



CLAN MACLENNAN CANADA

Dum Spiro Spero While I breathe, I hope.

"2013...a milestone year for Clan MacLennan Canada"

From the President



Greetings Clansfolk,

2013 has been a milestone Highland Games year for Clan MacLennan Canada with Chief Ruairidh

Donald George MacLennan of MacLennan attending both Highland Games at Glengarry and Fergus where he was the Guest of Honour and speaker at each of the MacLennan Clan Canada's Dinners and Ceilidhs. Everything went like clockwork with even the weather cooperating giving us cooler temperatures with a few refreshing showers at Glengarry and a warm, sunny day at Fergus.

Chief Ruairidh was able to see much of Ontario on his Canadian visit. He travelled with John and me from Guelph to Kingston on Wed. July 31st. We were pleased that he was able to take in a tour and the Sunset Ceremony at Kingston's Fort Henry that eve along with Marilyn MacLennan Lawlor and her daughters and John and I.

The following evening on Aug 1st. Chief Ruairidh was the Guest of Honour and speaker at the Glengarry Highland Games Tartan Ball in the Metcalf Centre in Maxville. Glengarry Highland Games President, Jack Yourt presented Chief Ruairidh with a lapel pin commemorating the 66th anniversary of the Highland Games in Maxville.

On Aug 2nd and 3rd Chief Ruairidh spoke and piped at the MacLennan Clan's tent which was the featured clan tent at Glengarry this year. He was welcomed at the VIP tent and led the Clan Parade followed by the MacLennan Clan, who were the featured clan, and the other Glengarry Clans. He then attended the Official Opening immediately following. Ruairidh was



Photo: Adam Gagnon

Chief Ruairidh with Clan MacLennan in Fergus.

transported around the grounds on a golf cart by Lindsay MacCulloch, Director of the Clans Committee who made sure he was on schedule for interviews as well as the Clan Parade. We had many guest speakers at our tent in Glengarry all organized by Marilyn MacLennan Lawlor and daughters, Leslie, Kristin and Erin. On the eve of Aug 3rd, after the splendid Massed Bands we enjoyed the Glengarry Dinner and Ceilidh at the Sports Complex Dining Hall on the grounds catered by Triple C. Chief Ruairidh, the

Guest of Honour gave a well received speech, presented a slide show of his photography and piped which was enjoyed very much. Chief Ruairidh and Bailey MacDonald, grand niece of Beverly MacLennan piped together one selection and Bailey piped in Chief Ruairidh and later the Haggis. Sine McKenna, a Gaelic teacher in Ottawa, sang Celtic songs in both Gaelic and English. Marilyn MacLennan Lawlor then presented Ruairidh with Canadian maple syrup in a glass decanter etched with the MacLennan Crest and Motto



Photo: Adam Gagnon

Buffet table at Fergus Clan Ceilidh.

on behalf of Clan MacLennan Canada.

On Sunday, Aug 4th, Marilyn had a lovely lunch on her cottage lawn at Glen Sandfield before we went to Kirkhill for the Kirkin' o' the Tartan where Chief Ruairidh was invited to speak. There was a great clap of thunder just as Ruairidh spoke of Culloden which was timely in emphasizing that dreadful battle. The rain had held off until the last part of the service at the kirk, but it stopped long enough for us to enjoy the oatcakes and lemonade on the kirk lawn.

It was dark by the time we drove through Algonquin Park preventing Ruairidh from seeing the magnificence of it. He was kept busy though being the Chief Navigator. We arrived at Dorset in time to enjoy a bonfire at John and Ruth McLennan's cottage with many of their family who were attending their own McLennan family reunion. John and I enjoyed a scenic drive back home from Dorset the next morning, Chief Ruairidh stayed in Dorset another day and then travelled with Melanie and Andy back to Guelph following which Ruairidh visited with friends in Mississauga, one of which he had walked the Camino de Santiago with in Spain. They spent the day with him in Niagara Falls.

Saturday, Aug 10th was back to clan functions with many people coming to the Fergus MacLennan Clan tent to visit with Chief Ruairidh. Bob and Robin were kept busy again this year with stamping passports for the many children who came to our tent. The passports have proved a great success in educating the younger generation to their Scottish Heritage. We proudly lined up with our banners behind our Chief at 12:30 for the Fergus Clan Parade and Opening Ceremonies. Robin MacLennan and Bob MacLennan carried the MacLennan Clan Banner.

That evening we celebrated Chief Ruairidh's visit with the Fergus Dinner and Ceilidh in the Aboyne Hall of the Wellington County Museum catered by Marilyn MacLennan. It was a happy time with relatives and friends sharing their talents in the Ceilidh and many family research projects. Andy McLennan piped in Chief Ruairidh and later the Haggis, carried by Robin MacLennan. Chief Ruairidh,

the Guest of Honour gave an interesting speech and piped for us. Sydney Binns, granddaughter of John and Barbara MacLennan sang "Turning Tables" by Adele. A Robert Burns poem, "My Love is Like a Red Red Rose" was recited. On behalf of Clan MacLennan Canada, Chief Ruairidh was presented with two prints of Tom Thompson and A.Y. Jackson's paintings and a 2014 calendar book featuring Canadian artwork of the "Group of Seven". It was bittersweet to say au revoir to our Chief Ruairidh who left the next day for his home in Dores, Inverness Scotland.

The Clan MacLennan Canada's Executive AGM meeting was on Oct.02/13 at Andy and Melanie's home in Guelph. Elizabeth Prebble presented the balanced financial report for 2013 – not an easy task this year but Elizabeth kept us all well organized.

Clan MacLennan Canada received a letter of apology from Warren Trask, President of the Fergus Festival Association for their oversight in not recognizing Chief Ruairidh at the Fergus Highland Games according to their policy of the recognition of visiting Clan Chiefs even though they were notified of Chief Ruairidh's visit well in advance. An apology letter was also sent to Chief Ruairidh from Warren Trask.

Info regarding the 2014 Homecoming at Sterling, Scotland for the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn and the MacLennan Clan reunion and activities in Inverness the following week were handed out and will be included in this newsletter. At this time there are some scheduling conflicts with the Bannockburn part so we hope it will be sorted out and the result included in this newsletter.

It was proposed and agreed that we ask Marilyn MacLennan Lawlor from Kingston and Adele and Rob McLennan from Windsor to be a members of the Clan MacLennan Canada's executive. They have accepted with the understanding that they will not be able to attend the meetings in Guelph. The executive discussed the need to have either Skype Calls or Conference Calls for future executive meetings so the members who can't be at the main meeting site can still participate. This will be investigated.

Our next executive meeting will be on Tues. April 08/14 at Melanie's home in Guelph followed by a pot luck lunch.

Since this will be the last newsletter before Christmas, I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hogmanay with good health and happiness for 2014.

Cheers,

Barbara



Photo: Adam Gagnon

Glengarry visit 2013



Photo: Adam Gagnon

Chief Ruairidh MacLennan of MacLennan was the honoured guest of Clan MacLennan Canada at the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville. It was made even more special as this was Ruairidh's first visit to Glengarry and he was very well received. On August 1st, Chief Ruairidh was guest of honour and speaker at the Tartan Ball. He gave a very compelling address and encouraged us all to know our family histories, and to help us understand who we are, to go back to Scotland and stand on the land our ancestors left to come to Glengarry.

On August 2nd, and 3rd, Clan MacLennan was the featured clan of the 2013 Games, and we were in the large tent in the front of the Clan Building. We had membership information, family tree information, Scottish history books, activities for children, MacLennan banners, tartans and flags and entertainment and speakers each day. Chief Ruairidh spoke and piped each day, his photos were also displayed in a rolling slideshow, Julia Danskin gave a talk on the wearing of the kilt both days. Special guests on Friday were Freddie Leroux who described the making of a violin and guitar. He was followed by the junior MacLeod Fiddlers who played a few tunes for the crowd that came to enjoy!

On August 3rd, Nina McKechnie talked about Brooches, sashes and traditions of formal wear; David MacLennan member from Ottawa spoke about family; David Anderson of the Glengarry Historical Society focused on 3 very prominent MacLennans in Glengarry; rob mclennan gave a talk on his McLennan/MacLennan genealogies of Stormont and Glengarry; rob has posted his talk to the Clan MacLennan Canada facebook page for all to read.

Chief Ruairidh was given recognition at the VIP luncheon on Saturday before the Clan Parade at 12 noon. Chief

Ruairidh led the clan parade followed by Clan MacLennan members, with John MacLennan and Bev MacLennan carrying the banner. Ruairidh enjoyed the opening ceremonies and first massed bands. He then went to speak in the Clan Building and talked with members of other clans.

Our Clan Dinner and Ceilidh on Saturday after the final massed bands, was very successful with over 50 MacLennans and friends attending from Calgary, Ottawa, Montreal, Kingston, Bath, western Ontario and Glengarry. Chief Ruairidh was piped in by Bailey MacDonald. Bailey also piped in the Haggis with Cole MacLennan, Lorna McLennan and Art Buckland. Art Buckland gave an outstanding Address to the Haggis. Ray McLennan gave the Grace. Delicious buffet dinner including haggis and neeps followed.

Over coffee and tea, Ruairidh, in his address, asked us to think of the future of the Clan and the role of the social media in connecting MacLennans all over the world. Plans include updates to the Clan MacLennan family history database. Ruairidh hopes this will be done by July 2014 when Clan MacLennan gathers in Inverness.

Chief Ruairidh was presented with a bottle of Glengarry maple syrup etched to specifically commemorate his visit to Glengarry. Personal gifts were also presented to Chief Ruairidh by Ken MacLennan and Rory MacLennan.

Each person attending was given a ticket to be used for a draw. The winners of the draws were- RJ Porras – the MacLennan brick made by Lorna McLennan; and Rory MacLennan – the MacLennan mug. Ceilidh and fellowship followed. Chief Ruairidh and Bailey MacDonald piped a tune together. Ruairidh continued to pipe several selections. Sine McKenna then beautifully sang songs in Gaelic.

Sunday Ruairidh joined our family gathering at Glen Sandfield for an early lunch under the maple tree along with Barb and John MacLennan, Lorna and Ray McLennan, Bev MacLennan and Robert MacDonald.





Photo: Adam Gagnon

Chief Ruairidh and Clan MacLennan on parade at Glengarry.

We then went to St Columba Presbyterian Church in Kirk Hill for the Kirkin' o' the Tartan, Chief Ruairidh read the Preamble in the service. Oatcakes and lemonade followed on the church lawn after the downpour stopped! Ruairidh, Barb and John MacLennan then left to meet more of the Clan McLennans Dorset. Thanks to Barb and John MacLennan,

Bev MacLennan, David MacLennan, my daughters, Leslie, Kristin, and Erin for all their help in planning and ensuring a successful visit to Glengarry. Ongoing support from Glengarry Highland Games executive members- Gord White, Lindsay MacCulloch and Bill Shields was very much appreciated. Special mention must be made for Ray and Lorna MacLennan's help at

the Clan tent and Ray for being our photographer. Ray's photos are on Clan MacLennan Canada Facebook and terrific videos from the Tartan Ball, Clan Tent, Piping of the Haggis and Ruairidh and Bailey piping are on youtube glenelg Canada videos of Glengarry Highland Games 2013. *Marilyn MacLennan Lawlor*



Photo: Adam Gagnon

MacLennan luncheon at Sandfield.

DRAFT Itinerary for Clan MacLennan Gathering Inverness 2014

Friday 4th, Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th

Location:

The Beaufort Hotel, 11 Culduthel Road, Inverness

<http://beaufort-hotel-inverness-scotland.cote-dazur-hotels.com/>

Room Prices (per night): Single Room: £95 B&B,
Double / Twin: £125 B&B, Family Room: £145 B&B

(When booking, mention that you are part of the MacLennan Clan Gathering) We advise you to book early to avoid disappointment. There are a number of B&B's in the area should people prefer not to stay at the hotel. The hotel is a 5 minute walk from Inverness Castle and 10 minute walk from Inverness town centre).

Programme of Events:

Thursday 3rd July

5pm onwards at Beaufort Hotel. Informal Meet & Greet, teas, coffees & shortbread

Friday 4th July

Morning, at Beaufort Hotel Conference Facility, Clan Parliament

Afternoon, Mini Highland Games & activities, Dores, Loch Ness Side

Evening, Clan Ceilidh & buffet supper, Dores Parish hall

Saturday 5th July

Day Visit to Kintail & Eilean Donan Castle (coach)

Evening, Clan Dinner, Beaufort Hotel

Sunday 6th July

Morning, Ness Bank Church, Kirkin o' the Tartan (Church Service)

Farewell Drinks: This is a preliminary itinerary to allow people to plan and book accommodation. There may be small changes, such as the addition of other events such as Whisky Tasting, Piping Recital and so on. We will continue to work on this over the coming months to ensure that there is a good variety of activities.

Ask a question on Facebook

If you have questions about how to get there, where to stay, what else to do etc, please join the discussions on the Clan MacLennan Scotland Facebook page which you can find from www.clanmaclennan-worldwide.com/scotland

NEWS FROM OUR CHIEF

Dear Clansfolk



Photo: Adam Gagnon

It has been a fairly busy summer with the main highlight being a thoroughly enjoyable and productive two week visit to Canada during which I attended the Glengarry Highlands Games in Maxville and the Fergus Highland Games near Guelph, Ontario. In addition to this, there has been various family get-togethers, a family wedding, a few piping events, work trips and meetings at the bothy in preparation for an extension, some hill walking and mountain biking. There has also been the planning for the Canada and Australia Clan trips, the Inverness Gathering in July 2014 and last but not least, our wedding in September 2014.

I have been working towards creating more free time and generally reducing my commitments, a process I refer to as operation "de-clutter". After a year's notice, I stepped down as Secretary and Community Councillor after 9 years and have also now ended my career with the Army Reserves & pipe band after more than 15 years of service. The hope was that I would suddenly find that I have far more time to devote to other things but much to Jillian's despair, I am finding that any void created by these "retirements" has been quickly absorbed by a rapid increase of global Clan activity over the past year or so which is taking up more and more of my time. However, from the Clan perspective, this is a positive thing as it means that there are more and more people interested in our Clan and active in their communication with us.

In July we held a meeting of the Scottish group in the Old Mill, Dores, followed by a meal in the Dores Inn. We had a good turnout of 10 or more and have set things in motion for the various bookings required for the Clan Gathering to be held in Inverness on 4 – 6 July 2014. In addition to the Gathering in Inverness, we agreed and have now booked a Clan Tent at the Bannockburn Live event and re-enactment on 28 – 30 June, the weekend before the Inverness Gathering. More information on the Bannockburn Event can be found at: <http://battleofbannockburn.com/tickets/bannockburn-live-faqs/> It is hoped that each of our Clan MacLennan Associations will partake in attending and manning the tent during the event.

A full programme for the Inverness Gathering will be published soon but a draft programme has now been prepared and is available. We have decided to return to the Beaufort Hotel in Inverness for our Gathering where we had the 2000 Gathering and many other events and meetings over the years. The Beaufort Hotel is now taking bookings for accommodation.

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News from our Chief, continued.

More information at: <http://beaufort-hotel-inverness-scotland.cote-dazur-hotels.com>. We will continue to provide updates on the Gathering via the Clan Web Site and various Facebook pages as well as through the newsletters. We have recently set up a Scotland Facebook page which is linked to the Clan Web site and is being updated by Rebecca MacLennan Auld, daughter of Fiona MacLennan (Paisley) who many of you will remember as a long standing past Committee member and newsletter editor. Both Fiona and Rebecca attended our July meeting along with their family.

As I mentioned above, I had the pleasure of meeting with Clansfolk in Canada whilst attending the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville and the Fergus Highland Games near Guelph, Ontario in early August. Both events were well attended by our Clansfolk and overall the visit was a great success as well as being very enjoyable and memorable. Barbara & John MacLennan drove me from Melanie & Andy McLennan's home in Guelph up to Maxville which included an overnight stop in Kingston where we were hosted by Marilyn MacLennan Lawlor and family. We then attended the Glengarry Highland Games including the Tartan Ball where I had the honour of being the guest speaker. The Games themselves were very well attended as was the MacLennan Ceilidh on the Saturday night. The next part of the trip involved a visit to Melanie & Andy's in Dorset and then Guelph where I had some free time before the Fergus Highland Games. This was my 4th visit to Fergus, the first visit being in 1987 with my dad and then in 2000 with my sisters and again in 2005. There was a good turnout at the Games and it was an honour to lead our Clan during the parade of tartans, an opportunity I also had and enjoyed at Glengarry. After two Highland Games in two weeks, it was then off home following a family meal with the McLennan's at London House, Guelph. I am indebted to all the Canadian Clansfolk who helped to make the trip possible as well as such an enjoyable and productive success.

Jillian and I are now preparing for our visit to Australia, New Zealand and Singapore in November and December. The focus of the trip will be the Clan Luncheon in Melbourne on Sunday 10 November and a Clan Ceilidh in Sydney on Thursday 14 November. After that, we will be going "off duty" and are planning visiting friends in the Sydney area before flying north to Cairns to do some backpacking, followed by a campervan tour of New Zealand. We will then return to Melbourne to bid our farewells to the Clan Committee before heading home with a 3 night stopover in Singapore before arriving home for Christmas. We are both very excited about the trip and are looking forward to spending time with our Australian Clansfolk before heading off on our travels and enjoying some sunshine and warmth before heading back into the depths of a Scottish winter! I will be taking my camera with me so hopefully I will be able to share some good landscape shots following on from the trip.

FLOWERS OF THE FIELD Evelyn Marguerite Griffiths

November 22, 1919 – November 25, 2013

Surrounded by her family Evelyn passed away peacefully at St. Catharines General Hospital on Monday, November 25, 2013, days after her 94th birthday. Evelyn was predeceased by her dearly beloved husband of 64 years, Frederick Harold in 2008, her grandson Joshua and son-in-law George Nicholson. She was the proud mother of



Wynne Nicholson of St. Catharines, Robert (Dawn) of Charlottetown; Owen (Linda) of Ottawa; and Rodger (Barb) of Sarnia, Much loved grandmother of Scott, Ty (Laura), Torrey, Braden (Charlotte), James (Melodie), Adam (Carlos), Brianne (Jeff), and Garth (Marie-Helene). She took great joy in her two great-granddaughters: Eva, daughter of Braden and Charlotte; and Grace, daughter of Brianne and Jeff.

Evelyn, daughter of Elizabeth (MacLennan) and Robert O'Neil, grew up in Sarnia and graduated from SCITS. She furthered her education at Hamilton General Hospital and at a technical college in London where she trained as a lab technician. As a devoted mother she was always involved in the activities of her children as well as extensive volunteering in her church and community. Three of Evelyn's passions were genealogy, art and gardening. Her genealogical research kept her in touch with distant relatives and active in Clan MacLennan. She authored a book on the descendants of the O'Neil family which came to Canada in 1820. Once her children were in their teens, she started painting. Her paintings in oils, acrylics and watercolour were exhibited at many shows.

When the children were young Evelyn and Harold took them on many trips across Canada and the U.S., usually camping. In their later years they continued to travel extensively. Evelyn's last trip was a European cruise with a brief stay in France at age 92.

A Memorial Service was held in St. Thomas' Anglican Church, 99 Ontario St., St. Catharines, on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, with internment occurring later in Lakeview Cemetery, Sarnia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Care of St. Catharines or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted with the George Darte Funeral Chapel. On-line Guest Book www.dartefuneralhome.com.

BANNER FOR SALE

Hi Melanie,

I'm assuming you're now home and hope your trip went well.

I was chatting with Bob MacLennan in our FB group yesterday and spoke further to him today. He showed a picture of a banner he had done in Halifax and I wanted further info about it. I was considering ordering one for Rob - but wondered if the clan might be interested as well. The info is in his email below.

Hope all is well

Adele xo

From: Bob MacLennan
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2013 2:38 PM
To: amclenn1@hotmail.com
Subject: Banner

Adele

This is the banner that was designed by my wife. I changed to a lower resolution .gif file format to email. They still have the file at the Flag Emporium. For one sided it is \$118.00 + hst. For 2 sided it is \$160.00 + hst.



If you need banner arms they are around \$50.00for a pair. Delivery is 2-3 weeks. I can arrange if you want. Nice talking to you today.

Regards
Bond & Coolen Contracting Limited
Bob MacLennan
Vice President



Photo: Adam Gagnon

Chief Ruairidh leading the Clan at Fergus.



Photo: Adam Gagnon

Chief Ruairidh playing his pipes in Maxville.

Congratulations

On the left, Dorien Zentjens and Shaun Bryan MacLennan from Leuven, Belgium were married in Kitchener on July 21, 2013. Shaun is the son of John and Barbara MacLennan of Kitchener.



And on the right, Jessica Garcia and Alec McLennan were married on July 27, 2013. Alec is the son of Andy and Melanie McLennan of Guelph.



Photo: Andrew Goodwin

Clan MacLennan Worldwide

Now linked to
worldwide website
on the portal "Electric
Scotland".

From: famhist@clanmaclennan-worldwide.com

Dear Ruairidh, Ally, Carol & Melanie,

We now have a link to our worldwide website on the portal "Electric Scotland".

This should further enhance our Google ranking.

Best wishes,
Bruce

From: Alastair McIntyre

Hi Bruce... Steve forwarded your email to me as he's just the tech guru and I'm the one responsible for the content.

We're happy to add links to official clan web sites and have been doing that for some 15 years now but of course we need to be told about them to add them to the site which now you've told us I've now done.

We used to host pages for the Clan MacLennan Association USA Inc. and still retain some information from them but that was back in 2003.

Alastair

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A special thank you to Adam Gagnon for providing many of the excellent photographs in this edition of the Clan MacLennan Canada Newsletter. You can find more of his work at www.adamgagnon.ca.

Wee Bairns

Congratulations to Marilyn MacLennan Lawlor and family on the arrival of her grandniece.

Elizabeth (Liz) MacLennan and Travis Sonnenberg welcomed their daughter Kennedy Anne Elizabeth Sonnenberg on 25th December, 2013 at 2:15, weighing 6 lb. 6 oz.

Clan MacLennan Canada Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

September 13, 2012 - October 1, 2013

Receipts

Bank Balance September 13, 2012				2,819.73
Members Dues 2011-12	50.00			
2012-13	180.00			
2013-14	400.00			
2014-15	70.00	700.00		
Bank Interest	1.65			
G.I.C. interest	40.50	42.15		
Cashed in G.I.C.		2,000.00		
Clan Sales				
Cobourg	2.00			
Fergus	101.00			
Glengarry	115.50	218.50		
U.S. exchange		1.13		2,961.78
5,781.51				

Disbursements

Newsletters, member kits, postage etc.	329.12			
New cheques	53.64			
New Sale items	306.05			
Fergus Ave of Clans	122.04			
Chief's exp				
Airfare	1,085.58			
Ont. Travel	580.07	1,665.65		2,476.50
Glengarry Games Hall	100.00			
Caterer & gratuity	872.13			
Haggis	59.25			
Print tickets	13.50			
Glengarry News ad	42.40			
Table Flowers	50.00			
Ruairidh gift	58.00	1,195.28		
Tickets sold (54)		1,110.00	85.28	
Fergus Museum Hall	642.42			
Caterer	680.00			
Bar server & license	175.00			
Haggis	58.48			
Table flowers	36.07			
Chief Gift	50.84	1,642.81		
Tickets sold (40)	1,020.00			
Bar profit	59.91			
Dinner draw	100.00	1,179.91	462.90	
Bank Service charges		22.00		3,046.68
Bank Balance, October 1, 2013				2,734.83
Royal Bank G.I.C.				1,000.00

Branch Total **3,734.83**