, my kilt was heavy with water. Plus other garments were wet. Nothing smells better than wet wool!

Sunday's events on the mountain had been cancelled,

only the second time a Grandfather Mountain Games day had been cancelled. Monday I headed home early, thus allowing time to spread out all the wet items when I got home.

## **CHARLESTON SCOTTISH GAMES**

September brought the Charleston Scottish Games, held at Boone Hall Plantation. I arrive at Karen and Cecil McLeod's home early to allow me to go out to the Games field and deposit all the tent paraphernalia. I had expected to see Purdy and Odell McLeod there but found out that Purdy was down in the back and had decided not to attend. That night we went to the Sponsors Reception at the Mill House Hotel. It was a well attended event in an extremely nice location. The reception committee even commissioned a Swing Band to play.

Saturday morning it was up early and out to the field to set up. Karen and Cecil arrived soon after I got there to help with arranging the tents. Saturday saw many visitors to the tent. There was Wilton McCabe, Dale McLeod Messervy, Drew Fowlie, Rick, Kandie, Mac and Bo Norred, Doug and Courtney McLeod, Lonnie and Cheryl McCaskill, Gary and Sylvia Lewis, Brenda and Darrell Strickland, Giff and Connie Beaton, Sandra McLeod, Mary Cooke, Bill Nichols and Ted Lupton. There were also kids all about the tents. As usual, Saturday was a warm humid day, but not oppressively hot and humid. For the Parade of Tartans we had eight young MacLeods to carry the banner. When the day was over, Karen and Cecil helped me pack it all up. That evening Karen and Cecil, and Lonnie and Cheryl and I had dinner together. I would like to thank Karen and Cecil for all their help and hospitality, as well as Karen for her hard work as SC Commissioner.

## **SCOTLAND COUNTY GAMES**

The last event to report on is the Scotland County Highland Games. I had to get up early to get to the Games field since it was an hour and fifteen minute drive. I arrived, getting help from Tim O'Loane to get tent items from the vehicle to the tent. Then I changed into my kilt and set to work at a leisurely pace putting out MacLeod information. Being that this is a small Games still, I was uncertain who would be at the tent. Don McLeod came by to help. He was also helping at the Saint Andrew's Society of North Carolina tent. The day would be warm and lots of sunshine. Members visiting the tent were Donald McLeod, Robert and Debra McCloud, Cecil and Edith Johnson, Mike McClure, Don and Priscilla McLeod and Tim O'Loane. The Parade of Tartans was the traditional hurry up and wait event, but the MacLeod's had good group of participants lead by Bo Norred carrying the MacLeod banner. I talked to a number of people supplying them with information about Clan MacLeod. At the end of the day I packed up and traveled home.

Hold Fast!

Franklin Wyatt III

RVP Carolina's Region

Clan MacLeod Society USA

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The historic seat of the Macleods of Raasay, nearly destroyed in a fire in January 2009 just as a major renovation was about to complete, has finally opened to the public. On their website you will find a detailed description of this magnificent multi-use facility, including the 22 bedrooms offered for accommodation, a list of outdoor activities, as well as catering, business, and other event support.

<http://www.raasay-house.co.uk/>

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September 21, 2013, Ann and I went to Panama City, Florida to speak at a genealogy society meeting. We were asked to dress in our Scottish attire and tell the society about Clans, septs, highland games and the attire itself. We did that, but then we also talked about the various societies including Clan MacLeod and what each society might be able to offer. We set up a "clan tent" inside the meeting room and talked about what we do at the games to promote our society and what we do to help people who are just looking to see where they might fit into the framework of Scottish society. Many were surprised that their family name was associated with a clan or district of Scotland. They were also amazed at the prolific number of tartans out there. The "talk" was supposed to last about forty-five minutes with fifteen minutes for Q&A. Three hours later we were finally able to pack up to head home.



I wore my Lewis tartan but carried along a Harris tartan in a

lighter weight material to show the difference between 16oz and 11oz weights. Ann had not had an occasion to wear her new arisaid until this came up. Thanks to Shelly and Jack Lewis, she had the material to have the arisaid made. She wore the basic arisaid consisting of under garment and tartan outer. We will have attended Stone Mountain before this newsletter comes out but you will have to wait until Spring to find out what a great time we are expecting to have.

Tom "Rowdy" Lewis, a Clan MacLeod Society member, was at the genealogy society meeting. I gave him a coin and extracted a promise of one hour of work at the Clan Tent at the next games he attended as payment.

Our upcoming schedule includes Stone Mountain, Georgia the third week-end in October, Central Florida (Winter Springs, Florida) the third weekend in January, Northeast Florida (Clay County, Florida Fairgrounds) the third Saturday in February, and St. Augustine, Florida the first Saturday in March. The St. Augustine festival is a three day event but we can spend just the one day there. Panama City has a Highland Games and Celtic Festival on the same weekend as the St. Augustine festival so we won't be able to make that one. We will work on having representation there though.

J. W. McLeod

RVP SE, Clan MacLeod Society USA

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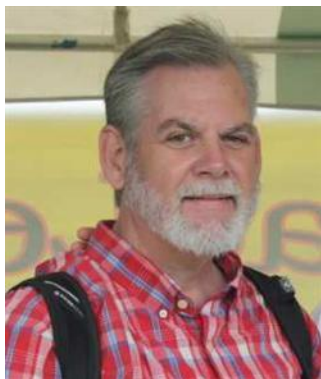
Reaching way back to this time last year, I was treated to some Scottish weather, Alabama-style, as misty rain enshrouded the North Alabama Highland Festival in New Market near Huntsville. I got to visit with John McLeod, who made the drive over from Tuscaloosa with his daughter Eva.

## THE GHOST

Our 2013 MacLeod-ing activities began full-tilt with the April AGM in San Antonio. I am a forever fan of the fabulous Menger Hotel—it's got a cigar store, a toy shop, AND it's haunted—what more could you ask for? I prowled the halls at all hours taking photos of... nothing... and watching the dial on the ghost meter skip. The AGM was a great time, although John W. could never show me where the shuttle to the Alamo was.

## THE GAMES

This year's Smoky Mountain Highland Games was a mostly rainy affair, which may have dampened the turnout, as the crowds were smaller than previous outings. We did see a few familiar folks including Ronnie McClure Price and Miles Drawhorn.



A familiar face (Miles Drawhorn), and a new (James Wooley)

The Glasgow, KY Highland Games was nothing short of a whirlwind. As the Honored Clan this year, I think we MacLeods Held Fast, Shone without Burning and did MacLeod Proud. We've never seen so many MacLeods in the tent—John and Judy MacLeod; Bill C, Angus, Iain and Magda MacLeod all came down from Chicagoland, and John W. and Ann added Glasgow to their summer travels from Florida. Gordon Lewis and Eloise Twombly swung by on their way up north. Tennessee was well-represented with Judi and Tony Blasinski; Anna Dickson and Mary Elizabeth Ferrell; Larry MacLeod; and a kilted Steve Oleski. Ronnie Norvell, Ruthanne Dunn and Charles Whitson helped bolster our Kentucky party. I was asked to pipe for a



Iain – shocked by Ann's recruiting methods!

wedding at the Davidson tent, so with many MacLeods in tow, we marched the bride and groom halfway around the field gathering more witnesses to the blessed occasion. Best of all, the Bridesmaid and Best Man joined Clan MacLeod! In fact we welcomed many new members thanks to Ann's "just get 'em in a headlock" recruiting methods: Kristina and Dameyon Beaman, James Wooley, Roger Dunagan, and Gene Wilson and family. We made a strong showing in the tartan parade and even held our own

amateur class bonny knees competition (Congratulations Angus). We cannot begin to express our appreciation to everyone for coming and making the weekend a success.

You can advertise in the Clan MacLeod USA newsletter! Ads are available on our black and white pages only, and need to be submitted at copy deadline. Costs are: full page \$500, half page \$250, quarter page \$125. If you are interested, contact the Editor (see page 3).

## THE GUY

It was not long after this that we learned of Bill C.'s stroke. Bill is one of the finest gentlemen I've ever encountered—in a MacLeod kilt or out. We wish Bill the best.

The most recent event on my calendar was the Bardstown Highland Games (<http://www.bardstownhighlandgames.com/>) on the storied grounds of Heaven Hill Distillery (<http://www.heavenhill.com/>).

It was a perfect games day for August, and attendance at this event is growing—although a lot of folks in this area are still trying to figure all this out. Organizer/athletes Chuck and Kerry make this one of the more entertaining highland games around. Steve and Donna Graves—in whose wedding we participated at Glasgow—visited with us a bit, and Judi and Tony Blasinski rolled in with the finest "highland games assault vehicle" imaginable. Those folks travel in style. We welcomed Sanford Beresford back into the fold after an absence.

And with that, the wheel of the year has turned. Hold Fast, y'all.

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The Great Lakes Region has had a really good games season, for once! There were no severe weather events to put a damper on the day. The economy seems to be improving, in that across-the-board attendance seems to be up. As a result, our membership is increasing. We started in April with the AGM in San Antonio with a good turnout of Great Lakes members including Bill C. and family from Naperville and Amy Kennerly from Ohio.

The Chicago Annual Festival and Highland Games in mid-June are getting bigger and better every year as people begin to realize how much better this venue is compared to the old polo grounds. Information for future games can be found at <http://www.chicagoscots.org/highlandgames/>.

The Ohio Scottish Games (<http://www.ohioscottishgames.com/>) are held at the Loraine County fairgrounds, where the clan organizations set up in one of the barns making it somewhat "weatherproof". This is the game where we present the MacCrimmon medal for



our region. This year it was presented to the winner of Grade I Piobaireachd Piping, Andrew Donlon. Ohio commissioner, Bonnie Overton, does a wonderful job in preparing a very welcoming area for greeting and entertaining our guests.

Our Michigan commissioners, Patrick and Erica McLeod, have done a fantastic job as evidenced by Clan MacLeod winning "best Clan Tent" at both Alma (<http://www.almahighlandfestival.com/>) and Livonia (<http://www.highlandgames.com/>) in Michigan. Both are large events with over 30 clans present, so this is really a great achievement.

We have only one game ahead of us this year and that is the Indianapolis Highland Games and Festival (<http://www.indyscotgamesandfest.com/>) on October 12. This is a growing event in German Park which is an especially pretty wooded site in the fall amidst the changing leaves. We will be there with Indiana commissioner, Robert Lewis, Jr. This will be an emotional event for us in that it will be my last game as Regional Vice President. At the end of the year Sandy and I are retiring and moving to North Carolina.

These past years as RVP have been a really special and rewarding experience. I have been privileged to have made many wonderful acquaintances and enjoyed numerous memorable experiences. Sandy and I will continue to attend the AGMs and mid-year meeting in Alexandria every year. We are really looking forward to Parliament in Scotland next summer. To all of you in the Great Lakes Region, it has truly been my honor and privilege to have served you.

Bob McLeod  
Great Lakes Regional VP



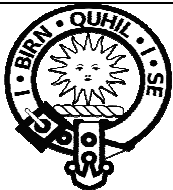
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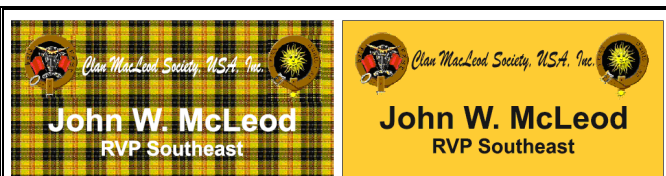


The Upper Midwest Region has a shorter games schedule than most others, and the only two in Wisconsin are the Wisconsin Highland Games

(<http://www.wisconsinsscottish.org>) which has just passed, and Milwaukee (<http://www.milwaukeeesscottishfest.com/>), held in June.

We would like everyone to know that we are in the planning process for the 2015 CMS USA AGM, although we don't have any firm announcements to make yet.

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**Carolinas:** Cody McCaskill ★ Robert Michael Beam ★ Mark McLeod ★ Eloise Twombly ★  
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**Northeast:** J. B. Benson ★ Scott M. Grupe ★ Alexander M. Hyatt ★ Harold Hyatt ★ Janelle H. Palmer ★ Heather H. Turner ★ David T. Hopper ★  
**Northwest:** Darren Miles McLeod ★ Donna C. Cameron ★ Marie J. Frazier ★ Sue and Malcolm Greenlees ★ Cyndy Boman ★  
**Pacific:** Janet Lutus ★ Christine D. Glogow ★  
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**Southeast:** Charles S. McQuaig ★ Jack McLeod ★ Robin Cabe ★ Phillip Lewis ★ Eric McClure ★ Frank West ★ Freya Mclaud Hasselbach ★  
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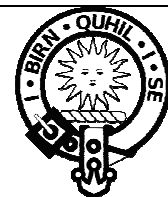
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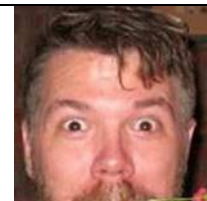
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The Southwest Region Colorado group had a turbulent games season this year. We were able to attend the Highlands Ranch Scottish Festival in August, and for the third year in a row, the MacCrimmon Quaich was won by Ryan Balchuck, of Pueblo, CO. The Borreraig Medal was won by Webb Harrington, of Boulder, CO. The weather got crazy, and during takedown a gust of wind picked up both tents and slammed them into Clan Gunn and the Colorado Welsh Society. However, we averted a Clan war with minimal damage and no injuries to our fellow Celts, offering profuse apologies, and consuming more Scotch than was probably good for us.

I planned on attending the Longs Peak Scottish Festival in Estes Park, but a family emergency made it necessary to cancel at the last minute. Estes Park and surrounding communities are among the hardest hit in the recent flooding in Colorado, so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Two new games popped up this year in the Denver metro area, but the communication was such that we did not learn of them in time to add them to the mix. Next year we will add another game in Denver and one in Colorado

Springs.

I would also like to say how great an honor it is for me to be able to work with Rex and Judy Wisheart in the SW Region. My fervent hope is that a miracle will be granted and Judy will be able to return to an active life filled with her family, friends, church, and Clan.

Hold Fast,  
Perry Beaton

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Alexander Graham Bell and John Logie Baird, prominent Scottish inventors of early communication devices, might have viewed this first electronic version of the MacLeod Newsletter with mixed feelings. That being said, MacLeod members now have a new connection tool.

The Washington gaming season started out in Bellingham, although missing an important member, Jim MacLeod, who decided to skip the game for a cruise through Europe. Never fear, for Julie Thompson and Penny and Dale DeGraff were there to run the tent. Julie also represented Clan MacLeod during the Friday evening festivities and Flaming Saltire. Not many visitors but a lot of neighboring clan camaraderie. Doug Banner, Lyn Spangler, and their granddaughter, Lyn-Marie joined in the parade and for visits during breaks between Doug's stories shared in the Storytellers tent. Eight-year-old Lyn-Marie gave her granddad a break by telling a story, too.



*Skye Richendrfer, Executive Director of the Celtic Arts Foundation, presents a custom blown glass vase in the MacLeod of Lewis tartan colors to Penny McLeod DeGraff as a thank you gift in commemoration of Clan MacLeod serving as the Host Clan for the 2013 Skagit Valley Highland Games in Mount Vernon, Washington. Photo by Dale DeGraff*

Clan MacLeod was chosen to be the host clan for the Skagit Valley Highland Games in Mount Vernon, Washington. We were honored to be the first clan leading the Parade of Clans behind the honor guard and the Northwest Junior Pipe Band. Penny McLeod DeGraff welcomed everyone to the Games during the Opening Ceremonies both days by advising people to "Hold Fast, Shine Bright, and Have Fun at the Games". Skye Richendrfer, Executive Director of the Celtic Arts Foundation, presented Clan MacLeod with a beautiful, blown glass vase the Foundation had commissioned a local glass artist to create in the MacLeod of Lewis tartan colors.



*Tacoma Highland Games Whiskey Tasting Tent (next to the MacLeod Clan tent)*

The MacLeod Clan tent also had the best seat in the house for the Tacoma Games, situated right next the Whisky Tasting tent! The sunny day brought us some unusual visitors. The tent had a visit from the historian of the Descendants of Ft. Nisqually. Fort Nisqually was the first European settlement on the Puget Sound. The fort houses a full research library and a museum store on the Hudson Bay Company and other fur trader and travelers to the area, many of which were MacLeods. The tent also had an author stop by who is writing a young adult novel with MacLeod characters. Shannon MacKinnon was on a search for the lyrics to "Dunveagon Lullaby". So far, the music has eluded her; any help would be appreciated.

Anyone visiting Enumclaw for the SSHGA games this year may have had an interesting time finding our tent. Upon arrival, we went to the area where we have always set up, only to find our tent marking around a beautiful and very large fir tree. The only problem being, the tree wouldn't fit thru the tent! By the end of the weekend, one of the other clans had posted a sign on the tree stating it was "MacLeod's Forest". Emma Harris, a wee MacLeod dancer, and her mother Chris did find us and we were able to snap a fine photo of Emma in her dancing tartan.

Debi and Bruce Williamson, Washington Commissioners, were able to attend the Spokane games. Unfortunately, the planning committee decided to rearrange the grounds and isolated the clans from the vendors and events. The turnout for the games was not a good draw this year, and a quiet time in the clan area.





Wee MacLeod dancer,  
Emma Harris found the tent  
at 2013 SSHGA Enumclaw



MacCrimmon Quaich Winner  
at SSHGA Enumclaw - Liam  
Hilder of Port Coquitlam, BC

Oregon had attendance at three games by three different members. Cy and Martha Cook, Oregon Commissioners, went to Portland; Jan Janiec visited High Desert Celtic Society Games in Redmond; and Blue and Sheri MacLeod were at the Douglas County Scottish Society Games in Winston, OR. A good time was had by all and a welcome is in order for new members Darren McLeod, Donna Cameron, Marie Frazier and Sue and Malcolm Greenlees.

On to Montana; where the Bitterroot Scottish and Irish Games in Hamilton was hosted by Scott Lewis along with Tristan, Connor and Duncan. The area was surrounded by wildfires this summer and had a shortfall in some of its clan tents but still had great attendance. Scott and family are looking forward to participating in 2014 at the newly formed Kootenai Highland Gathering in Libby, MT. If you missed any of these events, there are still more for 2013 – see below.

Hold fast,  
Susan Norman Slade

### Upcoming events schedule

OCTOBER	12	All Clans Fall Banquet - Renton Technical College Renton, WA hosted by Clan Donald Info @ <a href="http://www.clandonaldusanorthpacific.org">www.clandonaldusanorthpacific.org</a>
	20	St. Andrews Celtic Fling - St. Andrew's Church 111NE 80th St, Seattle, WA <a href="http://www.saintandrewsseattle.org">http://www.saintandrewsseattle.org</a>
	24 - 27	Galway Bay Irish Music Festival. Ocean Shores, WA <a href="http://www.galwaybayevents.com">http://www.galwaybayevents.com</a>
	26	Celtic Faire, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Tacoma, WA. <a href="http://www.saintandrewstacoma.org/celtic-faire/">http://www.saintandrewstacoma.org/celtic-faire/</a>
NOV	01 - 02	'The Keith Highlanders Pipe Band - Road to Scotland' Kirkland Performance Center, Kirkland WA 7:30 PM <a href="http://www.kpcenter.org">http://www.kpcenter.org</a> , <a href="http://www.khpg.org">http://www.khpg.org</a>
	02	Heather Tartan Ball and Silent Auction. Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association, Northgate Community Center, 10510 5th Ave NE, Seattle WA. <a href="http://www.sshga.org">http://www.sshga.org</a>

### Upcoming events schedule

	T B A	St. Andrew's Day Celebration. Thistle and Ghillies Scottish Country Dancing Club, Boise, ID. <a href="http://www.thistleandghillies.org">http://www.thistleandghillies.org</a> .
	08	St. Andrew's Day Celebration, Caledonian and St. Andrews Society Dance. Lake City Presbyterian Church Hall, Seattle, WA. <a href="http://www.caledonians.com">http://www.caledonians.com</a> .
DEC	07	Christmas Parade. Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association, Enumclaw WA. <a href="http://www.sshga.org">http://www.sshga.org</a> .
	T B A	Christmas Ceilidh - Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Seattle, WA. <a href="http://www.rscds-seattle.org/">http://www.rscds-seattle.org/</a>
FEB	16	Gung Haggis Fat Choy – Seattle, WA <a href="http://www.gunhaggisfatchoy-seattle.org">www.gunhaggisfatchoy-seattle.org</a> (Note this site may not yet be updated for this event.)

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Reporting from the Pacific Region!

The end of the Games season is upon us, and I write this after doing the last game of our Pacific Region for the 2013 season. Personally, the season has been a bit of a minute-to-minute event for me this year due to work constraints, but fortunately all concerned have been very patient. We have had some new members join, always a great thing, and have been really blessed by all the familiar faces coming by the tent. I am always struck by the fun times we have, catching up with one another, sharing family updates and such, and allowing me to be a part of your lives. It reflects the true nature of the Clan system and how we can come together to support each other.

Speaking of support, I want to thank Jon and Carol, and Chip and Lydia for hosting tents at their Games and taking the edge off of me and mine. I know our Clan is well-represented and can rest easy in that knowledge.

I have noticed that we have had quite a few folks come by that trace to a Raasay family, as well as our tried and true MacLures, Lewises, MacCrimmons and other septs. The MacLeods are such a great blend of folks; pleased to have them all.

I hope this finds you well, welcome to all the members-new and those reliable.

Hold Fast to the Light, Pacific Region!  
Tammie Vawter, RVP-Pacific Region.

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## ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

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- All persons having the name of a Sept of the Clan MacLeod (however spelled), and all persons directly connected by marriage or descent.
- Friends of the Clan MacLeod

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Applicant Name:		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
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You now have the ability to join or renew your membership in Clan MacLeod USA on line with a credit card or PayPal. The goal is to make the process as convenient and secure as possible. Your information will be secured by using encryption software, fraud protection services and additional security supplied by the PayPal web site. With the online membership process you will save a few steps, compared to the mail in renewal method.

The on-line credit card membership can be accessed by going to the Clan MacLeod USA web site and linking to the "Membership" page. You can pay by: Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover or PayPal. The one year membership or donations to the Clan can be made on line. This is just one way of joining or keeping your membership current. You can, as before, apply by mail with a check, or through your local Clan MacLeod representative at your local highland games.



## REGIONAL PHOTOS

### GULF CENTRAL REGION



*Eva and John*



*The Beamans and John Norman*



*Angus, Gordon, Eloise (and Magda)*

### NORTHWEST REGION



*Lyn Spangler signs in and chats with Penny McLeod DeGraff at the Clan MacLeod tent during the Bellingham Games as Julie Thompson looks on.  
Photo by Dale DeGraff*



*NW RVP Susan Slade and former NW RVP Penny McLeod DeGraff at the Clan MacLeod tent during the 2013 Pacific NW Highland Games in Enumclaw, Washington. Photo by Dale DeGraff*



*Clan MacLeod marches in the Parade of Clans at the Pacific NW Highland Games in Enumclaw, Washington. Left to right: Julie Thompson, Thom McClure, Penny McLeod DeGraff, Matt Thompson, Robert DeWolf, and Mike Slade. Photo by Dale DeGraff*

### NEW ENGLAND REGION

*More from Loon Mountain - Photos © Betsy Devany Macleod*



*Drum Major "Toss" Competition*



*Heavy Games Athlete*



*Young dancers*

*Deanna Guilbeault and Thomas Koczodan*



*Wed April 14, 2012 in R.I.  
(Bride's family are MacLeods)*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS - CLAN MACLEOD USA IS INVITED!

### CLAN MACLEOD WORLD GATHERING NEW ZEALAND 2013



WG13 will take place in Auckland, New Zealand from November 20-24, with an optional pre-Gathering trip beginning on Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration/program information, hotel and hospitality, and travel notes can all be found on the website <http://www.worldgathering2013.org>.

### 2013 ANNUAL MID-YEAR MEETING AND ALEXANDRIA CHRISTMAS WALK



The CMS USA Mid Year meeting will take place on the first weekend in December, surrounded by the events of the Campagna Center's famous Scottish-themed holiday activities. <http://www.scottishchristmaswalk.com>.

### CLAN MACLEOD WORLD GATHERING PARLIAMENT 2014



Parliament week will take place in Dunvegan from Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014 to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The North Room Group service project will still take place during the week before Parliament, and will be based on Skye. There will be no pre-Parliament trip in 2014. See the ACMS website for more information <http://www.clanmacleod.org>

### CMS USA AGM 2015



Rumor has it that we will meet in Milwaukee, Wisconsin during the first half of the year. Watch this space for further announcements!

ALSO, see our featured story on the annual festival at Peine on page 7, where you can join Clan MacLeod Germany as their nation celebrates its "Scottish spirit" through cultural events, in Highland heavy games, and with a warm and hearty welcome.

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