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Clanswomen of the Year Honored

When it comes to very capable women, we in Clan Gillean have no shortage. And so it was with the selection of Clanswoman of the year for 2007.

The Audrey Peebles McLean Award for the Clanswoman of the year was presented by Robert McLean in honor of his mother. Bob remarked that it was a joy to present this award, because he could relive his mothers accomplishments through the works of the recipient.

The Executive Committee chooses the Clanswoman that has overcome the most obstacles and performed the tasks for the clan that were indispensable.

This year the selection was very difficult and in the end the committee could not select the one woman who met these criteria. So in true political fashion they chose two.

First, Mrs. Patricia McLean. Pat or Mama Pat as many know her, has done herself proud as the Deputy convener for North Carolina .

She attended many games and was a very bright spot in the tent. She also traveled to Scotland for the gathering. She did all of this following brain surgery in January of 2007. She just refused to give in and went ahead with her life. I am happy to report that she is doing very well and many will see her in the Maclean tents this year.

Second, Mrs. Bobbye Greek. Most everyone in the clan knows Bobbye and

her husband Clarence. She has traveled all over this country to set up tents at games and festivals. She and Clarence attended the gathering in Scotland this year and in fact spent three weeks in the old country. Bobbye and Clarence have stepped down as conveners this year and plan to sit and watch what goes on at the games.

Congratulations to both of these wonderful Ladies.

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Patricia McLean, Bob McLean and Bobbye Greek enjoy the moment.

LADY MARY MACLEAN 1943-2007

It is with great sadness that we report to you the death of Lady Mary Maclean, wife of our Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean. Lady Maclean passed away on December 30, 2007, at the home of their daughter, Emma in the south of England after a lengthy illness.

Lady Mary was born October 31, 1943, the eldest daughter of William (Sandy) and Helen Gordon of Lude, Blair Atholl, Perthshire. In 1966, she married Hector Charles Maclean who became the 28th Chief of Clan Maclean in 1990 upon the death of his father, becoming Lady Mary Helen Maclean. She is survived by Sir Lachlan, children Emma (Maid of Morvern), Malcolm, Alexandra and Andrew, and grandchildren Cosimo, Alberto, Francesco, Cecilia, Oscar, Fergus, Betsy, and Archie.

According to the January 25th edition of the *Perthshire Advertiser*, hundreds of mourners attended Lady Mary's funeral service held at St John's Episcopal Church in Perth. She was eulogized by Advocate Colin McEachran as follows:

As a child, every winter Mary would travel from the family home at Lude to Trinidad with her parents, Helen and Sandy. She would stay at Knowsley, the magnificent Gordon family house in Port of Spain. As a little girl, she came to know and strike up a loving rapport with her formidable Gordon grandmother. They were very close and her grandmother had promised to visit before she started boarding school. Granny Gordon kept her promise but died on the ship over to Britain. Mary was devastated. She went back to Trinidad for a reunion in 1965 and for the Gordon Grant centenary celebrations in 1972. But she never returned, saying Trinidad held too many happy memories.

Mary went to the local Blair Atholl primary until she was 12. At the age of 12, Mary went to West Heath in Kent where she made many lifelong friends. Later she taught at a London nursery school. Mary married Lachlan Maclean 1966 and they had more than 40 happy and devoted years together. It was a real partnership with real love and real happiness.

Initially there was much separation because Lochy was in the Army and the SAS. Emma arrived in 1967 and Sarah in 1969. But in 1971 tragedy struck and Sarah died, aged two, after a sudden illness. It was a terrible tragedy but Mary's strength helped pull the family through. Malcolm arrived in 1972 and they came back to live in Scotland. Alexandra and Andrew followed and they made a wonderful home at Arngask.

Mary had extraordinary energy and determination, setting up a nursery school at Arngask and helping to run the Glenfarg Cubs. She was very active as a community councillor and helped and chaired the old people's committee. After the death of her father in law, Chips Maclean, Mary threw her considerable energies into the successful running of Duart Castle on Mull, providing not only the vision and the ideas, but also the drive to see them through. But love for her wider family was

pre-eminent, including her children, Emma, Malcolm, Alexandra and Andrew, and their families. Her eight grandchildren were a helpful distraction during the last dark months of her illness.

Her courage was breathtaking, demonstrating a determined and practical approach to her illness. She and Lochy made a huge effort to make the journey to Emma's home in Wiltshire for Christmas, where she was surrounded by her family for the last few days of her life.

It has been said the strength of our country is not to be found in its politicians, but in those many unsung people who provide support and backup for families and who contribute to the community; people who walk the unremarkable paths of life, not asking for rewards but simply doing their duty. Mary was one of those. Let us remember her and let us remember the happiness that she brought to all our lives.

On behalf of all of the members of Clan Gillean USA, the Executive Committee has made a donation to the Maclean Heritage Trust in memory of Lady Mary.

PRAYER FOR LADY MARY

PATRICK MACLEAN, CLAN CHAPLAIN

Almighty and everliving God, we yield unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all Thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of Thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations, remembering amongst them Thy servant MARY; most humbly beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their stedfastness in Thy faith, and obedience to Thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general Resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of Thy Son, may be set on His right hand, and hear that His most joyful voice: Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of the same, Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

CHAPLAIN PATRICK MacLEAN REMEMBERS LADY MARY

I first met Lady Mary when she and Sir Lachlan came to Atlanta for the Stone Mountain Highland Games in 1993. Sir Lachlan paid for several of us to take the gondola to the top of the mountain ("Scots-on-the-Rock"), and while we walked on the "Rock," Lady Mary and I spoke extensively about their farmhouse in Glenfarg as well as about the time they spent at Duart. She was very gracious (and patient!) with an admirer of Scottish architecture. When she and Sir Lachlan returned to Atlanta in 1997, she was enthusiastic about being back in Georgia.

This summer at Duart she really surprised me. Laura and I had arrived early at the castle to get the Great Hall set up for Bob and Johnnie's vow renewal ceremony. Laura was practicing on the piano and I was speaking with The Hon. Janet Barne, the Chief's sister, in the Sea Room. Lady Mary came in dressed in an apron, having been in the kitchens busily preparing for a dinner party. To my delight, she came right up to me and said, "Patrick, so good to see you again!" A bit of a shock to the system. We had not communicated in ten years, but she remembered who I was. We went into the Great Hall where she listened to Laura playing, and commented, "It's nice to hear the piano played. I hardly get to hear it." To our surprise, Lady Mary retrieved a camera and took a photograph of Laura at the Bechstein!

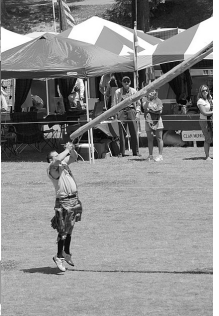
Thanks to the many photographer's that donated their great works. Among the many are: Julie Lane, Herb McLain, Bobbye Greek, Diane Sweat, Alison List, Betsy McLean and probably many more that I have missed



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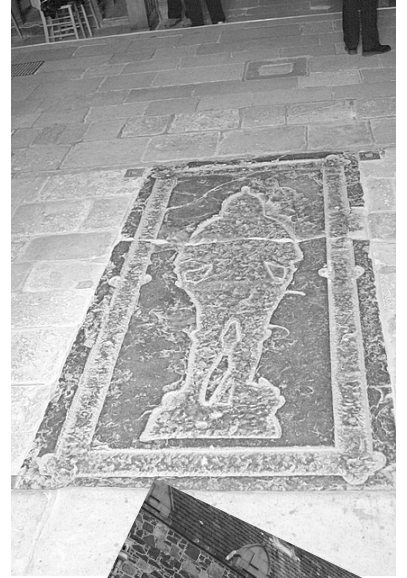
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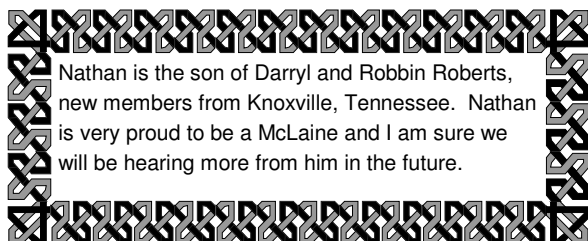
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Maclean's Wee Bard











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






This is a poem of Clan Maclean,
 When you read this-
 don't look at me like I'm insane.
 I'm Scottish from head to kilt,
 It's made of wool-not silk.
 Robert Burns-a Scot poet he be,
 His work is all over Scotland you see.
 A famous dish is haggis
 Made out of cow-which is quite shaggyish.
 A type of Scot language is Gaelic,
 It's rather hard to say it.
 Our clan crest is a castle,
 Not a fort-don't give me a hassle.
 The clan chieftain is Iachan Maclean,
 He lives in a castle-Duart by name.











By Nathan Roberts



Nathan is the son of Darryl and Robbin Roberts, new members from Knoxville, Tennessee. Nathan is very proud to be a McLaine and I am sure we will be hearing more from him in the future.

 Do you have an original draw- 
 ing or composition from a 
 child or a grandchild? Send it 
 to the Clan *Pplings*. We will try 
 to publish it. 

New Members for 2007

Mr. David L. Patton	Red Oak, TX
Mr. William Lloyd Taylor II	Lewisburg, TN
Mr. Mclin Sheddan Choate Jr.	Richmond, VA
Mr. Mclin Sheddan Choate III	Richmond, VA
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Mr Scott Brian McLain	Mooresville, NC
Mr. John Reis MacLean	Southlake, TX
Mr. H. Clay Aalders	Knoxville, TN
Mr. Stephen Lee McLean	Sevierville, TN
Mrs. Sally Jane Mayhew	Greer, SC
Mr. John Robert Harman	Raleigh, NC
Mr. Alexander Kerr Stephen	Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Mr. Charles Michael Merritt	Wellford, SC
Mr. Leslie Michael Potter	Columbus, NC
Mr David L. Merritt	Spartanburg, SC
Mr. David Joseph Bianco	Williamsburg, VA
Mr. Stuart Scott MacLean	Sterling, VA
Mrs. Robbin Lane Roberts	Knoxville, TN
Mr. Scott Alan McClain	Follansbee, WV
Mr. Charles Leslie MacLean	Fort Wayne, IN
Mrs. Kathleen M. Church	Pembroke, MA
Ms. Angela D. Lapinsky	Keene, NH
Mr. Crandall Donald McLean	Hamilton, MA
Ms. JoAnn Langley	N. Charleston, SC
Mr. William Alex Custer	Belleville, IL
Mrs. Melba Black Gabriel	Greenville, SC
Mr. Blake McLean	Gastonia, NC
Mrs. Marlys Michelle Cutchen	Page, AZ
Ms. Shari Lynn Pearson	Austin, TX

Clan Maclean Gathering 2007

By Debbie Pearson
Clan Gillean USA
Texas

I could not have started my summer off in any better way than a trip to Scotland. The idyllic Scottish country sides, the cool and misty weather, the ancient towers and ruins, even the friendly people are bound to lift your spirits and make you feel welcome. And being a part of the Maclean Scotland Tour gave me a chance to not only see Scotland, but to get to meet some of my fellow Clan Gillean USA members more personally. And what fun it was getting to know so many.

So much history and beauty, but that was just the beginning—the culmination was the trip to Mull and the International Gathering with so many Macleans from around the world. All over the island you bumped into people coming to the Gathering. I even met a man from my own city who lived just a few miles from my house!

All around the island we saw sights that figure in Clan History. In Tobermory we ate fish and chips right on the pier, shopped and toured the Isle of Mull Museum, which prominently features the Clan Maclean in many of



their exhibits. (Tobermory was an excellent place to find items with our Clan tartan or crests.) We toured the ruins of the chapel at Pennygown and ancient Maclean grave stones. We saw the ruins of Castle Aros. We went to the Isles of Staffa and Iona and their beauty and peace amazed us. Many of the ladies bought necklaces with a reproduction of the Maclean cross of Iona that was made especially for the Gathering. We got a glimpse of the Beaton Cross as we toured from Fionphort back to Craignure. Some of our group even went down to Lochbuie to view the Castle Moy.

The Ceilidh and Grand Dance, both at Tobermory, were fun and filled with very talented musicians and

singers. Our chief was there and danced with many. It was a chance to meet Macleans from Canada, Australia, France, England, and of course Scotland and the US. The only things spoiling our good time were the Midgies.

The day at the Castle Duart was a windy, cool day but no rain till we left. We enjoyed our tour of Duart from top to bottom and especially the history boards of the Clan and Castle and even the history of the Gatherings there on Mull. We enjoyed the reenactors who taught us how to wage battle with swords and especially enjoyed the highland dancing demonstrations and the piping. We shopped in panic mode at the Castle gift shop as goods were flying off the shelves so quickly with all the crowds. We enjoyed our real hamburgers with beef or venison cooked right on the grounds of the castle and a hot cup of tea in the tearoom. I was especially delighted to have a conversation with Malcolm, the chief's oldest son, about the gathering of 1992. And then too quickly it was time to say goodbye as Chief Lachlan invited us all back for the 100th Anniversary of the First Clan Gathering at the renovated Duart. That will be in 2012 so see you there, I hope!

Whats Coming up for the Clan

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	CONVENOR
North East Florida Games	Jacksonville, FL	February 23, 2008	Melanie Cross & Gary McLean
Arizona Scottish Games	Mesa, AZ	Ferruary 23-24, 2008	Charles D. McLane
Scottish Heritage Festival	Edmond, OK	March 29, 2008	
Missouri Tartan Days	St. Louis, MO	April 4-6, 2008	Herb McLain
Loch Norman Highland Games	Huntersville, NC	April 18-20, 2008	Betsy McLean
Arkansas Scittish Festival	Batesville, AR	April 19-20, 2008	Jamie Kirmser



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