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## 2010 AGM Scheduled for Grandfather Mtn Games

It has only been eight months since the last Annual General Meeting of Clan Gillean U.S.A. So why are we having another one at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games? Well, the executive committee has decided to give another area of the southeast an opportunity.

We are working with the powers that be at Grandfather Mountain to get a suitable place for the meeting. You don't want to miss the AGM this year.



There will be some announcements of new projects on [clangilleanusa.org](http://clangilleanusa.org) and maybe some surprises for everyone.

Clan members, Gary and Cindi McClain are once again hosting a bar-b-que for everyone after the games on Saturday afternoon. This is always a great time for fellowship and a chance to tell all of the executive committee what you think about the way they are handling things without all of the noise of the games. Watch the website for more info.

"Ah, Kyla, drinking makes you look so bonnie."

"But Donald, I dinna drink." "But, I do."

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A Scotsman took a girl for a ride in a taxi.

She was so beautiful he could hardly keep his eyes on the meter.

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Callum decided to call his father-in-law "The exorcist" because every time he came to visit he made the spirits disappear.

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Have you heard about the lecherous Jock who lured a girl up to his attic to see his etchings? He sold her four of them.

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## BOB McLEAN

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the following proposed amendments of the By-Laws of Clan Gillean USA will be presented for consideration of the membership at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) of Clan Gillean USA to be held on July 10, 2010 at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina.

It is proposed that Article III, Section 1.D be amended to replace in its entirety existing Article III, Section 1.D, said Section 1.D to hereafter provide as follows:

D. AFFILIATE OR ADHERENT MEMBERSHIP. Available to all who qualify under provisions of Article III, Section 2.D or 2.F(2).

It is proposed that Article III, Section 2.D be amended to replace in its entirety existing Article III, Section 2.D, said Section 2.D to hereafter provide as follows:

D. PERSONS WITHOUT MACLEAN/MACLAINE KINSHIP. A person over the age of twenty-one (21) years, who is of proven Scottish descent and not otherwise qualified for admission under these By-Laws and who desires to become a member of Clan Gillean, U.S.A., may be admitted to membership as an Affiliate or Adherent Member of the Association, provided his membership is approved by the Executive Committee and he pays the contribution required for Life Membership. Application for such membership shall be endorsed in writing by no fewer than two Life Members of the Association with whom he is personally acquainted. Except as hereinafter provided in Paragraph 2.F(2), Affiliates or Adherents may not hold elected office or vote in the affairs of the Association.

It is further proposed that Article III, Section 2.F be amended to replace in its entirety existing Article III, Section 2.F so as to clarify the rights of spouses in Clan Gillean USA, said Section 2.F to hereafter provide as follows:

F. SPOUSES OF MEMBERS. (1) Spouses of members of Clan Gillean USA whether or not otherwise qualified for membership in the Association shall nevertheless be considered members of the Association as long as their spouse is in life and is a member in good standing. However, they shall not have voting privileges and shall not be eligible to hold elected office.

(2) In the alternative, husbands and widowers as well as wives and widows of those who are Life, Regular, or Associate Members of the Association and who are not otherwise qualified for membership in the Association as Life, Regular, or Associate Members and who desire to have voting privileges in the Association shall themselves be eligible for Membership as Affiliate or Adherent Members of Clan Gillean USA if qualified under Article III of these By-Laws, provided they pay the annual dues of the Association. While they shall have full voting privileges, they shall not hold elected office in the Association.

It is further proposed that Article III, Section 2.G be amended to replace in its entirety existing Article III, Section 2.G, said Section 2.G to hereafter provide as follows:

G. GRANDFATHER PROVISION. All persons who are members of the Association in good standing at the time of the acceptance of these By-Laws as amended, even though they may not qualify for membership as hereinabove defined, may retain their membership and may become Life Members by making the contribution required for Life Membership.

Robert S. McLean  
President

*The Isle of Mull*

By Betsy McLean

## **A Polar Bear? On Mull?!**

While surfing the internet, I came across an article that intrigued me. It was about Dave Sexton, an Isle of Mull officer for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

According to the website, Sexton was out on a routine wildlife survey on the western shoreline of Mull. Off into the distance, he and his partner saw something large and white lying by some large rocks. As they got closer, they were shocked to see that it was a polar bear! Sexton thought it was dead, but as he walked up to it, he realized that the bear was breathing. Then, when he was beside the bear, the bear opened its eyes! Thankfully, the bear did not make an effort to move. Sexton and his partner quickly took a few photographs before running off to call for help.



*The more I read the article, the more excited I became. Just thinking of how far the polar bear had traveled astounded me. Thoughts were*

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The Isle of Mull or simply Mull (Scottish Gaelic Muile, pronounced ['mulə]) is the second largest island of the Inner Hebrides, off the west coast of Scotland in the council area of Argyll and Bute. With an area of 875.35 square kilometres (337.97 sq mi) Mull is the fourth largest Scottish island and the fourth largest island surrounding Great Britain. In the 2001 census the usual resident population of Mull was 2,667; in the summer this is supplemented by many more tourists. Much of the population lives in Tobermory, the only burgh on the island until 1973, and its capital. It is widely understood that Mull was inhabited shortly after the end of the last Ice Age, from around 6000 BC.

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# What's Happening at the Castle This Year

## Duart Castle Calendar of Events for the Year 2010

### June

- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Duarts Pipers & Highland Dancing Day  
 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Scot AnSgeulaiche  
 Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Children's Treasure Hunt

### July

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Mendelssohn on Mull  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Maclean's Snails & Other Tales  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Children's Treasure Hunt  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Maclean's Snails & Other Tales  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> The Duart Castle Ceilidh  
 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Scot AnSgeulaiche  
 Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Fraser's Dragoones

### August

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Fraser's Dragoones  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Maclean's Snails & Other Tales  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Opium Eater – Mull Theatre  
 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Children's Treasure Hunt  
 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Gaelic Waulking Song Group  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Children's Treasure Hunt  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> The Duart Castle Ceilidh  
 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Scot AnSgeulaiche

### September

- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Duarts Pipers & Highland Dancing Day

### Duart Castle

#### Description of Events for 2010

We are fortunate as a clan to have the ability to claim Duart as our ancestral home. But did you know that Duart Castle is not only home to our Chief, but it is a living, active and vibrant tourist attraction? Yes, one may tour Duart Castle, but while there, there are other activities going on all summer long. This listing of events is taken directly from the Duart news website: <http://duartnews.com/duartnews.events.htm>

#### Tales of the Maclean Clan with Scot AnSgeulaiche

Free with admission to the castle. 11 am to 4 pm. Scot AnSgeulaiche, a traditional Clan Bard or "Seanachaidh", will regale visitors with scurrilous, romantic and poignant tales of the Macleans, with plaid demonstrations for the eager

#### Duarts Pipers and Highland Dancing Day! (new in 2010)

Free with admission to the castle. 2pm to 5pm. Join us in celebrating Scottish culture at its best. Watch and listen to the local Mull & Iona Pipe Band and admire the talents of the Mull Highland Dancers, all performed in the magnificent grounds of the stunning Duart Castle.

#### Maclean's Snails & Other Tales! (new in 2010)

Children's Workshop with Mull Theatre. Free with admission to the castle. 11:30am to 12:30pm. Advance booking recommended. An interactive drama workshop diving into some of the greatest legends of the Macleans and Mull, where participants can become the characters, learn a couple of lines and then perform 'Maclean's Snails and Other Tales' to a select audience of parents, friends and the Clan Chief! No performance experience needed! For ages 8+ (grown-ups and Clan Chiefs can also participate!)

#### Mendelssohn on Mull

Free; contributions are welcome. This fantastic six day Mendelssohn on Mull Festival comes to Duart Castle on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The evening performance will feature the talented Levon Chilingirian, Iain Burnside and selected young professionals from the classical music festival.

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### The Duart Castle Ceilidh

7:30pm to 10pm. Tickets £10/£7. Family of 4 £30. Under 5 free. Learn traditional Scottish ceilidh dances and jig up and down the old castle's byre to the Celtic sounds of Calum Maclean and his ceilidh band. Enjoy a taste of Scotland with hot stovies and purchase your favorite tipples from the bar, supplied by the local Craignure Inn. Suitable for all ages and families are welcome.

### Fraser's Dragoones

Free. See the castle come to life with action packed historical re-enactments of the story of the Macleans' involvement in the mid c17th wars. Go back over 300 years and watch Scottish soldiers fighting with English redcoats for control of the castle. A great day out for all the family, full of entertainment and Scottish heritage.

### Mull Theatre presents Opium Eater

8pm. Tickets £8/£6. Suitable for children aged 12+. Available in advance or at the door. It's Edinburgh, 1820, and Thomas De Quincey, the flawed English man of letters and laudanum addict, sits shivering in his dingy lodgings in the Grassmarket. Driven by demons from without and within, he scribbles desperately to meet a deadline which has already passed and waits on his simple-minded servant Willie to bring him the laudanum he craves. Laugh out loud funny and deeply moving, this is an utterly compelling portrait of a bizarre and symbiotic relationship.

### Gaelic Waulking Song Group (Sgioba Luaidh Inbhichluaidh) (New in 2010)

Free with admission to the castle. 11am to 4pm. This fantastic group of Scottish women will illustrate in Gaelic song the ancient tradition of tweed production, from the sheep to the finished garment. Plus, hear historical songs of love and war, tragedy and comedy, chat with the women, and have a bash at waulking!



Legend has it that the **Stone of Destiny**, or Stone of Scone, was used by Jacob in Israel and was brought to Scotland via Ireland. It was used by the kings of Dalriada at their coronations and was taken to Scone around 840AD. **King Edward I** removed it to London in 1296 and it was placed under the throne in Westminster Abbey. It was **re-**  
**turned** to Edinburgh Castle in 1996.

# South Carolina State Museum Tartan Fest 2010



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*darting through my mind...Has anything like this ever happened before? What if the bear possibly had human contact upon landfall? How far did it travel? WHERE IS THE POLAR BEAR NOW???*

I read further..."On his return an hour later, Dave was amazed to find that the bear had disappeared..." Oh, my goodness, I thought. How many people are now in danger? I read further..."the public have been warned not to approach the bear if they see it, as it may be hungry after its long journey." What?! That's silly, I thought. Well, they have a definite grasp of the obvious! I read further... then it hit me! The date of the article: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010. *Thursday 1 April 2010?* Oh, no! APRIL FOOL! I had been suckered in! How could I be so gullible?!

Apparently, I was not the only one who fell for the April fool's joke. The cable news network CNN featured the polar bear's arrival on the Isle of Mull as one of the world's best April fool's jokes for the year 2010!

To see the article and photos of Dave Sexton and the fabled Mull polar bear, go to the following website:  
<http://www.birdguides.com/webzine/article.asp?a=2027>

South Carolina payed homage to the Scots and the Scottish heritage of the state on Saturday, April 3, 2010 as they held their annual Tartan Fest at the SC State Museum in Columbia, SC. From 10:00 until 4:00, one could listen to Rathkeltair and the Palmetto Pipes and Drums perform while celebrating everything Scottish at this state's own Tartan Day Event. The day was filled with demonstrations of highland athletics, dancing, along with fencing, falconry, celtic crafts, a British car show, shopping, and children's events.

Because of all of the events of the day, Tartan Fest would have been spectacular enough, but this year, the organizing committee decided that each year, beginning with the year 2010, they should honor an individual clan as clan for the day. This year, the honorees were... **the Macleans!**



Guest speaker during the opening ceremony was our own **President Bob McLean**, who kept everyone in the "standing room only" lobby laughing as he gave a short history of our clan.

Along with **President Bob McLean**, representing the Macleans were Bob's wife **Johnnie McLean**, **Former President Kirk Lane** and his wife **Jac Lane**, **NC Convener Betsy McLean**, and **NC Deputy Convener Pat McLean**. Maclean **Danny Skinner** stayed busy with the wares from his Scottish shop adjacent to the Maclean's display.

One of the highlights of the day was when **Pat McLean** graciously manned the Maclean display while all of the other Macleans participated in a fashion show of Scottish attire. We Macleans put on quite a show when we stood on the auditorium stage and displayed five different Maclean tartans fashioned in attire that ranged from historic costumes to modern dress!

Word got back to the Macleans that the organizers of Tartan Fest had all agreed that their decision to add a clan of the day was one of the best decisions made in the history of the celebration. This day had proven to be their best Tartan Day celebration ever, with the largest attendance ever recorded. The only problem was that they had to figure out how to make the Macleans the clan of the day EVERY year!

# HAPPENINGS

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
Glasgow Highland Games	Glasgow, KY	June 4-6, 2010
Potomac Celtic Festival	Leesville, VA	June 12-13, 2010
Western North Carolina Highland Celtic Festival	Black Mountain, NC	June 18-19, 2010
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games	Linville, NC	July 8-11, 2010
Maine Highland Games	Brunswick, Maine2008	August 21, 2010



The 139<sup>th</sup> annual Waipu Highland Games was held in Waipu, New Zealand on January 1, 2010. The host Clan for the event was Clan Maclean. Congratulations to our New Zealand cousins!



## A MACLEAN CLAN GATHERING TO REMEMBER - June 2012, Isle of Mull



**10 NIGHT LUXURY COACH TOUR** - Fully guided with Tour Directors Liz and Paul. First and final nights Glasgow, 3 Isle of Mull, 3 Inverness, 2 Edinburgh. 10 fully cooked Scottish breakfasts, 6 evening dinners, (inc welcome and farewell) Sail on Loch Lomond, city tours, museums and gardens, private whisky tasting, Culloden Battlefield, castles, distillery & dram tour, historic storyteller evening, Rosslyn Chapel, woollen mill and more to be added! See [www.mcleanscotland.com/2012gatheringplan.asp](http://www.mcleanscotland.com/2012gatheringplan.asp) The coach tour is ideal for those who haven't been to Scotland before or not wanting to drive on the wrong side of the road! Plenty of free time, fun and camaraderie - with friends returning again, *it's always that good!*

Family & friends groups, we can arrange your own coach with driver/guide or self drive vans. On our self drive tours we work with you to design your vacation ensuring you see the places you wish and also those hidden gems only local Scots know of. Stay as long as you like, in a castle, pub, guest house or hotel. Includes maps and our personal suggestions where to go, see and drink etc.

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