



DUM SPIRO SPERO
WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE.

MCLAN MACLENNAN CANADA

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Interim President

Greetings: fellow Clan members. Members of the executive were blessed with spring-like conditions as we held the first Clan MacLennan Canada meeting of 2010 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Burlington.

Chief Ruairidh's Visit

Chief Ruairidh has expressed his regrets that his visit to Canada will not occur until 2011. He has many commitments on the home front which are in conflict with the possibility of a visit to Canada in 2010. Melanie McLennan has conveyed our understanding of his situation for 2010, with the hope and understanding that he will join us in Canada in 2011.

The executive will be creating a committee to co-ordinate the logistical requirements for Chief Ruairidh's visit in 2011 at the next meeting on 08 May 10. If you have an interest in assisting in the preparations for the Chief's visit, and the Clan Ceilidh, please get in touch with Melanie McLennan at melaniemclennan@rogers.com.

Highland Games 2010

The color and pageantry of the highland games is being held once again across Canada. The pending excitement sends shivers through one's spine as we are about to witness the skills of the athletes and the talent of the pipe bands as they perform at 60+ highland games across Canada in 2010.

Our Clan MacLennan Canada venue tent will be at the following locations this year.

June	12	Georgetown Highland Games
	26	Cobourg Highland Games
July	1	Embrow Highland Games
	16-17	Cambridge Highland games
	24-26	Highlands of Durham - Uxbridge
	30-31	Glengarry highland Games
August	13-15	Fergus Highland Games



We, the executive, invite you to visit our venue tent while you celebrate your Scottish Heritage at any one of these Highland Games in 2010.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held 14 Aug 2010 at the Fergus Highland Games in Fergus, Ontario. We require an election of officers at this time, therefore; it is imperative that as many members as possible make their appearance to this meeting, so that we may reach a quorum level for voting results.

We request news articles of MacLennan Clan happenings from across Canada for the newsletter. Your input will be gratefully received.

Kindest regards;

Ray McLennan - interim President until Aug 2010
Flowers of the Field

Katherine Weed (1930-2009)

Sadly missed by her sister Christine Adkin, Katherine Weed (nee Stenton) of Charing Cross, Ontario, passed away on the 4 December 2009. Katherine was born in Chatham in 1930, and grew up in Charing Cross. She attended junior school there, followed by Blenheim High School and received her teaching certificate from London

Normal School. Katherine had her first teaching position in 1949 in West Windsor. She retired in 1983 and returned to Charing Cross. Her maternal grand-parents were Kenneth and Catherine MacLennan of West Lorne Ontario.



Lorna and Ray at the clan tent.

Facebook Clan MacLennan Canada

We invite you all to join the Clan MacLennan Canada on Facebook! Our very own Clan MacLennan member, Adele McLennan, has initiated and is administering the Facebook site.

It is your opportunity to share stories, photos, local highland happenings, and experiencing a more collective friendship within the Clan.

Congratulations Adele, on making this happen.

"The History and Traditions of the MacLennans of Kintail"

by Dr. Jon McLennan and James McLennan

Some years ago, Dr. Jon McLennan of California and the late James McLennan of Scotland co-authored a book about the MacLennan clan history and traditions. Dr. Jon has generously offered to donate the remaining copies of the book to the various Clan associations and we will be making them available in coming months for individuals to purchase either at the local games or you may order them from your Clan directly. Dr. Jon continues to study and write about the latest findings pertaining to our Clan and has posted much of his work on his website at <http://www.theclanmaclellan.com/index.html>

Schedule of Highland Games in Ontario

May 22 & 23, 2010	Greater Sudbury Celtic Festival & Highland Games , (Parc Sacre Coeur, Sacred Heart College), Sudbury
June 5, 2010	Celtfest , Champlain Park, North Bay
June 9-11	Brockville Celtic Festival, St Lawrence Park & Hardy Park, Brockville
June 12, 2010	Georgetown Highland Games , Georgetown Fairgrounds, Georgetown
June 16-18	Windsor Celtic Festival, Civic Terrace, Windsor
June 19-20	Veterans Memorial Highland Games, Prescott
June 26, 2010	Cobourg Highland Games , Donegan Park, Cobourg
July 1, 2010	Embro Highland Games , West Zorra Community Centre, Embro
Jul 2-4, 2010	Kincardine Scottish Festival and Highland Games , Victoria Park, Kincardine.
July 10, 2010	Haliburton Highland Games , Head Lake Park, Haliburton Village.
July 16-18, 2010	Orillia Scottish Festival, Couchiching Beach Park, Orillia
July 16-17, 2010	Cambridge Highland Games , Churchill Park, Cambridge
July 24-25, 2010	Highlands of Durham Games , Elgin Park, Uxbridge
Jul 30-31, 2010	Glengarry Highland Games , Agricultural Grounds, Maxville
August 6-8, 2010	Celtic Roots Festival , Lion's Harbour Park, Goderich
August 13-15, 2010	Fergus Highland Games & Scottish Festival , Fergus Community Centre, Fergus
June 15-16	Sarnia Highland Games, Centennial Park, Sarnia
August 22	North Lanark Highland Games , Almonte Fairgrounds, Almonte
September 10-12, 2010	Trenton Scottish/Irish Festival, Centennial Park, Quinte West (Trenton)
September 8	Fort Erie Celtic Festival, Old Fort Erie, Fort Erie
September 19	Owen Sound Celtic Festival , OSCVI Auditorium, Owen Sound

Please see the message from the President for the list of Highland Games where we will have our tent in the Avenue of the Clans.

The following is an excerpt from an email from Dan Taylor, New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association/United Council of Scots of Atlantic Canada, who raises a point of discussion and action regarding Tartan Day. We at Clan MacLennan Canada are considering joining the following groups in supporting Tartan Day. If you would like to express your opinion or show your support please email melaniemclennan@rogers.com with your comments, contact your local MP and MPP and the Honourable Minister James Moore himself at the link below. We will print some of your comments in our next newsletter.

Tartan Day

With today being Tartan Day in Canada, United States and across the world, I would like to provide an update to everyone who has been involved with the effort to (i) have April 6th declared federally as Tartan Day and (ii) for our federal Heritage Department to officially call the Maple Leaf Tartan as Canada's National Tartan. It is time that the Heritage Department updates its symbols of Canada and call the Maple Tartan Canada's official Tartan. Why should our soldiers not wear the Tartan with pride representing Canada around the world! It is long overdue for both of these issues to be corrected. At this link from our Heritage Department you will find a list of the Tartans of Canada and at the very bottom you will find the Maple Tartan. This Tartan should be at the top of the list, not at the bottom. As such it's a shame. <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/ceem-cced/symb1/o6-eng.cfm>

I think we are making some headway with Tartan Day. In the last communication from Minister Ashfield's office yesterday they have advised me they are working very closely with Senator John Wallace to have Tartan Day declared. With any luck we might be able to have a Tartan Day 2011 for Canada and how appropriate, as next year will mark the 25th anniversary since the first Tartan Day in Canada was celebrated. However I want to stress that we can't be complacent and it is important for everyone across the country, groups and members alike, to work together and continue to write or email your senator and MP. The time has come to start placing the pressure on our government leaders. I want to share this link from CBC about my interview this morning <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/nova-scotia/story/2010/04/06/ns-tartan-day.html>. The word is starting to get out to the public and they are starting to listen!

On March 3, 2010 a letter was sent to Canadian Heritage Department to the attention of Minister Moore asking for his department to once and for all change the Maple Leaf Tartan from Canada's unofficial Tartan to **Canada's Official Tartan**. I would ask everyone from across Canada to

please do the same and write a letter to the Minister Moore. I believe the Honourable member has the power to make this change without going to Parliament. The following link will provide the information you need to contact the Honourable Minister James Moore. <http://www2.pch.gc.ca/pch/minstr/moore/cntct/index-eng.cfm>

With everyone's cooperation and help across Canada (Scottish Clans, Societies, Pipe Band's, Highland Dance groups etc) we can achieve 24 year dream to have our Federal Government declare April 6th and every April 6th as Tartan Day.

Listed below are the supporters we have heard from across Canada to date. If you know of anyone or any group that has been missed please let me know or ask that group or person to contact me directly. Please keep in mind that according to the 2006 Canada Census there are over 4 million people in Canada of Scottish descent. To see the results of the 2006 census please follow this link <http://www12.statcan.ca/census-recensement/2006/dp-pd/hlt/97-562/pages/page.cfm?Lang=E&Geo=PR&Code=01&Data=Count&Table=2&StartRec=1&Sort=3&Display=All&CSDFilter=5000>

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me by phone 506-470-2385 or by email taylor@nbnet.nb.ca

Happy Tartan Day everyone,

Dan Taylor

New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association/United Council of Scots of Atlantic Canada

Scottish Groups of Canada Supporting Tartan Day

B C Highland Dancing Association
Clan Campbell Society of Nova Scotia
Clan MacKinnon of NB
Clan MacLean of Atlantic Canada
Clan MacLeod of Central Ontario
Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada
Clan MacNeil of Canada
Clan Ross Association of Canada
Clan Wallace of Canada
Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada
Fredericton & District Pipes & Drums
Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew

Gathering of the Scots Inc Perth-Andover NB
 Halifax Gaelic school
 J.P Fell Pipe Band, North Vancouver, BC
 MacIsaac Kiltmakers
 Montreal Highland Games
 Moose Jaw White Hackle Pipe Band
 Municipality of the County of Annapolis
 Municipality of the County of Richmond
 New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association Inc
 North Saskatchewan Regiment Pipe Band
 Regina Highland Dance Association
 Restigouche Caledonian Society
 Saltire Society of Victoria
 Scottish Cultural Centre of BC
 Simon Fraser's Centre for Scottish Studies
 The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society of Victoria
 The Federation of Scottish Clans In Nova Scotia
 The Halton Peel Burns Club of Ontario
 Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi
 The Caledonian Club of Prince Edward Island
 The Newfoundland and Labrador St Andrew's Society
 The Saint Andrew's Society of Saint John
 The St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg
 The Tam O' Shanter Dancers BC
 Three Sisters Scottish Festival Society Alberta
 Victoria Joint Scottish Council
 Western Academy of Pipe Music
 Town of New Glasgow
 Municipality of Digby
 Region of Queens Municipality
 The Sorrento Scottish Country Dancers

Clan MacLennan Canada

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements August 1, 2009 to March 6, 2010

Receipts		
Bank Balance August 1, 2009		1,719.26
Members Dues 2008 - 09	40.00	
Members Dues 2009 - 10	245.00	
Members Dues 2010 - 12	45.00	
Total Dues Aug /08-Sep /09		330.00
Clan Sales - 2009 Maxville	53.00	
Clan Sales - 2009 Fergus	8.50	61.50
Fergus Draw - 2009		75.00
Sale Clan History Book		20.00
Donation		10.00
GIC Interest	51.00	
Bank Interest	.24	51.24
Total Interest Aug 2009-Mar 6, 2010		
Total Receipts Aug 2009-Mar 6 2010		<u>547.74</u>
Total Bank and Receipts Mar 6 2010		2267.00
Royal Bank GIC #1 (Mar 2010)		1,000.00
Royal Bank GIC #2 (Aug 2011)		1,000.00
Royal Bank GIC #3 (Oct 2011)		1,000.00
GIC Total		<u>3,000.00</u>
Branch Total		5267.00

Total Members	67
Owing 2008-09	3
Paid 2008-09	18
2009-10	32
2010-11	11
2011-12	2
2012-14	1