



CASSOC

Founded in 1976, CASSOC is an organization for organizations. Our primary purpose is to provide coordination and communication between our member groups. We encourage the celebration of our Scottish cultural heritage and the promotion of this Scottish culture in Canada in all its aspects. We seek to be the assembly of all groups in Canada who are pursuing Scottish interests.

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Any member group of CASSOC may submit an advertisement to any issue at no cost.

Membership in CASSOC is open to any and all organizations which promote or encourage some aspect of Scottish tradition or culture, represent a link between the Scottish people and their descendants and relations in Canada, or seek to develop an understanding of the role Scotland and its culture has played in the development of Canada and its history.

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Meetings 2018:

The Executive Meetings will be 8 April and 28 October 2018.
The General Assembly meetings will be 6 May and 25 November 2018, location TBA.

Website:

The website contains, among other things, a list of Scottish and Celtic Events in Canada, Canadian Regional tartans, and a list of our member groups with a link to their websites and other digital media, as well as their membership contact information. On the Events list, for each date, our member group events are highlighted with a link to their website.

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Frae the Chair

Dear Clansfolk,

I hope that you all had a relaxing summer. With fall just a few days away, it amazes me that I am hiding away from the heat in my air-conditioned home while some of our citizens are experiencing snow in Alberta. I had a wonderful time at the Fergus Highland Games in August and met many clan groups. I welcome all of our new members. Please continue to send notice of your activities to our Webmaster or Secretary so that we can advertise your events on our website.

In our next issue, we will be sending out more information about the Great Canadian Kilt Skate in Toronto. This event is expanding and we are hoping to have a venue (mostly likely at tent at Nathan Philips Square) to advertise Scottish Clans and Societies.

I have just spent a week with my grade 10 history class talking about history and identity. Many of my students do not know about their own histories. I have challenged them to talk to their parents and grandparents about the family stories that help to form their basis for their own journey. Whether it is creating a family tree or investigating how and why their families made the long journey to Canada (often leaving much of value behind); family history is important. In fact, Canada is built on a mountain of these individual stories.

The Opening Ceremonies of the 2010 Vancouver Olympics included a presentation by Spoken Word artist Shane Koyczon, entitled We are More quoted below.

"We are young, we are cultures strung together then woven into a tapestry
And the design is what makes us more than the sum totals of our history"

While the design of this tapestry continues to evolve, our roots help to strengthen the threads. Our youth need to understand this.

I challenge you to share a family account, an historical document, picture or something of your own story with one of your children or grandchildren. Perhaps you could tell of the legends of your clan, or the history behind your name. Spend some time with our young. Lure them away from their screens and entertain them with real stories and family characters. In the process, they may just understand themselves and their place in this great country a little better.

Hold Fast,

Karen Macleod McCrimmon
Chair, Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada
chairperson@cassoc.ca



Reminder: The fiscal year for CASSOC starts on September 1st, so membership renewals are now due. For further information, please contact Jo Ann Tuskin, info@cassoc.ca



Scotland - Come Along, by VisitScotland

An Drochaid - The Bridge

The bridge picture used in our header was provided by CASSOC files. Each edition of the newsletter will feature a new image of a bridge submitted by our group members. Many thanks to all who have provided pictures, and we look forward to the editions ahead.

Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festivals - Fall

Date	Event	Location
Aug 31-Sept 3	Carruthers Clan Gathering	London, ON
Aug 31-Sept 2	Clan Munro USA & Canada Gathering	Halifax, NS
Sept 1	Calgary Highland Games	Calgary, AB
Sept 1-2	Canmore Highland Games	Canmore, AB
Sept 2	Scottish Studies Foundation – Tall Ships Cruise	Toronto, ON
Sept 6-9	Clan MacFarlane Worldwide Gathering	Estes Park, CO
Sept 7-9	Festival Celtique de Québec	Québec, QC
Sept 8-9	The Beach Celtic Festival	Toronto, ON
Sept 8	Trenton Scottish-Irish Festival	Trenton, ON
Sept 23-29	Clan Sinclair Gathering Tour	Italy
Oct 5-13	Celtic Colours in Cape Breton	Cape Breton, NS
Nov 24	St Andrew's Society Toronto Charity Ball	Toronto, ON
Nov 30	St. Andrew's Society Montreal Ball	Montreal, QC

Please let Jo Ann Tuskin know of any Burns events anywhere in Canada for January so that they can be published in the next newsletter and listed online.

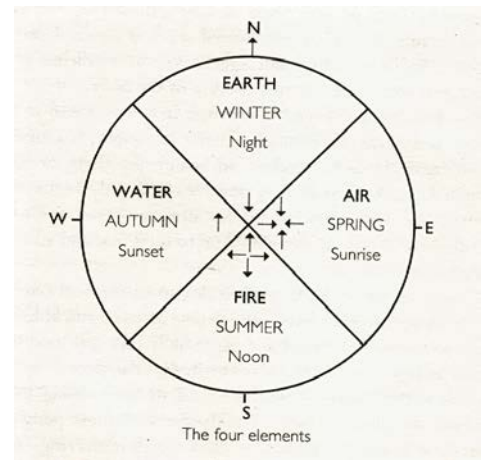
The Celtic Elements - Autumn



Herfest

The Celtic festival of Herfest, around the time of the autumnal equinox, about 22-23 Sep, marks the end of the reaping or harvest time. The last sheaf of corn was cut, the huntsmen had returned with the quarry and everything would now be stored up for the winter. It was a festival of thanksgiving for another year's crops and sustenance. There would be feasting, story-telling, poetry reciting, and a thoroughly good time would be had by all. It marked the time when the dark becomes dominant and the time for introspection begins. It was the final festival of the year and brought to a close another cycle of sowing, tending and reaping.

From Celtic Wisdom by Andy Baggott, Published 1999 by Judy Piatkus (Publishers) Ltd



Autumn – West – Water:

The West is the place of autumn in the cycle of a year. The time when the fruits swell and ripen. It is the place of harvest and rejoicing in the bounty of Grandmother Earth. In the cycle of a day, the West is the early evening, the time of relaxation after the day's work, the time of the setting sun. The animals become less active, often resting at this time in the warmth of the late afternoon's sun before it sets. Everything becomes peaceful and relaxing. The power of the West is the power of Water. In the Autumn, the fruits are swollen with juice, everything feels buoyant and calm. The power of Water is upward, buoyant, uplifting. It is the place of rest and relaxation, of lifted spirits and loving energy. It is the place of home and nourishment, of feeling satisfied and well fed.

CASSOC on Display!

Many thanks to various members for these pictures



**Welcome to New Members Clan Pringle,
Clan MacAulay Association and
The Ontario Genealogical Society!**

Welcome to returning member Clan Kincaid!

Member Group News & Updates

Member Groups are encouraged to submit news to this regular column in **An Drochaid**. If there is no news about your group, it is probable that none was submitted to the Editor. Deadline for submissions is the 1st of the month of issue - March, June, September, and December.

Combla Rí Cheile
Together with Accord



Clan Bell of North America

A family convention is to take place to seek a person to lead the clan or family as Commander.

The Bell family has had no chief or leader since at least the early 17th century and it is not known if anyone can now prove that they are the most senior member of a known Bell family from that time. In the absence of such a person, it would benefit Bells if they had a commander who would lead the clan for the next ten or twenty years whilst a suitable person to be chief is identified or a descendant of the principal family of the name is able to gather proof of their descent and be in a position to seek to petition the Lord Lyon King of Arms for recognition.

The manner in which such a person is identified is by family convention that must show support from a wide geographical area and from those who are members of Bell societies and those who are not. Members of the Bell family are planning that a gathering take place in Scotland in 2019 at which, it is hoped, a suitable person will be identified who will take on the role of commander

Under the guidance of Mrs Elizabeth Roads, Snawdoun Herald of Arms, who has been appointed by the Lord Lyon King of Arms to oversee the family convention, we now seek applications from those who might wish to lead the clan for the next decade.

If you would like more information on the family convention or on how your name might be considered for the position of commander contact:

Robert Bell

at [3228 Oak Leaf Place, Highlands Ranch, Colorado, 80129, USA](#) or
clanbellcolorado@aol.com



Carruthers Clan

The Clan gathering was a huge success thanks to Gail Caruthers Bohannan Gray, Pat Carrothers Weber, Susan Beattie, Judy Carrothers Carr, and Patricia Carrothers-Fello.

Congratulations Patrick E. Carrothers- Chief, and Chieftans Keith Carruthers 1st chieftan, Jeff Carrothers 2nd chieftan, Harold J Carruthers 3rd chieftan, and Chris Carruthers 4th chieftain (see picture below).

The Carruthers Clan Pen Pal Project

For the clan members who do not use Facebook, and would like to hear from us in letter form or birthday cards. If anyone would like to help with this, send a note to Carrothersclan@gmail.com

Link to sign someone up to receive a Carruthers clan pen pal.

The Domestic Violence Project

When these moms have to go to a shelter, they are not allowed to bring products.

We are asking people to donate any travel size shampoos, soaps, toothpaste, and body lotions. We are also taking pill bottles and putting in safety pins, hair pins, or making small sewing kits.

If you would like to help out with this project, please send an email to Carrothersclan@gmail.com and put domestic violence project.

The Scholarship Program

We are collecting donations for the Carruthers Clan Scholarship Program, with the idea of presenting our first scholarship for the 2019 School year. We know that young people need to be proud of their heritage, and earn self-confidence and respect for who they are. This is part of our mission, but their part is to have a thirst for education. If you would like to donate to the scholarship program, please send an email to Carrothersclan@gmail.com with scholarship Program in the subject line.



Clan Carruthers Society International (Canada)

Our Society Convenor, Dr George Carruthers (4th on the right speaking to Lord Bruce, please see picture below) was invited to Broomhall, Fife, Scotland, ancestral home of the Family Bruce, at the beginning of September 2018, to receive an award for services to health care and Carruthers clan history and heritage. He received the award from Mr Ronnie Watt OBE, ORS and Lord Charles Bruce and afterwards was given a tour of the house with a historical account of the same.

Clan Carruthers currently has petitions and evidenced genealogical information with the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh to matriculate the chiefly arms and have our clan chief legally recognised as we speak. As a society we only recognise two chieftains, both of whom are direct descendants from our last Chiefs blood line. They are Simon Peter Carruthers (Holmains) and James Andrew Carruthers (Dormont). Our last Chief, John Carruthers 12th of Holmains, 8th Baron died in 1809 and we have therefore chosen to follow the only route available to a Scottish clan, which is through the Lyon Court. We accept as a Society that he is the only legal authority, on behalf of the Crown, who can recognise a Scottish Clan Chief and thus make the clan official in Scottish law.



Clan Davidson Society

CDS-NA Adds a Member to the Board of Directors to Represent Our Interests in Canada, the Land of the Maple Leaf, Polar Bears and Hockey Pucks

Heading somewhere near the half-way point between St Catharines ON and Sarnia ON, and a brisk 45-minute walk due west of beautiful downtown St Marys Ontario, will put you on the doorstep of CDS-NA's newest member of the Society's Board of Directors, Donna Fawcett.

According to an on-line author's information site, Donna is a former creative writing teacher at Fanshawe College in Ontario. Donna is the author of five novels two of which won Best Contemporary Novel in The Word Awards. Donna also has two non-fiction books – one a manual on home teaching and the other, a writing tutorial. Donna has a CD of her songs published entitled Searching for the Song. Her feature song Heaven's Light won Best Song Lyrics in The Word Awards. She speaks at writers' conferences, in small groups and as a motivational speaker for Stonecroft Ministries.

From her website, I gleaned the follow biographical material:

Donna began her writing career in the esteemed halls of her high school when an English teacher told her, "if you do nothing else, you should write." Time moved on and marriage, children and a kilt making business caused that pronouncement to fade into a quiet corner of her mind.

It took Donna two more decades and the empty nest before she began to pursue the dream of writing. After a stint of university courses in creative writing, fiction writing and freelance journalism, Donna began to actively plot out suspense stories under the pen name Donna Dawson.

After much practice and not a few rejection notices, Donna began to see her articles, editorials and creative fiction and non-fiction writing enter the published domain. Then came the novels. Writing for the Christian market, Donna released a handful of novels, three of which received awards from the Canadian Christian Writing Awards through the Word Guild.

With her education and awards, a door opened for Donna to teach creative writing at a college level and for several years she saw many students embrace the love of the written word. When her teaching schedule began to override her writing schedule, Donna stepped down and returned to her laptop and the local coffee shop to pen new ideas and document old ones.

She now finds herself contributing regularly to *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. Donna is very proud of her Scottish heritage and her place in Clan Davidson.

Oh, one more thing; Donna is the mother of CDS-NA's newest Tent Convener, Lizzy Beth Fawcett.

All the above is the "public" side of Donna's life... after corresponding with her a dozen or so times, I suspect there's more lurking beneath that public façade, but I promised her that I wouldn't reveal anything other than the official-line!

We welcome Donna to the BoD of CDS-NA and look forward to her participation for many years!



Clan Donnachaidh Society

This summer saw Clan Donnachaidh attending the Embro Highland Games and the Fergus Highland Games (picture below shows Clan Donnachaidh tent at Fergus). It was a great opportunity to meet so many new and familiar faces, while Mother Nature's endless heat made us melt in our woolen kilts, as Scots do, we persevered and continued to have a wonderful time meeting and interacting with everyone.

In addition to capping off the festivities in Fergus with a nice meal with other clan representatives, we have been looking in to expanding our presence at other games, so that we may engage with people who never would have had

the opportunity otherwise.



Gaelic Society of Toronto

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

The AGM will take place on Saturday, 27 October 2018 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

It will be held at The Estonian House, 958 Broadview Ave., north of Danforth Ave., within easy reach of the TTC from Broadview Station. If driving, it is on the west side, between Browning and Mortimer. There is free parking available at the back of the building.

The afternoon will begin with a lunch of soup and sandwiches, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This will be followed by the Business Meeting. At this meeting, the names of nominees for the Board of Directors will be announced and nominations from the floor will be accepted.

In order to hold Office, applicants must prove that they are paid-up members.

The Board is comprised of:

CHIEF, PAST CHIEF, FIRST CHIEFTAIN, SECOND CHIEFTAIN, SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, TREASURER, EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR, GAELIC ADVISOR, LEGAL ADVISOR, DIRECTORS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO (presently there are five in number).

At this point in time, the OFFICES OF TREASURER and WEBMASTER are VACANT and we are actively seeking members to fill those roles. If you are interested, please contact our Chief, CHRIS MACAULAY BATEMAN to discuss the parameters at chris.bateman@rogers.com or 905-960 3651

From 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. we will have entertainment and dancing.



Clan Graham Society

Clan Graham Society attended the Highlands of Durham Scottish Festival this summer. We enjoyed the company of David and Jane Graham from Lincoln, New Hampshire and four of their friends, all members of Clan Graham; David is the president of Clan Graham Society in North America. David opened the Festival and Clan Graham was the honoured clan for this year. Commissioner, Don Graham and his wife Nancy from Havelock, Ont. were with us also. The Graham group enjoyed a meal together that evening and got together again the next day at the cottage of Doug and Judy Mewett on Lake Simcoe.. It was a pleasure to be with the Grahams from the USA and to renew old friendships.

Bill and Sheila Richardson met with Norma Benwell from Lethbridge, AB at the Fergus Scottish Festival. Norma has taken on the position of Commissioner in Alberta for Clan Graham Society. Many Thanks, Norma!



Clan Hunter Association

Unfortunately, for the first time since the early 1980's Clan Hunter did not have a presence at the Fergus Highland Games. Everyone wishes that we could have a better presence at the games throughout the country, as our US cousins seem to have no trouble with this activity and indeed have volunteers all over the States hosting Clan Tents and reporting back on Hunter activity around the tent. Nobody has to be any kind of an expert to tell visiting folks that they have a castle and our clan Chief is a lady... It is actually great fun! The Clan Association would supply all the paperwork and pay any entrance fee. It is hoped that all members and people interested take a moment to think about this opportunity and let the Association know if you would consider participating.

Clan Hunter has had a presence for a number of years at the Victoria Highland Games in the willing bodies of Lianne and John Hunter. Unfortunately they are not able to continue in that role. It would be wonderful if someone would take up the mantel and continue in their stead.

Clan Hunter Canada AGM
21st Oct 2018, 3:00pm
Chalmers Presbyterian Church - Choir room
342 Pondmills Road London, ON



Clan Logan Society

The Clan Logan Society of Canada seeks to unite all Logans from across our

country to preserve and promote our history , ancestry and traditions. We have multiplied our appearances and started very early this year. We have attended various Highland games such as the ones in Coquitlam (British Columbia), Fergus and Maxville (Ontario), Montreal and Limoilou (Quebec) and even did the Vista California Highland Games in June. A few new events were also added such as a pow wow at the reserve of Khanawake and special events like the Festival de Diversité Culturelle de Drummondville in Quebec. In years to come, we have plans for going towards eastern Canada such as New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. There are many projects and things that need to be done in upcoming years within our organization.

We are doing what we can to get more members so that we can help finance our Clan Chief restoration project. Clan Logan has been without a Scottish Clan Chief since 1802 and we are actively trying to find who would be the new Chief. Steven Logan, Clan Logan Commissioner of Canada is working hard at maintaining visibility and help promoting the Clan all over Canada. We want to give all Logans a sense of pride in their history and build a new future together.



Clan MacDougall Society of North America

Work continues to expand and develop our connections across the country for both Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall.

Planning is well underway for the International Gathering, which will be held in Oban and the surrounding area in 2019. Expectations are high for an even larger celebration than the one that took place in 2014.

Phase 3 is now underway for castle consolidation work at Dunollie, and the Society is proud to continue our support in this venture.

[Check out the progress of the castle conservation here.](#)



Clan MacFarlane Worldwide

Clan MacFarlane Worldwide has had many new members sign up this year.

The Society hosted Clan Tents at approximately 20 games in Canada this year plus more in the USA and around the world. Clan MacFarlane held elections this year in the summer and 3 new board members were elected. The 2018 AGM gathering is taking place during the September Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Festival in Colorado. Genealogy has been able to connect families on a regular basis and archaeology is still in progress in Scotland this year, funded by CMW. We should have some new results this fall on their findings.

Sept 3, 2018 - CMW has just been notified of the passing of Ian MacFarlane, the founder of Clan MacFarlane Society International and CMW. Ian was a very important member for both of these groups.

A bell rang and Ian MacFarlane just received his angel wings. We are indebted to Ian MacFarlane, his wife Dottie and their children and our thoughts are with them at this time. All MacFarlane's lives have been touched by Ian with his founding of Clan MacFarlane Society in the USA in 1973 – a renewal from the old society started in Glasgow, Scotland that had long ago become inactive. In 2010, some members met him at the Atlanta airport to discuss the recent state of Clan MacFarlane Society. It was agreed that we should indeed start a new organization. Ian had obviously given this idea some thought, because he easily had a suggestion for the name for a new organization – CLAN MACFARLANE WORLDWIDE, Inc. There are many great stories that could be shared about Ian and Dottie but we will share those as the days go by in our newsletter "Loch Sloy". To all members who have been active in CMSI and CMW, you should know that they owe much to Ian and Dottie. To all MacFarlane's and Sept's, please take time to raise a glass to Ian and wish him well on his new journey. Farewell good friend and mentor to many.



Macfie Clan Society in Canada

Macfie Clan has nearly 70 members in Canada and they are looking for a new editor. There is a database project from the New Zealand branch of the Clan that is underway. There are plans to be at some Highland Games this summer.



Clan MacKenzie Society in Canada

Members of Clan Mackenzie gathered in early September for the Clan MacKenzie Society of Canada's annual general meeting, held in conjunction with the highland games at Colchester, Nova Scotia. At the meeting was outgoing CMSC president Sharie Northey Argue, FSA Scot, who provided an update on current activities and a report on initiatives since she took over as president in 2013. The Society has undergone a number of transitions in this time, mainly to facilitate a greater sharing of responsibilities by its commissioners in the management and support of CMSC operations and services for members. Among the new initiatives is a junior scholarship program to assist young people in their studies of highland piping, drumming dancing as well as learning Gaelic and Scottish fiddling. While Sharie plans to remain active in several facets of Clan MacKenzie including the new junior scholarship program, Gary MacKenzie of Ottawa has been confirmed as the Society's new President and Lieutenant to Cabarfeidh.

(Accompanying this article is a photograph of Clan MacKenzie Society of Canada Past President Sharie Northey Argue, FSA Scot.)



Clan MacLachlan Society
2018 Clan MacLachlan Gathering
Castle Lachlan, Strathlachlan, Scotland
25-26-27 May

From far and wide Clan MacLachlan members gathered at Castle Lachlan and surroundings, in Argyll Scotland, from May 25 to May 27, 2018. The Clan Chief, Euan Maclachlan and his son actively participated and supported the activities.

There were representatives present from New Zealand, Australia, Continental Europe and North America – including Canada - as well as the United Kingdom.

The weather surprised everyone with blue skies, warm temperatures and lots of sunshine for all three days. This gathering was organized on a limited seated basis and it appeared that all 80 seats were occupied.

My congratulations to Kaye and Rick Gilchrist who handled the registration and kept us informed of the program.

I don't have the names of all the volunteers who helped with the organizing and tours but they deserve commendation. Kaye is Chair of the Clan MacLachlan

Society (CMS) Council. One of the excellent initiatives was to place a flag on the corner of everyone's name tag to designate their home country. This helped in connecting with others both from home and afar.

The program started with registration at the Wee School on Friday afternoon, followed by drinks with the Chief and dance practice. On Saturday there was an Annual General Meeting of the Society in the morning, followed in the afternoon by tours of the old castle and Kilmorie Chapel, whisky tasting at the Wee School, and a presentation on the MacLachlan papers by the head of the National Register of Archives for Scotland.

The highlight was pre-dinner drinks on the front lawn of the New Castle in glorious sunshine looking out on the Lachlan river, the meadow, sheep and frolicking lambs and the old castle in the distance. This was followed by an excellent dinner in the New Castle, coffee in the drawing room, a demonstration of Scottish dancing, and the Ceilidh in the dining room.

On Sunday morning there was the option of a church service at the Strathlachlan Parish church.

Brunch was offered at the Wee School, and a further tour of the Old Castle for those who missed out on Saturday. In the early afternoon, participants were invited to gather at the New Castle front stairs for a group photograph.

My wife and I enjoyed the program and the weather, although we were surprised by the heat. Hotels do not have air conditioning! It was a great opportunity to meet others with the MacLachlan connection from far and near. I was pleasantly surprised by how well Canada was represented - meeting other members from Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta.

There were challenges brought on by the rental car company not having any road maps and our decision to book a hotel in Inveraray. It is a full forty-five-minute challenging drive from Inveraray to the New Castle for someone not accustomed to driving on the left side of the road. Scottish road engineers are frugal with regard to road width and signage. While the organizers did send out maps in their initial communications, I failed to appreciate how far down the single lane road one needs to go to find the Wee School. Fortunately, a neighbour was able to point us on our way, so that we arrived just in time to see the Chief piped in to the Wee School on the Friday.

In summary, a great weekend, and I highly recommend this approach of limiting the size of the events. A grouping of eighty made for a more manageable gathering, but still providing lots of opportunity to meet new people.





Clan MacLean Pacific North West

Clan MacLean will be participating in 12 Highland Games in the Pacific North West.



Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada

MacLeods from across the world converged on Scotland this past summer. Nearly three hundred clansfolk attended Parliament 2018, held at Dunvegan, Isle of Skye from July 21 to 28. There were representatives from ten societies including Scotland, England, Canada, USA, New Zealand, Australia, Germany, France, South Africa and Switzerland. Chief Donald of the Lewes and Chief John of Raasay and their families were present for the week-long activities. The week was full of events and activities including a church service, tours of Dunvegan Castle, Whisky-tasting sessions, bus tours of the area, dancing and piping workshops, hiking adventures, business meetings and a final Grand Ball. There were several youngsters present and many older youth who travelled to Skye the week ahead of the Gathering to help work on the Castle grounds and

estate.

Peter Macleod of New South Wales, Australia succeeded as President of the Associated Clan MacLeod Societies (the international umbrella group for national MacLeod groups) from outgoing President Dr Don McLeod of Canada.



Clan MacRae Society of Canada

The Clan MacRae Society of Canada hosted 20 Clan Tents at games in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario and 1 game in the Eastern part of Canada.

Clan MacRae had a very successful 2018 AGM gathering in Ontario in August.

Baroness Miranda van Lynden MacRae from Eilean Donan Castle in Scotland, Head of the MacRaes of Conchra travelled to the Canadian AGM this year and some Americans even ventured north to attend. The gathering itinerary was 2 days in Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake and then continued in Guelph and Fergus for 5 days. Up to 57 members attended some of these AGM events. Some of the itinerary was social with a Saturday evening Ceilidh in the Holiday Inn at Guelph. Other events were educational with displays and discussions and information from the Centre for Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph. Then, some were religious, which included a Kirkin of the Tartan Ceremony at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Guelph where Lt. Col. John McCrae who wrote "In Flander's Fields" and his family attended church.

The last part of our 2018 AGM events were scheduled to take place during The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games. Miranda was the 2018 Fergus Festival Honorary Chieftain and led the Clans in the Pipes, Plaid and Pageantry Parade through downtown Fergus. Miranda from Clan MacRae, one of the featured clans at the festival also led the Clans in the torch light ceremony of the Gathering of The Clans during the "Tattoo'd in Tradition" event.

Then, during the opening ceremonies, Miranda led the Clans during the Parade of the Clans.





Clan Munro Association of Canada

During the Summer, Clan Munro had information tents at: Kincardine, Orillia, Uxbridge and Fergus Scottish Festivals. CMAC held its AGM in Halifax on 31 Aug as part of a joint Gathering of Clan Munro Canada & USA. At the AGM were: Joyce & Alec Monro, Jo Ann Tuskin, John W Munro, Linda Watson, Mary Angela Munro, and Rob Munro. Other events of the weekend included: a guided tour of Halifax Citadel with a special introduction by Harry Munro of Foulis (younger brother of our Chief, Hector Munro of Foulis); dinner at the Pier 21 Immigration Museum - where the Lobster was piped in!; a bus trip to Peggy's cove lighthouse and Lunenburg World Heritage Site; and a gala banquet at the Westin Nova Scotian. The banquet also included members Ardis and Kerri Kamra. It was a successful and enjoyable weekend for all.



Clan Sinclair Association of Canada

The Clan Sinclair Gathering this year will be a tour in Italy, 23 to 29 Sep. For further information, please contact George D. Sinclair, georgedsinclair@sympatico.ca



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2018 FALL COLLOQUIUM

Popular Culture in Scotland and Abroad

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(University of Glasgow)



13 – 14 October 2018

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Saturday, 13 October 2018

9:00-9:30 **Registration & Coffee**

9:30-9:45 **Opening Remarks**

9:45-11:15 **Travelling, Tales and "Trifles"**

Mariah Hudec (Guelph)

"Learned botanists, too wise to overlook trifles, set themselves to study even fairy-eggs": John Francis Campbell's Collection Methodology in Popular Tales of the West Highlands

Robert Fell (Edinburgh)

Scotland's Travellers and the Narrative Negotiation of Worldview

Fergus Maxwell (Guelph)

Modern Subjectivity and the Travelogue Chapter Argument

BREAK

11:30-12:30 **National & Urban Identities in New Media**

Lawrence Abrams (UC Davis)

"A Charm of Powerful Trouble": Scottish Folklore and History in Comics and Graphic Novels

Brendan Egan (Queens)

"Planned to bring life back into living": Image, Perception, and Identity in East Kilbride New Town

LUNCH

1:30-3:20 **Scottish Religious and Moral Identities**

Dr Jack Whytock (Haddington House Trust & North-West)

Gaelic Hymnody and Diaspora Scots in the New World

Dr Timothy Slonosky (Dawson)

Plague, Providence and Polemic: Literary Reactions to the Disasters of the 1540s

Jennifer Oldham (Guelph)

Where is the Scottish in Scottish Children's Chapbooks?

Dr Dave Nelson (ABAC-Bainbridge)

Caledonia Cancels Christmas: The Protestant Suppression of Yule in Scotland, 1560-1958

3:30-4:30 **Tour of Archives and Scottish Studies Collection**

6:00 PM

*Please join us at The Shakespeare's Arms (35 Harvard Rd) for a relaxed evening
of good food and conversation*

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9:00-9:30 **Coffee**

9:30-11:00 **Masculinity and Mythic Origins**

Brendan Egan (Guelph)

James V's Great Seal at the University of Guelph

Laura Harrison (Edinburgh)

*'Big Men Have Big Swords': William Wallace's Longsword as a Symbol of Me-
dieval Masculinity in Scottish Popular Culture*

Dr Marian Toledo Candelaria (Wilfred Laurier University Press)

*When the "Popular" is Really Political: Reconsidering the Origins of the Mac-
beth Narrative.*

BREAK

11:30-12:30 **Scotland's Supernatural Landscapes**

Amanda Kentish (Edinburgh)

*The Big Grey Man of Ben Macdui: Supernatural Tales of Giants from Deeside,
Aberdeenshire, Scotland*

Jos Collins (Edinburgh)


*Rethinking Scottish Folk Drama: How the Supernatural World Engages Us
with Our Environment*

12:30-1:30 **Jill McKenzie Lecture**

Dr Lizanne Henderson (Glasgow)

Witchcraft and Shamanism in Northern Communities: A View from Scotland

1:30-1:45 **Closing Remarks**





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