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Chief to Visit U.S. in 2011



The last time the Chief's banner flew over a tent in the U.S.A. was October of 1997. Sir Lachlan Maclean visited The Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, GA. Our wait is over. Sir Lachlan will be the honored guest at the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games in April of 2011. The games are held in Huntersville, NC from April 15 thru April 17.

Rev. Patrick Maclean is chairman of the committee planning the festivities. The Chief will be in town from the 15-18 and everyone will have the chance to meet and spend time with him. Fr. Patrick and his committee will be planning all of the events and hopefully everyone will be able to attend some or all of them. There will be appearances by the Chief at festival events,

but he will have time to spend with the Clan membership.

As we get closer to the date of the games we will be publishing all of the various happenings in *The Pippings* and on our website, <http://www.clangilleanusa.org>. For those of you that live a little too far for a day trip, we are in the process of making an agreement with a local hotel to get the best rate that we can for your visit. Charlotte, NC is a very interesting city, so plan to spend some time just goofing off and doing the town.

The games are one of the largest in the country, so there are many sights, sounds and smells to get your attention. Tickets for the games will be offered to the membership of Clan Gil-

lean at a reduced rate, however you must purchase them in advance. The price and ordering procedure will be available soon.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BOB McLEAN

Greetings to all.

Things are really happening at Clan Gillean U.S.A. In fact, they are happening so fast that this issue was delayed so all news could be current and complete.

First, the announcement of the visit to the U.S. by our Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean. I hope all of you will be able to attend at least part of the festivities while he is here. We are trying to plan activities that will allow everyone to attend, including a picnic on Friday afternoon with all the children (or grandchildren) of the membership invited. There will be many other opportunities for everyone to meet the Chief and spend some quality time with him and all of Clan Gillean. Mark the dates of April 15-17 on your calendar. Watch our website <http://www.clangilleanusa.org> for the latest news and schedules. Maps and special rates. We will be asking for your help to make this a memorable event

Many changes are in the works to better communicate with our members and friends. The online version of *The Pipings* was the beginning. Those who have not indicated their preference should send a E-mail to the editor if you wish to receive your newsletter via the web. If you have any ideas for The Pipings, please forward them to the editor also. We are always in need of good material about Macleans.

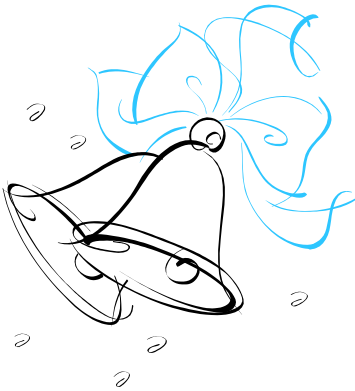
In addition, clangilleanusa.org is being totally revamped. You should have noticed by now the new format and menu items. We will be implementing many new features over the next few months. News about our members is now being published, so if you have an important event in your family please let us know by sending an article and photo. Also we now have a section to recognize our new members. If you have joined Clan Gillean in the last year please send us a photo of you and your family along with a short biography. We will not publish addresses, phone numbers or E-mail addresses. The latest and greatest addition to the website is the Maclean Market. This new area of the site is for sale, purchase or trade of Clan Maclean clothing or other items. We presently have for sale shirts and maps. The next feature of the Market is the Trading Post where members may present items for sale. The Trading Post will be available shortly. Please send an email to webmaster@clangilleanusa.org if you have any questions about Maclean Market.

We want to offer assistance for genealogy research and will be pursuing tools to assist you in your search for your roots.

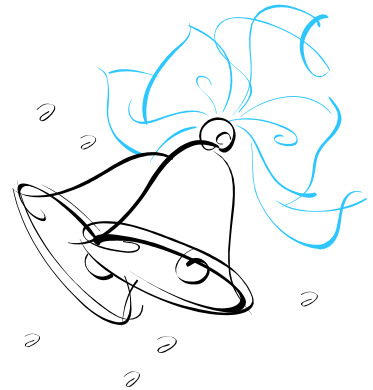
Finally, a subject that is always old but is necessary. Included in this mailing is a reminder to you of your annual dues. Our dues are the only income that the association has to provide you with newsletters, websites, and a place to meet and enjoy fellowship at the many games and festivals that we attend. Please return the envelope with your check so we may continue to serve you.

Check the website or the Happenings page of this newsletter for upcoming events. It is always fun to see old friends and meet new friends .

See you at the Games!



Congratulations!



Our Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean, and Mrs. Rosemary Mayfield were married September 8, 2010 in a small private ceremony at St Columba's Church, on the Isle of Mull.

Rosie Mayfield is the widow of Lt Col Richard Mayfield, who was a fellow officer with the chief in the Scots Guards. She has a son and a two daughters and the Maclean family and the Mayfield family have been friends for many years.



Rosie is by birth a Matheson, and her family came from Dornie in the West Highlands. She loves Mull, and Duart, and many members of the Association met her when she attended the Clan Maclean Gathering last November.

The couple left Duart by helicopter, and the passing Cal Mac ferry, The Isle of Mull, sounded its horn with two long blasts to wish them all best wishes for the future; as I am sure do all Macleans around the world.



From Duart

Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, Bt., CVO, DL. Twenty-eighth chief of Clan Gillean

Dear Members of the Clan. As I write this note to you all who are scattered around the world, I find it hard to think that my Father died 20 years ago this February. What a lot has happened in the last two decades since I became your Chief. In those 20 years trips to America, Canada and Australia have given me the opportunity to meet many of you in your own countries. 2009 was no different with my second visit to the Clan Maclean Atlantic (Canada) Association for a day's Symposium on Alexander MacLean Sinclair, which was partially funded by the Heritage Trust. As well as the Symposium I had the pleasure to unveil a magnificent Cairn that had been built close to St. Francis Xavier University as a memorial to the founding Fathers of the Clan who had immigrated to the Atlantic Provinces. This November I'm going to Australia and New Zealand. It looks as if it will be a busy four weeks and I am really looking forward to renewing friendships and visiting New Zealand for the first time.

I cannot let 2009 pass without commenting on the Homecoming, which took place in July. Many of you knew my view about the Homecoming events that were being held in Edinburgh last July. I attended, with several members of the Clan, the Congress that was held in the Scottish Parliament to discuss the way that Chiefs and their Clans should operate in the 21st Century. It became very clear that the role of the Chief was perceived very differently in the United States than it was in both Scotland and other parts of the world. It was an interesting day with plenty of discussion, but it was spoilt by a fire alarm in the middle of the afternoon, which brought the Conference to a fairly rapid close and left us with plenty to think about. Those who attended the Gathering on the Saturday had an excellent time and the Maclean contingent marching up the Royal Mile to the Esplanade numbered over 50. No one had been told that the family who were being portrayed at the Gala on the Esplanade was a Maclean Family who had emigrated. There seems to be confusion about another Gathering being held. The organisers of the 2009 event have posted a loss of £500,000 and I think there will be reluctance for someone else to pick up that cost.

At Duart our summer was saved by Europeans coming to visit the Castle. We had significantly fewer visitors from Canada and the United States, but the Homecoming brought us a bus load of



McTavish's, and a bus load of McDuff's who visited Duart on their way to Iona. It was not an easy summer for anyone in the tourist trade in Scotland and it was not helped by a fairly wet August for those visiting Mull, although we did have a better summer than Skye where it rained consistently for 50 days. At Duart we had a number of Ceilidh's in the Tearoom, which were without a doubt the most successful of our new events programmes. We were lucky that Calum Maclean (a very well known local accordionist) played at all the Ceilidh's and we had some excellent singing from a number of local artists. Many of the visitors learned how to dance the Gay Gordons, the St Bernards Waltz and Strip the Willow. They were very happy family events, which we are going to continue in 2010.

My family continue to flourish although my Mother has been bothered with one of her hips. Cosimo my eldest Grandson is now ten and the youngest Archie is two years old. All I can say is they continue to grow and I am very lucky that they all come and stay at Duart during the Summer which is one of the few times that my family manage to have a holiday together. I don't see as much of them all as I would like to but I realise that it is not easy for the young to get to Mull, when they have children in school and they are working in the South.

As I write to you in February it is only five weeks until the Castle opens again for another summer. That hardly seems possible after the snow we have had since Christmas. I think we still have more than they had for the Winter Olympics in Whistler. If you are visiting the Castle do please ask if I am there, as I always enjoy meeting members of the Clan. If my standard's flying from the flagpole then I will be somewhere at Duart if it is not then I

will be away. I also always seem to mention the Isle of Mull Games held in Tobermory on the 22nd July. The Clan has a tent at these Games and I plan to be there this summer, so if you are in Mull on holiday over that period do come and see us. The Games are very local and it is an excellent day out for all the family.

Have a very good 2010 and my very best wishes to you all.

*Lachlan Maclean
of Duart & Morvern.*



The Chief and Elizabeth, Lady Maclean

The Heritage Trust

Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern ~ Chairman

As Chairman of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust I am delighted to report on the Trust's progress over the last 12 months. For the Heritage Trust to carry out its task it needs funds. The funding has come from two sources: Members of the Clan who are Friends of the Heritage Trust and from the various Associations. The Trust has been particularly lucky over the last 12 months in receiving a donation of £500 from the London Association and a further £500 from Clan Gillean. This has significantly boosted our funds and all the Trustees are enormously grateful for those Members of the Clan who continue to be Friends. Over the year the Trust moved from making a deficit of £348 in 2008 to making a surplus of £2,500 in 2009.



Above: The Chief hands the Pennycross Papers to Jean Whittaker of the Mull Museum watched over by Fiona Maclean of Ardgor. Below: The plaque unveiled at Sydney University to the memory of Dr Archibald Lang McLean.

In the last year the Trust continued to make progress by completing some projects and developing others. In May as Chairman of the Heritage Trust I visited Canada to attend the Symposium on Rev Alexander MacLean Sinclair. The Symposium was held at St Francis Xavier University to celebrate his life and the contributions that he made to the Scottish Community in Nova Scotia. He was a prolific author and poet in Gaelic but was best known to Macleans as the author of *The History of the Clan Maclean* that he published in 1899. This Symposium was a new initiative for the Heritage Trust but fell well within our objective of education. Over 70 people attended the Symposium, a number were Maclean's but many were Canadians with interest in Celtic studies. The enthusiasm was significant and a very interesting day was held at the University. The Heritage Trust helped to fund this event. Also in the last year the Trust has purchased the copyright of several pipe tunes that Colonel Donald felt were important to publish in Maclean Music. This issue of copyright has been holding up the publication of the book for which the Heritage Trust is committed to pay half of the costs. The plaque in memory of Dr Archibald Lang McLean at the University of Sydney was unveiled in the summer. It is a long way for the Heritage Trust to monitor projects such as this and the Trustees are very grateful to Brian MacLean who is a current Trustee of the Heritage Trust, and Colin Sproule for the help they gave.

The Heritage Trust has purchased some Maclean of Pennycross Papers, which are being held in the Mull Museum in Tbermory. Allan Maclean has also produced a list of the books that it is felt should be held in the Library again at the Mull Museum. This list is available on <www.macleaan.org>. The Trustees feel that it is important that the Trust's library at the Mull Museum should be increased and I hope this will happen this year.

The Trustees are very grateful for various additional donations that have been made to the Fund within the Heritage Trust that was set up in memory of Mary, my wife. *The Book of Stories* is virtually completed and I hope it will be published in the second half of this year. The Trust has also made the first payment to one of the children's choirs attending the Mull Mod. This was a donation of £50 to Rockfield Primary School in Oban to enable them to attend the Mod in Mull. The Trust is committed to pay £50 a year for the next 10 years. These projects are just the sort of initiatives that Mary would have wanted to be encouraged and I again must thank Fiona Maclean of Ardgor for all her help with these developments.

At the end of 2009 Professor Ephraim Maclean resigned as a Trustee having completed his six years. I would like to thank him for all the help and support he gave to the Trust. The Trustees were all delighted when Judge Sandra McLean from California agreed to replace Ephraim Maclean. The Trustees are all very conscious that other than the Cairn at Ticonderoga no other projects have been completed in the United States. If you have ideas, please let us know.

Finally I would encourage those of you who are interested in your Clan to become Friends of the Maclean Heritage Trust. Your donations really do help to make all these projects work. Each year the Friends receive a benefit; in 2008 this was a framed miniature portrait of Brigadier General Allan Maclean, which included some notes on the General. In 2009 it was the cartoon of my Great Grandfather Sir Fitzroy, again with some notes included. As a Trust we are working towards a major project on Mull for the Centenary Gathering in 2012. The Heritage Trust is in good shape and I would like to thank the Trustees for all the voluntary work they do to make the Trust work.

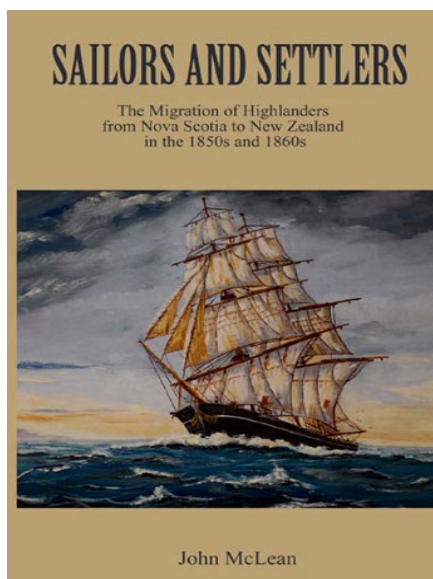


Macleans in History

Sailors and Settlers Launched at Waipu Games

Wellington, NZ native John McLean launched his new book, *Sailors and Settlers* at the 2010 Waipu Highland Games. The book traces the migration of highlanders from Nova Scotia to New Zealand in the 1850s and 1860s. In the introduction, Mr. McLean discusses the clan system and the reasons why the highlanders moved from Scotland to Nova Scotia, and then on to Waipu, in New Zealand. He then documents voyages by the *Margaret*, *The Highland Lassie*, *The Gazelle*, *The Gertrude*, *The Spray*, *The Breadalbane*, *The Ellen Lewis* and others. This book includes the ships passenger lists and sketches of the colonists. This is an excellent tool for Macleans researching genealogy from the Nova Scotia to Waipu settlements.

The book was published in 2010. It contains 450 pages, with 24 pages of illustrations/photos.



Fort Duart

Fort Duart is located in Pennsylvania, approximately 3.6 miles north of US 30 near the border of Somerset and Bedford counties. Some referred to it as "The fort on top of Allegheny Hill". This little lost fort in the woods has a proud history and pedigree.

During the advance of General Forbes (during the French and Indian War) in 1758, a temporary facility for work parties was built by Sir Allen Maclean (Chief of the Maclean's and Captain of the 77th Regiment of Royal Americans). This was a redoubt type of fortification and was named Castle Dhubhairt (dubbed as Maclean's Redoubt and later known as Duart's castle and finally as Fort Duart or Ft. Dewart).

In 2005 a marker was erected at the site by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Other Historical Societies have had an interest in the history of the fort and have pursued recognition of the site.

Ian Maclean of Nova Scotia, an avid historian and President of CMIA, came upon a reference to Fort Duart about 2 years ago and began researching the Fort's connection to the Maclean's. He has made contact with the historical societies and others interested in historical preservation near the Fort's location. It is his intention to work with Clan Maclean, Maclean Heritage Trust and all other interested parties to erect a memorial to Fort Duart and possibly add the site to the National Register of Historical places. Ian has agreed to write a more extensive article concerning Fort Duart which will be published in a later Pipings.

Save The Hector



The ship Hector, which sailed from Scotland to Pictou, N.S. during the summer of 1773 began the mainstream of Scottish immigration to present-day Canada. Much publicity has heralded the launching at Pictou, of a Hector full size replica, an event that financial assistance from Clan Maclean Atlantic helped to make possible. Aboard the Hector were Macleans and non-Maclean ancestors of Macleans living today including Kenneth Smith MacLean of Truro, N.S and Donald Forest MacLean of Halifax, N.S.



HAPPENINGS

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
St. Louis Scottish Games % Cultural Festival	St. Louis, MO	October 1-2, 2010
North Alabama Highland Games	Scottsboro, AL	October 2-3, 2010
Scotland county Highland Games	Laurinburg, NC	October 2, 2010
Williamsburg Scottish Festival	Williamsburg, VA	October 2, 2010
Loch Hartwell Highland Games	Anderson, SC	October 2, 2010
Stone Mountain Highland Games	Atlanta, GA	October 15-17, 2010
Western Kentucky Highland Games	Murray, KY	October 16, 2010
Foothills Highland Games	Hendersonville, NC	November 6, 2010
Salado Scottish Festival & Highland Games	Salado, TX	November 12-14, 2010

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



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.

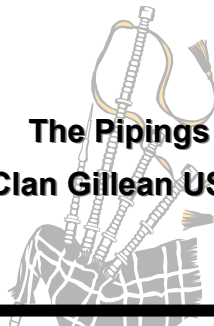
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Contact Liz or Paul with any enquiries/questions. Now booking at: Gathering@mcleanscotland.com www.mcleanscotland.com

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