



## From the President

Our busy lives of today are filled with duties that make it necessary to multi-task and set priorities. Consequently, Lorna and I have found it necessary to prioritize our activities and have made the decision to step down, effective May 14th, 2011, from the executive of Clan MacLennan Canada, and to focus on our volunteer commitments within our immediate community. We will complete our executive duties by representing the Clan at the highland games in Embro, Georgetown and Maxville in 2011. The president's duties have been passed on to the executive vice-president, Barbara MacLennan, who, as acting President, will be chairing the remaining meetings for the year.

Ray McLennan  
President  
Clan MacLennan Canada

### From the Vice-President

As the vice president of Clan MacLennan Canada and on behalf of the executive of Clan MacLennan Canada I would like to thank you, Ray and Lorna, for all the work and time you have given on the executive over the past six years and in your service as President and Secretary. You have faithfully helped with manning our tent in the Avenue of the Clans at the many Highland Games you've attended.

We appreciate that you are able to be with us again this summer at Georgetown, Embro and Glengarry Highland Games and thank you for your support and assistance to Marilyn Lawlor in organizing our Clan dinner on July 30th at Glengarry.

Barbara MacLennan  
Vice President  
Clan MacLennan Canada

### ...and from the executive

Every organization experiences a generational challenge around the 25 year mark that requires evaluation and the development of strategies to evolve and adapt to the changes in their membership in order to remain relevant in a changing culture.

We on the executive are opening the dialogue over the summer and fall around how to better connect MacLennans, not only across our vast

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country but globally as well. These are goals shared by Chief Ruairidh and the executive of our fellow associations worldwide. By encouraging participation and connection of our members to utilize the technology that is widely available to us (internet), it is hoped that we can expand on the global sense of community experienced by those of us who attended The Gathering 2009 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Since that time, we have begun to see this in a unified presence on the international website **www.clanmaclennan-worldwide.com**

There are now MacLennans on Yahoo and Facebook, which in turn is helping to develop a sense of the larger community and an awareness of the events that are happening around the world. Ideas and concepts are being discussed for more joint projects and it is hoped that more can be done with newsletters and archival projects that will be available to MacLennans across the globe.

Over the last five years, Past Presidents Robin MacLennan and Ray McLennan, have solicited Clan MacLennan Canada members on many occasions to become volunteer executive members. Given the challenge of holding regular clan meetings four times a year with some members driving over 200 kms, it has been difficult to recruit people for the executive. It is hoped by this executive that we will see the involvement of more people with ideas and

skills in the areas of writing, programming, research, photography, graphics and web design to help us move beyond newsletters and representation at local games to reaching beyond geographical barriers.

We have openings on the executive and we would welcome new members from all over Canada. By finding ways to utilize email, Skype, and possibly other internet and electronic technologies, we hope to expand our Canadian team to embrace new ways to move our Clan connections forward in the years to come. Other considerations being discussed are holding the meetings in the Guelph to Kitchener area, on weekdays and/or evenings.

Melanie, Barbara and Ray, and the executive

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### Editor's note:

We have delayed sending out the May/June newsletter in order to send you the most recent updates regarding all of the changes that have been happening in April and May. This now leaves insufficient time for a July newsletter so instead we are sending the May/June newsletter with additional pages of the news and events coverage for July/August. Please look for the next newsletter in September following our AGM.

## SUMMER HIGHLAND GAMES SCHEDULE

Date	Location of Highland Games	In Attendance
June 11	Georgetown Highland Games	Bob MacLennan, Ray & Lorna McLennan John & Barbara McLennan
25 June	Cobourg Highland Games	John & Barbara McLennan
1 July	Embroy Highland Games	Ray & Lorna McLennan
July 16	Cambridge Highland Games	Bob MacLennan, John & Barbara McLennan
July 30	Glengarry Highland Games	Ray & Lorna McLennan John & Barbara McLennan
Aug 13-15	Fergus Highland Games	Robin & Bob MacLennan
Aug 21	Bracebridge Highland Games	Ray & Lorna MacLennan

### Exclusive - Scots Heritage Magazine Offer

SCOTS Heritage Magazine is promoting a 50% off subscription rate exclusively for Clan member subscriptions. The Canadian subscription rate is normally \$45.00 for four issues (one year), and is currently being offered for \$22.50 (Canadian funds), at par with the U.S. subscription rate. To subscribe at the special rate go to [www.usscots.com](http://www.usscots.com) and quote the Promotional Code: SCOTCLAN11 or mail in your cheque (made payable to Scots Heritage) along with your name, mailing address, phone number or email along with the name of the Clan membership you belong to. Send your order to Scots Heritage Magazine, P.O. Box 32510, Fridley, MN, 55432, USA or Fax to 763-571-8292 or email: [scotsmagazine@yahoo.com](mailto:scotsmagazine@yahoo.com) - Don't forget to enter the promotional code SCOTCLAN11!

# Message from the Chief

*As it appeared in the Clan MacLennan Australia newsletter 99, June 2011.*

The Highlands has been fortunate enough to have been basking in relatively good sunshine over the best part of the last month. Increasingly, I have noticed that April and May are times when we get some of our best summer weather and as it is too early for the dreaded midge to be out in force, it is some of the best time for getting into the outdoors. There have been a number of public holidays over the Easter period with an additional holiday for the Royal Wedding which has resulted in many people having taken much of the latter part of April as holidays.



*Ruairidh outside Burgos Cathedral, Spain.*

The past few months have been interesting and varied. Due to TA commitments and restrictions in my ability to take holidays from work over the summer months, I took an extended period of leave from work in April and spent 4 weeks trekking across northern Spain on the Camino de Santiago. This is an ancient pilgrim route which means the Way of St James. Shortly before I headed off on my trip, I attended a weekend landscape photography course in Torridon on the West Highlands. Armed with my new SLR camera, a backpack with sleeping bag, limited clothes, sandals and essentials, I flew out to northern Spain and walked 612 km from Logrono to Santiago de Compostella over a 25 day period. I was exceptionally lucky with the weather, in all there were 2 days where it rained with the remainder mostly in glorious sunshine.

The Camino goes across northern Spain, through varied countryside, hills, peasant farming villages and cities such as Burgos, Leon and eventually Santiago de Compostella which is the end of the pilgrimage. People come from all over the world to walk the route and I found that I quickly became immersed within an informal group comprising of Austrian, Canadian, German, Hungarian and Irish nationalities. A very varied and interesting group and there were many other nationalities to meet along the way and in the hostels each evening.



*Ruairidh hiking in Spain.*



*Signpost on the trail "100 km to Santiago".*

The scenery was spectacular and varied and I was fortunate enough to see many beautiful historic sites along the way, meet some lovely people and generally have an opportunity to relax whilst at the same time embracing a passion of hiking through the countryside armed with my camera. Other than a few small blisters which were quickly dealt with, the walk across Spain was fairly pain free and full of happy memories. Coming back to normal life and work has been a struggle but needs must!

I am presently sitting in the train heading down to Perth for a pipeband rehearsal for a trip to play in Sweden next weekend. I have never been to Sweden and have always been keen to visit the Scandinavian countries. They are notoriously expensive so it is fortunate that the TA are sending the pipeband out there for this trip to play at a Tattoo in Malmo. Watching the various colours and landscapes swish past the windows whilst writing is a lovely experience. The countryside is looking very green and lush at present after some much needed rain over the past week or two. Prior to that, we were experiencing very dry conditions in the Highlands which resulted in substantial hill fires in Torridon, Kintail and other mainly west coast locations.

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*Ruairidh enjoying a pint after a long day on the trail.*

*As it appeared in the Clan MacLennan Australia newsletter 99, June 2011.*



*Chief Ruairidh hiking in Spain*

Kirsteen, Lorna and all the family are well. Kirsteen and James are not long back from a trip to Orkney where they took the two boys, Charles and George who seem to be growing up very quickly. They were through in Dores visiting earlier this week and having a look at the photographs from my Spanish trip. Kirsteen is starting to get prepared for returning to work flying with BA in early July. Lorna is busy with work and planning her next exotic holiday! The summer ahead is going to be fairly busy with work as I have limited time to take holidays and will not be able to attend the TA's annual camp this year. However, the hope is that weekends with less non work commitments will result in some quality time stomping about the Highland hills armed with my camera and kayak training for my paddle across the Minch from Stornoway to Ullapool.

We are entering the season where many of you will be attending Clan Gatherings and Highland Games and I take this opportunity in wishing you enjoyment and success. We are hoping to hold a get-together here in Scotland later this year, details of which will be confirmed in due course.

Yours aye, Chief Ruairidh.

( To see more of Ruairidh's photos go to link < <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ruairidhmaclennan/> > )

## MacLennan Clan 'virtual' Archives - An attainable idea?

Mary Davidson of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, recently began some unusual housecleaning. Mary has been a long time collecting and archiving her family history and items of interest for the MacLennan Clan. In sorting through her accumulated news clippings and historical letters and items, she has separated out items she thinks may be of interest to Clan MacLennan Canada and MacLennans abroad. We are investigating how we might be able to better use our MacLennan yahoo groups page to upload digital copies of these items so they may be more readily available to other Clan members researching their family trees. If we can make this work, it may be the beginning of an effort to collectively store genealogically and historically significant information on our greater MacLennan family. Anyone with photos, documents, letters, etc., and the means to scan the items can contribute to this project. If you or someone you know may be interested in helping us with or contributing to this project, contact David MacLennan (Ottawa) at [dmac44 \(at\) rogers \(dot\) com](mailto:dmac44@rogers.com); Melanie McLennan at [melaniemclennan \(at\) rogers \(dot\) com](mailto:melaniemclennan@rogers.com); or Bruce McLennan at [bamclennan \(at\) optusnet \(dot\) com \(dot\) au](mailto:bamclennan@optusnet.com.au) (Bruce has asked us to use the cryptic spelling for his email, so spammers won't pick it up. Substitute the usual symbols (@ and .) when actually using the email.)





## Glengarry Games & MacLennan Clan Canada Dinner

### The 64th Glengarry Highland Games

will be held July 29-30th 2011, and attract over 30,000 participants and attendees to Maxville Ontario. This year's theme is "The Year of the Clans" and Clan MacLennan Canada is hoping for a terrific turnout to march under the MacLennan banner at the opening ceremony's parade.

MacLennans (of any spelling) are invited to form up on Saturday, July 30th at 11:00 a.m. at the Clan building, wearing Clan MacLennan tartan & kilts, bearing banners and flags to march in the parade along with the other clans.

To purchase tickets for the games online, go to [www.glengarryhighlandgames.com](http://www.glengarryhighlandgames.com) or phone 1-613-527-1850.

Marilyn Lawlor, Ray and Lorna McLennan have been busy preparing a wonderful evening for MacLennans (of any spelling) in the Ottawa/Glengarry area on **Saturday July 30th, 2011. A Dinner and Ceilidh** will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Maxville Sports Complex Dining Hall located on Fair Street. The \$20.00 ticket includes the price of a buffet dinner with a choice of two meats, mashed potatoes, vegetarian lasagne, vegetables, salads, with fresh fruit salad and squares for dessert. A cash bar will be open at 7:00 p.m.

Our own David MacLennan (Ottawa) will be the guest speaker. David will be sharing tips, tricks and lessons from his years of researching his family history. He has written an excellent series of articles for the Clan newsletter and website on the topic of genealogy and is the creator of the Gen Circles website, [www.gencircles.com](http://www.gencircles.com)

If you're so inclined, come prepared to participate in the ceilidh with music, story, song or dance. (Please give Marilyn a call if you plan to participate, to help in organizing the program).

There are only 64 tickets available for this dinner, so be sure to order yours before July 15th ( the deadline for the caterer).

Make cheques (\$20.00 per ticket) payable to Clan MacLennan Canada and send them to **Marilyn or Ray's address:**

**Marilyn MacLennan-Lawlor**

Box 185; 5045 Hwy 38  
Harrowsmith, ON K0H 1V0

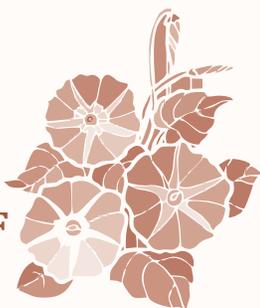
**Ray McLennan**

102 North Street E.  
Tillsonburg, ON N4G 1B5

*In the event of a postal strike, phone Marilyn at 613-372-2795 and your tickets will be held at the door for payment and pickup. Please note: You must have a ticket to be admitted to the Maxville Sports Complex.*

For those only attending the dinner, passes to the games are not required and parking in the evening is free.

## FLOWERS OF THE FIELD



**ADKIN, (nee Stenton) Christine 1935 - 2011**

Sadly missed by her family, Christine Adkin (nee Stenton) of Charing Cross, Ontario passed away on the 11th of March 2011. Christine was born in Chatham, Ontario in 1935 to her parents Harry and Margaret (McLennan) Stenton. Christine grew up in Charing Cross, attended junior school there and then attended Blenheim High School. Christine worked at Bell Canada and the Bank of Montreal before stopping work to become a full-time wife and mother, raising her two children. Christine lived her entire life on the family farm in Charing Cross. Her maternal grandparents were Kenneth and Catherine McLennan of West Lorne, Ontario. Christine had written and published a Stenton family history book in 2009 and had been nearing the completion of her research for a McLennan family history book, which she had hoped to complete in 2011. Her family hopes to finish this book, in her memory.

Thank you very much.

*Submitted by her daughter, Kathy Adkin*

### It's renewal time!

Remember to send your membership renewals (due August 1st) to our Treasurer Elizabeth Prebble, #203-477 Elizabeth St., Burlington, ON, L7R 2M3. Membership renewals are \$10.00/year and new member packages are \$20.00. Cheques are to be made payable to Clan MacLennan Canada.

*While you're at it, don't forget to send in any changes to your address, email or phone numbers so we can update our 2011-2012 directory which will go out with the September newsletter.*

## Clan MacLennan Canada AGM 2011 Moved to September 12, 2011

With the recent resignation of the Ray and Lorna McLennan from the executive, the remaining executive have decided to postpone the Clan MacLennan Canada AGM until September 12, 2011 to give ample time for nominations for the executive to be put forward by our members. Clan executive members will be in attendance in the Avenue of the Clans, but there will be no AGM held in the main building at Fergus as we have in past years. The AGM will be held at Melanie McLennan's home at 80 London Road West, Guelph, Ontario. We will be meeting at 12:00 noon and sharing a potluck lunch together prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcome. Please phone Melanie at 519-823-0003 if you would like to join in. In addition to the Clan business of elections/and or appointments to the executive, financials and the year in review, there will be a collaborative brainstorming session for future projects. If you are unable to join us, we would welcome your ideas and suggestions. Send them to Melanie McLennan at the above address, or send them by email to [melaniemclennan@rogers.com](mailto:melaniemclennan@rogers.com)

### Current Executive

President - Open

Vice President - Barbara MacLennan (*now interim President*)

Secretary - Open

Treasurer - Elizabeth Prebble (*completing her term in September and retiring*) This position will be open in September 2011.

Newsletter Editor: Melanie McLennan

Executive positions general:

John MacLennan

Kitty MacLennan

Bob MacLennan

Kay MacLennan

Robin MacLennan

Gordon Keane

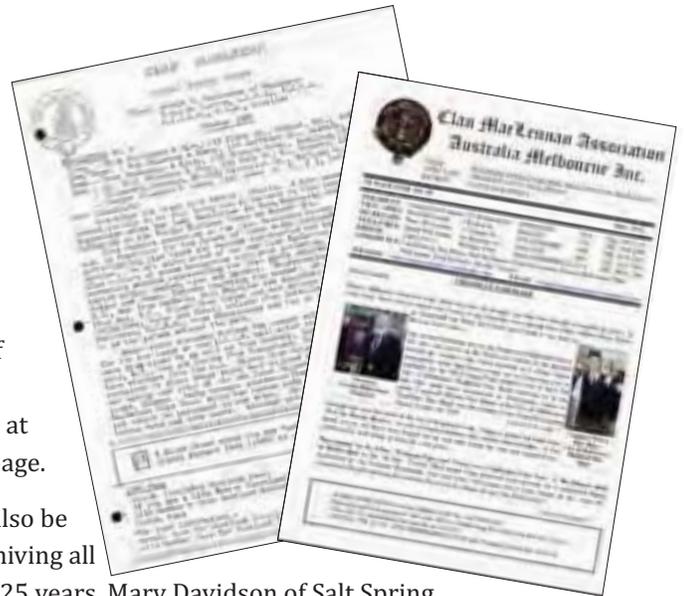
Bernice Keane

Karen Dunbabin

David MacLennan

Please send your nominations to Elizabeth Prebble ([eprebble@cogeco.ca](mailto:eprebble@cogeco.ca)), or to Melanie McLennan ([info@clanmaclennan.ca](mailto:info@clanmaclennan.ca)).

Newsletters past,  
present, here &  
“downunder”!



The Australian newsletter is always a good read and for those of you who like to keep tabs on our cousins down under, the newsletters are now available on the International Clan website at [www.clanmaclennan-worldwide.com](http://www.clanmaclennan-worldwide.com) under the **Australian** page.

On our Canadian site, [www.clanmaclennan.ca](http://www.clanmaclennan.ca), (this page can also be reached from the international website) we have been busy archiving all of the past newsletters for Clan MacLennan Canada for the past 25 years. Mary Davidson of Salt Spring Island has recently sent in some of her back issues to help us fill in the gaps. We're also going to be uploading back issues of the Scotland Clan newsletters to the **Scotland** page on the International Clan MacLennan site, so watch for some good summer reading.



**Welcome  
New Members**

Lenny & Pat Clarke  
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Donald & Sandra MacLennan  
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Jon Russell  
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Sacramento, CA, 95818  
916-492-1028

**Directory Update**

Jean Rose  
New Phone 705-243-1687

Clan MacLennan Canada  
**Statement of Receipts and Disbursements**  
August 1, 2010 - May 13, 2011

<b>Receipts</b>			
Bank Balance August 1, 2010			<b>2,155.15</b>
Members dues 2009-2010	50.00		
2010-2011	280.00		
2011-2012	40.00		
2012-2013	20.00	390.00	
Clan Sales			
Maxville	88.00		
Fergus	80.50		
Water bottles/postage	80.63	249.13	
Fergus Dinner Draw			65.00
Donations			10.00
Cashed in G.I.C.			1,000.00
G.I.C. Interest	28.50		
Bank Interest	1.02	29.52	<b>1,743.65</b>
			<b>3,898.80</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Newsletters & Directory, New Members Kits			
Copy	385.91		
Postage	87.54		
Envelopes, lables, etc.	42.78	516.23	
U.S. exchange		1.51	517.74
Bank Balance May 13, 2011			3,381.06
Royal Bank G.I.C.			2,000.00
Branch Total			<b>5,381.06</b>
<b>Members</b>			
Owing	2010-2011	14	
Paid	2010-2011	35	
	2011-2012	12	
	2012-21013	3	
	2013-2014	2	

## Blast from the past!



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### Clan MacLennan

### Central Ontario Branch

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Dr. Bill and Mona McLennan, 209 Main Street East, Grimsby, Ontario L3M 1P5  
Peter and Mabel LeClair, 278 Snowden Road, Oakville, Ontario L6L 3X5  
John and Ellen Lennon, 4010 Westminister Place, Mississauga, Ontario L4W 4L1

Past-President - Doug and Elva MacLennan, 1342 Farrell Avenue, Tsawwassen, B.C. V4L 1V2

Dear Clansfolk,

With the last few days of spring weather, it appears that winter should be over and our clan gatherings of spring and summer are getting closer. We do not have any direct news from Scotland at this time, but should receive some information soon as this is the year for another Clan MacLennan gathering in Scotland.



The C.O.B. annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2, 1990 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm, at Knox Presbyterian Church, corner of Elizabeth and James Streets, Burlington. We look forward to a good attendance. Again, we will have a silent auction - so bring along an article (or articles) which might become someone else's treasure!

We are expecting another good turnout for the Fergus Highland Games on August 11 - to meet you at the MacLennan tent on the Avenue of the Clans and to walk in the parade. After the Games we will have our usual dinner and ceilidh at Alma. Do plan to join us and make this a most friendly occasion.

From the "Scottish Banner" we have received notice of "The British Show" to be held at the Exhibition Grounds in Toronto on April 27-29. The Banner offered us a free booth for the three days, but I feel we do not have enough active members in the area to set up and man a booth for three days. The Show in the Automotive Building will have booths for Scottish organizations, consumer groups,

specialty foods, etc., as well as displays of transportation equipment. In the Coliseum, on April 28 & 29, there will be a "Tattoo '90" featuring both massed military bands and pipes and drums. Sounds like a good outing. Watch Toronto newspapers for details about times and admission charges.

I look forward to seeing you all again.

- Elizabeth Prebble C.O.B. PRESIDENT