



# The Pipings

CLAN GILLEAN USA BRANCH



NEWSLETTER FOR THE MACLEANS, MACLAINES AND RELATED FAMILIES

SIR LACHLAN HECTOR CHARLES MACLEAN  
28TH CHIEF, 12TH BARONET OF DUART AND MORVERN, CVO, DL



Special thanks to Neil Ritchie for this photograph of Duart Castle. Neil sells his photographs including this one on his Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/neilritchiephotography/>

We are well into 2016 and our season is in full swing! We look forward to seeing you at either or all of the following: Our Annual General Meeting, local Scottish Game Tent, a Tartan Day Parade or Festival in your area. If attendance is not possible, then share your thoughts on one of our Facebook pages or drop us an email – we love hearing from our cousins!

We all embrace our tartan and what it represents is unique to each and every one of us, but one thing we have in common is our love of family: past, present, and future. So as you travel this summer...enjoy the games, kinship, and relaxation. And be sure to look for our Duart Castle Restoration Appeal Jars – these funds will help us keep Duart Castle vibrant and alive not only for ourselves but for our children and their children's children.



**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MCLEAN**

**Rylea MJ Hendreschke**



**CELEBRATE TARTAN DAY**

**APRIL 6, 1320**



**WE SAY GOODBYE  
TO A GOOD FRIEND**

**Past President  
Clarence Greek**

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# Fàilte - Welcome Macleans to [www.maclean.us.org](http://www.maclean.us.org)

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to Kane McLean who has worked countless hours to present us with a state-of-the art webpage. This website is a place for Macleans in the United States to connect with other kin, clan and family. Be sure to stop by soon and enjoy our new website.



The objective of our website is to preserve and share the history of our ancient clan and the genealogical records of its members. Our Clan takes pride in continuing the past and future traditions, the music, and the stories of Macleans throughout the world. Many members volunteer to represent the Macleans at Scottish games and gatherings throughout the United States. Occasionally we host special events such as galas, ceilidhs, and other get-togethers. We hope you will join us for one!

We invite you to connect with the ancient world-wide Maclean family.

## **Volunteers Needed for Website Editorial Team**

*(Special note from our website developer, Kane McLean)*

You've probably noticed that we've launched a new website at [maclean.us.org](http://maclean.us.org). We put a lot of work and thought into making it one of the best tools we could for our association and we're

looking forward to seeing where it can go. We've rebuilt the site from the ground up on a state-of-the-art Content Management System which allows any of our members to submit news, articles, events. We're working on adding a member-only content team, accepting online dues payments and even creating an integrated shopping cart.

But, we need your help in one area....we're looking for volunteers to start an Editorial Team for the website that will add news, events, and other stories of interest to Macleans here in the United States. Little-to-no technical knowledge is required. If you're interested in helping, please contact us at [maclean.us.org/contact](http://maclean.us.org/contact) and we'll tag you in. Contributing in this way will be rewarding to you in ways you cannot imagine!

*Are you looking for the perfect tartan to wrap around that new baby or maybe a scarf for the upcoming gathering. Be sure to make your first stop the*  
**Duart Castle Gift Shop.**

*Each item is chosen by Sir Lachlan Maclean and his team. Placing special emphasis on the Clan Maclean, all our jewelry, clothing, gifts and photographs all relate to the Clan and the Castle.*

*Please visit our Online Gift shop at <http://www.duartcastle.com/visit/gift-shop/>*

**Congratulations** to Clan Gillean U.S.A. Branch Secretary Nancy & Gene Hendreschke on the birth of their granddaughter Rylea MJ Hendreschke.



Rylea was born to Tyson and April on January 13, 2016 weighing 7 lb. 4 oz. Mommy & Daddy currently reside in United Arab Emirates.

Nancy was blessed to be able to attend Rylea's birth and Grandpa Gene followed shortly after for a cuddle.



We are requesting prayers for Robert "Bob" McLean who is currently recovering in a Rehabilitation Hospital in North Carolina. Bob is undergoing therapy and hopes to be home soon. Please add him to your prayers.



# CLAN MACLEAN LEGACY WALL

Donations toward preserving our ancestral home, Duart Castle, are starting to come in – so much so that it thrills me to fill this page with donor names! A heartfelt THANKS to all the donors listed here. I look forward to the day when I am unable to fit all the donors on one page...and you can make that happen!

To each of our donors – please feel great pride and satisfaction as you have made a tremendous contribution toward the preservation of our ancestral home for generations to come. Future donations can be made by check and sent to Clan Gillean, P.O. Box 61066, Raleigh, NC 27661-1066. Convenient online donations can be made by visiting [maclean.org](http://maclean.org). No donation is too large nor too small...and all are accepted with our sincerest gratitude!

Allen, Capt. David & LT. Col. Janet	Jones, Sara Kirby, Norma	McLean, Walter Leo & Frances McLean, William & Susan Clark
Bennion, Thomas & Linda	Lain, Thomas Benton	Michaud, Dick
Boyd, Sandra Elise	Livengood, Robert & Elizabeth	Pirie, Mary
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## Larry's Challenge

Larry Hampton has "challenged" all Macleans and Septs to meet or exceed his donation of \$100.00. Send your donation to Clan Gillean, P.O. Box 61066, Raleigh, NC 27661-1066 write in the memo line Hampton's Challenge or donate online: [www.maclean.org/duart-appeal](http://www.maclean.org/duart-appeal)

# GAME SCHEDULE APRIL-AUGUST

We look forward to seeing you at one of the following events. Our volunteers can always use help with set-up, tear-down, tent sitting during a parade or Kirkin. If you can welcome a guest, serve up a cookie or just give us a short break, please stop by to volunteer or contact any of the following Conveners.

Contact Betsy <[bmc1071071@aol.com](mailto:bmc1071071@aol.com)>, Les <[les8445@aol.com](mailto:les8445@aol.com)>, Mark <[deepbluediver99@aol.com](mailto:deepbluediver99@aol.com)>, Pat <[jacksonpatk92@yahoo.com](mailto:jacksonpatk92@yahoo.com)>, Greg <[gmakgilean@yahoo.com](mailto:gmakgilean@yahoo.com)>, Trish <[trishf2005@yahoo.com](mailto:trishf2005@yahoo.com)>

Games	City/State	Convenor or Deputy Convenor	Date 2016
Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman HG	Huntersville, NC	Betsy McLean	Apr. 16-17
Southern Maryland Celtic Festival	Prince Frederick, MD	Les McLean	Apr. 30
Triad Highland Games	Greensboro, NC	Betsy McLean	May 7
Bethabara Celtic Festival	Winston-Salem, NC	Betsy McLean	May 13
Mid Maryland Celtic Festival	Mt. Airy, MD	Les McLean	May 14
Colonial Highland Gathering	Fair Hill, MD	Les McLean	May 21
Smoky Mountains Scottish Festival & Games	Maryville, TN	Mark Lane	May 21-22
Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival	Albuquerque, NM	Volunteer needed	May 21-22
Greenville Scottish Games & Festival	Greenville, SC	Betsy McLean	May 27-28
Alma Highland Festival	Alma, MI	Pat Jackson	May 28-29
Glasgow Highland Games	Glasgow, KY	Mark Lane	Jun. 3-5
Utah Scottish Festival & Highland Games	Lehi, Thanksgiving Point, UT	Trish & Fred MacLean-Frandsen	Jun. 10-11
Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival	Richmond, RI	Greg MacLean	Jun.11
Blairsville Scottish Games	Blairsville, GA	Volunteer needed	Jun. 11-12
Western North Carolina Highland Celtic Festival	Asheville, NC	Mark Lane	TBD
Pikes Peak Celtic Festival	Colorado Springs, CO	Trish & Fred MacLean-Frandsen	Jun. 17-19
Round Hill Highland Games	Lime Rock Park, CT	Greg MacLean	Jun. 25-26
<b>AGM Grandfather Mountain Highland Games</b>	<b>Linville, NC</b>	<b>Betsy McLean</b>	<b>Jul. 7-10</b>
Elizabeth Celtic Festival	Elizabeth, CO	Trish & Fred MacLean-Frandsen	Jul. 16-17
Glasgowlands Scottish Festival	Florence (Northampton) MA	Greg MacLean	Jul.16
St. Andrews Society of Detroit Highland Games	Livonia, MI	Pat Jackson	Aug. 6
Colorado Scottish Festival	Snowmass, CO	Trish & Fred MacLean-Frandsen	Aug. 6-7
Maine Highland Games	Thopsham, ME	Greg MacLean	Aug. 20
Quechee Highland Festival	Quechee, VT	Greg MacLean	Cancelled



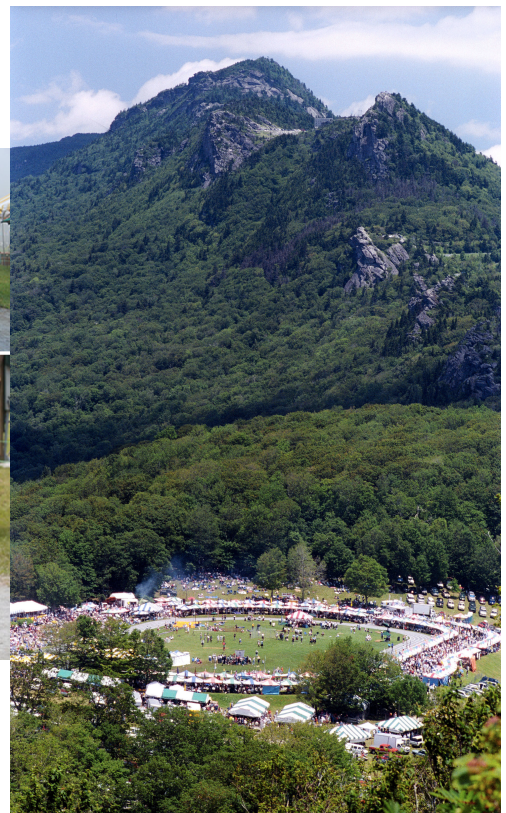
## THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

It will be held during the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, North Carolina on Saturday, July 9 at 2:00 PM.

The agenda will be released by the Executive Committee at a later date, as will the overall schedule for the weekend.

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is one of the largest Scottish Festivals in the United States. It has been held every year since 1956, and hosts between 30,000 and 40,000 visitors.

Betsy McLean, Convener for North Carolina, will be hosting the Maclean Tent; she and many other Maclean cousins are eager to see you!



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July 7-10, 2016

Betsy and Connie's most Excellent Adventure, by Connie McLean Sutton, Treasurer and North Carolina Deputy Convener

Our North Carolina Convener, Betsy McLean, has been a dedicated and steadfast representative for Clan Maclean for many years. She has convened our tent at many games including the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. For those of you in other parts of the country, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is one of the premier events in the USA and possibly the world. There are 2 awards that the clans compete for. Betsy had tried and hoped for years and finally won "Best Clan Tent" in 2012. She was honored and thrilled at her achievement.

The other award is the "Clan of Excellence". This award is given to the clan that has the best presentation in the Parade of Tartans. There are strict criteria for winning the Clan of Excellence award. Everyone has to be dressed in tartan - all men must wear kilts, and the powers that be prefer that everyone's appearance is coordinated. They want everyone to march in step; there are actually too many rules to mention. Betsy never had any hopes of winning "Clan of Excellence". She and our other members were always eager for anyone and everyone that wanted to march to have the opportunity to do so. The only requirement was that you had to wear some tartan. If you didn't, we would wrap a tartan scarf around you and let you march. That always excluded Clan Maclean from winning, but our clan was happy to be inclusive to all Macleans.

Last year we marched. We proudly wore our Maclean Tartan. We held our banner high and waved to the crowds. Afterward, we returned to our tent, happy in a job well done. Soon we received a whisper from the previous winner, Clan Napier that we had won. We were awarded the "Clan of Excellence" banner for 2015! Come and help us celebrate last year's achievement. We will have representatives from Clan Maclean select the winner for 2016.



Scotland County Highland Games, On the grounds of the historic John Blue House, 13040 X Way Rd, Laurinburg, NC 28352

Clan Maclean has been selected as the Honored Clan of 2016 at the Scotland County Highland Games October 1, 2016. Our President, The Reverend Canon Patrick Maclean, OSSP will be the honored guest. Bill Caudill, the games director, along with the games committee has selected us for our continued support. We have convened a tent every year the games have been held. Last year, we even were there through the hurricane that came up the east coast and nearly drowned us. Come help us celebrate and show our gratitude for this wonderful recognition.



# THE FIFTY YEAR WAR

## AN ACCOUNT OF THE MACLEAN - CAMPBELL CONFLICT

BY GENE DONALD LAMONT

### ARGYLL STRIKES BACK

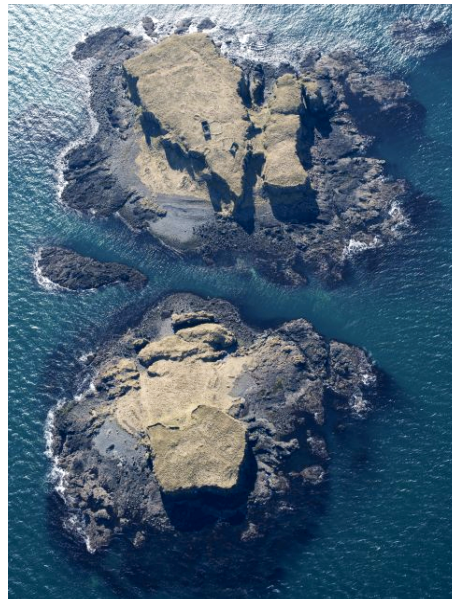
When the MacDonalds and Macleans left the field and went home, Argyll, ignoring the order of the Council to bring his forces to aid in suppressing the Lowland insurrection, took advantage of the situation and renewed his attack upon the Macleans. He marched his forces through the country of Lord MacDonald, before mounting another expedition to invade the Maclean homeland. At about this same time he sent Lochiel and the Camerons into the lands of Maclean of Ardgour in Sunart, Ardnamurchan, and Ardgour with orders to capture any of the Macleans still in the field. Lochiel did so, but also moved against Lord MacDonald, carrying off 800-900 cows from his lands in Morar. The armada that Argyll commanded in his expedition in late June against the Macleans consisted of his frigate and several more boats, such as his galley and birlinn. With him were Colonel Menzies and the royal troops under his command. They first landed on the Isle of Carna, where they captured two of the brothers of Maclean of Ardgour, and then went on to land at Croig in northwest Mull. They spent little time there, but some of Argyll's men killed Hector Maclean, the brother of Torloisk, and some other Macleans. They also slew James Beaton and the poet, Magnus Morrison, for no good reason.



The next night the armada anchored in Earthana Bay in front of Breacachadh Castle, whose garrison was commanded by Donald Maclean, the brother of the laird of Coll, Lachlan Maclean. Argyll presented a letter, written by Lachlan, commanding that the castle and all its arms and ammunition be surrendered to the Earl. This was done and an agreement, which in effect neutralized the Macleans of Coll in the conflict between Argyll and Maclean of Duart was drawn up. It was signed by Coll's two uncles, Neil Maclean of Drumnacross and John Maclean of Totranald, along with Lord Neil Campbell and Colonel Menzies.

Argyll spent the night of July 2 in Breacachadh Castle, but left the next day for Tiree. He and his force landed in Caolas and made their way across Tiree unopposed to Heylipol, where they put the fortress of Isleburgh under siege. The captain of Isleburgh was John Maclean in Cornaigmore, whose tack in Tiree was rent-free for this service. Others of the garrison were Hector Maclean, the brother of Brolas; Hugh Maclean of Balephetrish, the former bailie of Tiree; and Hector Fraser, son of the minister. These defenders put up a stout resistance, but had to surrender this stronghold after five days when cannon was brought up and put into action.

On July 11 Colonel Menzies left Tiree to go to Cairnburgh Castle, where he was unsuccessful in persuading the garrison of that stronghold to surrender. On Tiree Argyll was visited by the uncles of Maclean of Coll, who signed another agreement with him in which they were bound to keep Breacachadh Castle for the Earl and to have sixteen men there in the king's service as its garrison. They also agreed to prevent the boats in Coll to be used by the Maclean rebels, and to give protection to any of the Earl's forces if needed.



On July 15 Argyll left Tiree to sail to the Treshnish Isles in another attempt to capture Cairnburgh Castle. He gave up this action, when it only resulted in having two of his men killed and three of his prisoners rescued by a party sailing out of this fortress. On July 17 Argyll began negotiations with the Macleans in which he offered them a treaty under certain conditions. He did not suspend hostilities with them, however, beginning a siege of Kinlochaline Castle in Morven, which lay on the Sound of Mull. This castle was

commanded by Lachlan Maclean, son of the laird of Ardgour, and he put up a stiff resistance, but was forced to surrender after a few days.

The Council, losing patience with Argyll, commanded him on July 24 to give up his private quarrel with the Macleans and report to them in Edinburgh immediately. Surprisingly he still lingered in Tobermory on Mull, hoping to bring Brolas into an agreement advantageous to him. With the treaty still in limbo, Argyll turned the negotiations over to his brother, Lord Neil Campbell, and appeared before the Council on August 12.

The failure of the Campbells to capture Cairnburgh Castle enabled the Macleans to gain better terms in the treaty they did sign in Tobermory on August 11. They agreed with Lord Neil Campbell to surrender all the prisoners in their possession, not to molest the tenants of the Earl of Argyll, and not go onto mainland Argyll without the authorization of the commander of Duart Castle. Brolas, in return, was received into the king's protection until May 1, 1680, and his men were not to be troubled by the army commanded by the Earl of Argyll.

Argyll had accomplished much in his campaign in 1678 and 1679. By invading and surprising Mull in midwinter he had succeeded in disarming Mull. He had been lucky in avoiding the sacking of Inverary and the spoliation of the Campbell country by the Macleans and MacDonalds, seizing their withdrawal to again return to the offensive. This last expedition squashed the last of the resistance in northwest Mull, Coll, Tiree, and Morven. His only failure was his inability to capture Cairnburgh Castle. This gave the Macleans some hope and the ability to re-occupy Mull when Argyll's forces withdrew.

His reluctance to answer the commands of the Council to help suppress the insurrection in the Lowlands was also to come back to haunt him in the future. It confirmed in the minds of the Council that he was more interested in furthering his own designs than aiding the government and lost him some friends in Edinburgh. Nevertheless Argyll managed in November of 1679 to have a commission given to the Earl of Caithness; Lord Lorn, his son and heir: Lord Neil Campbell, his brother; Sir Hugh Campbell of Caddell; Sir Duncan Campbell of Auchinbreck; Sir James Campbell of Lawyers; Colin Campbell of Ardkinglas; Alexander Campbell of Lochnell, the Macleod chief, and others, empowering them to muster all or any of the king's lieges to capture or slay the leaders of the Macleans. Those named in particular were Lachlan Maclean of Brolas; Hector, his brother; John Maclean, the Ardgour chieftain; Hugh Maclean, friar of Ardgour; Allan Maclean of Inverscadell; John Maclean of Kinlochaline, his son



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Ewen and his brothers, Hector and Alexander; Lachlan Maclean of Torloisk; Donald Maclean of Kingerloch; Hector and John Macquarrie, uncles of Macquarie of Ulva; Ewen Maclean of Carnae and his son, Hector; and Allan Maclean of Killingtyn; Charles Maclean of Ardnacross, and his sons, Lachlan, Allan, and Donald. The defenders of Cairnburgh refused to surrender this stronghold. This must have seemed a minor matter to Argyll, since he now had all the of Duart estate in his possession, but then in a series of improbable and unexpected events the tide turned against him.

### ARGYLL WINS DUART ESTATE

This apparently tipped the balance in the Macleans' favor, since in March James, who had returned to Lord, wrote that the affairs of the Maclean would be settled by his majesty to the satisfaction of the Macleans. He sent word to the Macleans to behave themselves until this was done.

Unfortunately Brolas did not get this warning in time, and he sent his brother, Hector Og, to Tiree in February to keep the rents upon the tenants hands. Although Brolas had commanded his brother to treat any of the followers of the Earl of Argyll civilly, he did just the opposite. Landing on Tiree on February 15 with 100 armed men, he marched across the island to the Isleburgh fortress, where he acted in a most threatening manner and then proceeded to deny provisions reached the garrison. The 60 man garrison was in such dire need that a government force had to be sent to relieve them in late March, which was not contested by the Macleans. This unwise action on the part of Hector Og was brought to the attention of the Council, who, at first, thought it had been deliberately provoked by Argyll to place the Macleans in a bad light. However, when the true story came out and the Macleans were proven to have been less than truthful in attempting to justify their actions, it badly damaged their cause at the worst possible time.

There were several proposals now put before the king to settle the conflict between Sir John and Argyll. At one time the king had considered only giving Tiree to Argyll to settle the debts of the Duart estate. But now most, if not all, proposals centered upon bestowing most of the Duart estate upon the Earl, but leaving Sir John enough property in Tiree to provide a respectable income of £500 a year. Since the rents of Tiree alone totaled some £8464 in 1674, and probably more in 1680, it can be seen that Sir John was to lose the bulk of his heritage. The final resolution was even more favorable to the Earl. Sir John would still get his £500 a year, but

Argyll would only have to settle land worth £200 a year upon him, while the crown would purchase enough land for him to make up the difference. In June accepted Argyll agreed to this settlement, and he must have been extremely pleased, since he had vastly inflated the rents on Tiree to make sure he would not have to provide even the true income of £200 for Sir John. So in June of 1680 it appeared that the conflict between the Earl of Argyll and the Macleans of Duart was finally over, with the Earl triumphant. The Campbell chief, with a free hand in Mull, even embarked upon renovating Duart Castle, before the final settlement was signed. He also received a commission to have Cairnburgh Castle turned over to him. This was the last fortress in Maclean possession, and was garrisoned by some of the strongest supporters of Sir John, namely Lachlan Maclean of Brolas; Hector Og, his brother; John Maclean of Ardgour; Allan Maclean of Inverscadale; John Maclean of Kinlochaline, his son Ewen and his brothers, Hector and Alexander; Lachlan Maclean of Torloisk; Donald Maclean of Kingerloch; Hector and John Macquarrie, uncles of Macquarie of Ulva; Ewen Maclean of Carnae and his son, Hector; and Allan Maclean of Killingtyn; Charles Maclean of Ardnacross, and his sons, Lachlan, Allan, and Donald. The defenders of Cairnburgh refused to surrender this stronghold. This must have seemed a minor matter to Argyll, since he now had all the of Duart estate in his possession, but then in a series of improbable and unexpected events the tide turned against him.

### DUART ESTATE RESTORED TO MACLEAN CHIEF

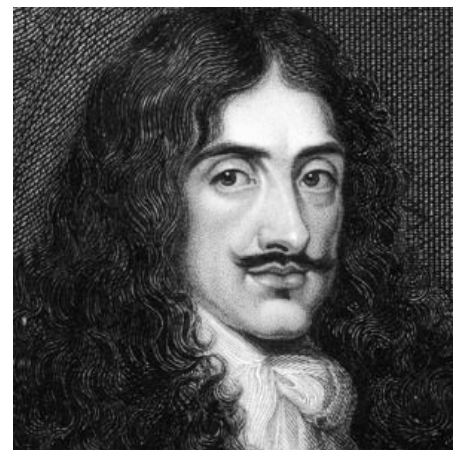
The fall of the Earl of Argyll started with the dismissal of Lauderdale as the Scottish Secretary in October 1680. Argyll had made many powerful enemies both personal and political over the years, who, angered by his single-minded determination to gain his own ends, had long wanted him cut down to size. There were also many who had a profound distaste for a son of a traitor, in debt himself, trying to destroy a loyal clan, such as the Macleans, who had sacrificed much in standing by the royalist cause. Lauderdale, the staunch ally he had proven to be, had been successful in blunting their efforts to pull Argyll's teeth, but with him out of the picture Argyll proved more vulnerable than anyone could have expected. In February of 1681 James made a ham handed request to Argyll that he convert to Catholicism. When he refused to do so, James joined Argyll's enemies and threw his considerable weight against him. The Earl then inadvisably took a prominent position in tightening the Test Act against all Catholics. This proved too much for

James to swallow and he supported a series of charges that Argyll's enemies brought against him, which resulted in Argyll's imprisonment in Edinburgh Castle. These charges, which even some of Argyll's enemies thought flimsy or unjust, were soon escalated into an indictment of treason. Argyll, despairing of obtaining justice, made an escape from the castle on December 20, and the forfeiture of his estates was put into motion. He first fled to England and then Holland, petitioning the king concerning the injustice of the charge of treason, and some doubt remained about the permanence of his sudden fall from power. All hope was lost, however, in 1683 when he was shown to have been involved in the Rye House Plot which revolved about a rising planned by the Whigs.

The fall of the Earl of Argyll was of immense benefit to the Macleans. Tiree was returned to them in 1682. Sir John Maclean received a charter on June 14, 1684 for his lands in Mull, Morven, and the two ends of Coll, and thus the property he had lost to the Earl of Argyll was restored to him. Other Macleans also received charters confirming their rights in the estates they had previously held from Argyll. Their property was now to be held from the crown. The Macleans slowly began recoup economically and even came to receive some official government appointments. The creditors of the Earl of Argyll had first call upon his assets, however, including the Duart estate. There was hope that this was manageable, since none of these creditors had the viciousness of the Campbell chief, and it was a good possibility that a settlement could be reached that the Macleans could live with.

### MONMOUTH'S REBELLION

The death of Charles II and the



crowning of James, the former Duke of York, on February 6, 1685 brought the hard-core Presbyterians of Scotland into rebellion against the government.

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# FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



## Clarence Norman Greek

It is with profound sadness that we inform you of the passing of Clarence Greek. Clarence was born June 1, 1927 in Waynesboro, Tennessee and died March 2, 2016.

Clarence served several terms as President of Clan Gillean USA Branch. He also served many years as Vice President of the Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration.

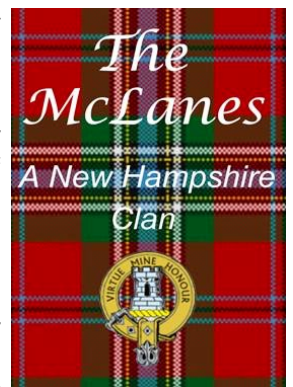
In speaking with Bobbye, his wife of 66 years, I was touched to hear how much she and Clarence enjoyed their years with Clan Maclean. Bobbye shared that their years with the Macleans were truly one of the highlights of their married life. Bobbye said that for years after Clarence retired, they would travel to 28 games a year. Saying, "During the scottish game season, the only day we would be home was on Wednesdays, so I could do the wash and ironing. I never once said, oh no, I have to do this again." They traveled to Scottish games from Maine to Colorado and loved every minute of it. Clarence, she said, had at least 6 kilts; one for dress, one for casual and one because the wash was in. I personally never had the privilege of meeting this special Maclean but I feel like we would have been great friends.

Bobbye also spoke about the time she and Clarence traveled to the Duart Castle. During their visit with the Chief, Bobbye commented to him on how it was her birthday. She said "The Chief got up from the terrace, went into the kitchen, came back with three glasses and a bottle of champagne and said we are going to toast to your birthday." After telling me this story, Bobbye paused and said, "These are the kind of people we were always around with the Macleans, so friendly."

Clarence married Bobbye Carolyn West on March 31, 1950 at Russell Street Presbyterian Church, Nashville. They met their sophomore year of High School in Algebra class. If you ever have a chance to meet this wonderful lady please have her share their story. It was a very special life they shared together for 66 years. Clarence is survived by his wife, Bobbye, their daughter, Carolyn (William) Powers, their son, James (Patti) Greek, two grandchildren, Michael Read and Melissa Clare Powers and great-grandson, Lucas Read Powers.

Clarence was a man who enjoyed people, loved by all for his spontaneous joy of life. He was the perfect family man, being a loving husband, a most loved father and grandfather. He was a person known for his thoughtfulness, generosity and love for life. He will be truly missed. Bobbye wanted everyone to know that Greg Cutcliff "The best Piper ever" she said played for the family at his services. We send our sincere condolences to his wife Bobbye and their family.

A book detailing the history of the McLane family in New Hampshire has just been published. The McLanes – A New Hampshire Clan was written by historian and genealogist, Ronald W. Collins with the participation, and support of the Clan members. The book traces the Clan members and their impact on New Hampshire from the first American Clan member, emigrant Alexander, who died a few short months after arriving in New Hampshire in 1854, leaving a widow and two young sons, through the next four generations of the Clan which blossomed like few families have ever done. The youngest son of Alexander, only two when his father died, became New Hampshire Governor John McLane, and in the three generations to follow the Clan has included a U.S. Congresswoman, state Congressmen and Senators, a mayor, Olympic skiers, two members of the Ski Hall of Fame, philanthropists, private investors, doctors, lawyers, professors, educators, archeologists, writers and musicians. Members of the Clan have started ski centers, founded companies, run a top tier prep school, built a summer camp for girls, operated one of the longest running family owned newspapers in America, written books, written musical scores, and one built a multi-billion dollar investment management company. In the State of New Hampshire there is the Susan N. McLane Audubon Center, The Judge McLane Building at Dartmouth, The McLane Family Ski Center at Dartmouth College, and several other sites and scholarship funds named after members of the Clan. The descendants of Governor McLane have attended Dartmouth, Harvard, Bryn Mawr, Smith, Vassar, Stanford, Oxford and many other top universities. Two were Rhodes Scholars. Members of the Clan have served as trustees for St. Paul's School, the Museum of Fine Arts, served on Olympic boards for skiing, and snowboarding. Many have served as officers in World War I and in World War II. One was a fighter pilot in World War II, was shot down and became a POW. These are just examples and far from an exhaustive list. Not only are the McLanes a dynasty of achievers, they married people who were as strong, talented and intelligent as they. This book tells the story of the five generations of the McLanes and explores the lasting impact they have had. The book is available on Amazon at <http://www.amazon.com/The-McLanes-New-Hampshire-Clan/dp/1518733972>





# INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLAN MACLEAN

## 125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Clan Maclean Association

*The Clan Maclean Association is  
organizing the International  
Gathering on Mull to be held from  
Tuesday 20th to Sunday 25th June  
2017. For more information or to sign  
up for excursions or events visit  
[www.maclean.org](http://www.maclean.org) to purchase.*

The Reception Centre at the Aros Hall, Tobermory will be open Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday. 9.30 am to 5.30 pm. Check in there upon arrival to collect your "Gathering Welcome Pack" (one for each family or group), Tickets and Name Badges included. For those that purchased excursions or events at [maclean.org](http://maclean.org).

The detailed program for the Gathering is as follows:

### Excursions / Events:

\* **Tuesday** the 20th of June, 2017. Evening In Aros Hall 9:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Lecture and items from MacDougall Collection, Oban Cost: Free

\* **Wednesday** 21st 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Visit to Iona- from Tobermory including ferry fare, (Abbey entrance fee is not included). Cost: £25.00 per person (pp)

Visit to Drimnin - (limited numbers) 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

By boat from Tobermory. Includes tour of Drimnin House (courtesy of the owners Mr. and Mrs. Derek Lewis); viewing portrait of John MacLean of Boreray; distillery tour; lunch; viewing tomb of Allan Maclean (Culloden survivor); visit to restored Drimnin Chapel with concert. Cost: £70.00 pp

Visit to Glengorm Castle 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

By coach from Tobermory. Includes ranger guided historical walking tour; entry to private castle, with talk by the owner Mr. Tom Nelson, and refreshments. Free time; visit to Isle of Mull Cheese factory with tour and afternoon tea. Cost: £40.00 pp

Wednesday 21st evening 9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Whisky Tasting in Aros Hall. Over 18's only, proof of age may be required. Specialist tasting hosted by Charles MacLean, world renowned expert; Hector Maclean of Jeffrey Street Whisky; and The Tobermory Distillery Cost: £20.00 pp

\* **Thursday** 22nd 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Visit to Iona from Tobermory including ferry fare, (Abbey entrance fee is not included). Cost: £25.00 pp

Visit to Tiree – (limited numbers) 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

By boat from Tobermory. Includes lunch; guided coach tour of the island to visit places of historical interest. Cost: £70.00 pp

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\* **Friday** 23rd 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Clan Congress

Maclean Marquee, Tobermory. Cost: Free

Friday 23rd afternoon time TBD Duart Castle, for Friends of the Heritage Trust (by invitation, to follow). Illustrated talk by the conservation architect; private guided Tour of the Castle; craftsmanship displays and tea with the Chief. The event itself is free but is exclusive to Friends. If not already a Friend, you are welcome to join. Annual subscriptions are:

Individual Membership of Friends: £20.00

Family Membership of Friends: £30.00

Friday 23rd evening 8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Chief's Grand Ceilidh Concert Maclean Marquee, Tobermory.

Cost: Adults £20.00 pp

Children (7-15 yrs inc.) £10.00 pp

\* **Saturday** 24th 10:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Main Clan Gathering Duart Castle – arrive by 10:30 a.m. ready to muster in the car park for the Grand March starting at 11:00 a.m.

Cost: Adults £15.00 pp

Children (7-15 yrs inc.) £7.00 pp

Saturday 24th evening 8:30 p.m. - midnight

Grand Dance Maclean Marquee, Tobermory.

Cost: Adults £20.00 pp

Children (7-15 yrs inc.) £10.00 pp

\* **Sunday** 25th 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Kirkin o' the Tartan' in Tobermory Parish Church

Cost: Free - An offering will be taken during the service.

Further free day and evening activities will be available during the week, details later.

Dress for the Gathering Week. This is largely a matter of choice but the weather on Mull is very variable. For all excursions warm clothing, flat shoes and a light weight waterproof are advisable. Please wear something tartan whenever you can such as tie, hat, scarf or kilt. Dress for the Ceilidh/concert is casual. The Dance is the occasion to wear all the best you have brought with you and the Gathering is a tartan occasion. For more information see [www.maclean.org](http://www.maclean.org)

Our friends at Clan Maclean Pacific Northwest have asked us to post this notice.

FEMALE ROOMMATE WANTED- 2017 CLAN MACLEAN INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

Clan Maclean Pacific North West has advised us that one of its members, an Washington State lady, is looking to find a roommate for the Gathering and to meet and travel together in Scotland. For more information please contact Pat McClean at [patjimmcclean@netscape.net](mailto:patjimmcclean@netscape.net)

Planning a trip to a country that offers such a vast array of beauty, historical sites, and cultural diversity such as Scotland can be daunting. Thus, we have researched and found two of the finest companies in Scotland that will make your visit run smoothly and stress-free. They are McLeanScotland and Secret-Scotland.com..



For those travelers who prefer to have every last detail taken care of by a company that will nurture our cousins from touchdown to takeoff, we present the following;

## McLeanScotland.

Paul McLean and Liz Gillespie, best friends who have been working together for 20 years in Scottish tourism, own McLeanScotland [www.mcleanscotland.com](http://www.mcleanscotland.com). Many Macleans have had happy travels with them over the years and this is their 4<sup>th</sup> Clan Maclean Gathering.

They specialize in providing Scottish tours packed with unique and unforgettable memories to coincide with the Maclean Gathering. Whether you require an exclusive driver-guided, self-drive, or small-group tour (by motorcoach) they always provide an unforgettable experience. Paul and Liz take all the worries out of your travel arrangements – upon your arrival at the airport until the moment you depart, everything is taken care of for you: train tickets, ferries, rental vehicle, accommodations to suit your needs (from B&Bs to castles and everything in between). Their motto: Arrive a guest go home a friend.

### The 2017 Clan Maclean Gathering Luxury Tour

Tuesday 20 June. Arrive Glasgow Airport 11 a.m. where your driver and guide will meet you. Your first stop is the Victorian town of Pitlochry where you can just explore this historic town or choose to see Heather being made into jewelry. You'll also have free time to eat lunch in an old mill. Then on to Inverness where you'll have free time for the remainder of the day to explore this Highland capital. Overnight: Inverness.

Wednesday 21 June. This morning we take you to Culloden Battlefield, the scene of the only defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie. You'll see the gravestone of the Maclean's. We were one of the largest clans in the battle. We can take you to stand where our ancestors stood on that faithful day then tour the superb museum/exhibition. This afternoon, we visit Cawdor Castle and gardens, then on to Speyside, the world capital of whisky where we take a tour and sample drams at the Glen Moray Distillery. For the non-drinkers you can have free time in Elgin. Overnight Inverness.

Thursday 22 June. Today we travel along the Great Glen (Loch Ness) stopping at Urquhart Castle (Maclean connection) and on to Fort William. Then it'll be time for lunch at the Spean Bridge Woollen Mill. We take a wee ferry across Loch Linnhe and a second ferry from Lochaline to the Isle of Mull. We travel to Tobermory where you'll spend the next three nights in local guest houses/hotels. Overnight: (3) Tobermory.

Friday 23 June. This morning we spend a full day exploring the Island, mountains and moors, lochs and glens. We continue on the route and visit Iona and Staffa if you wish and the weather is kind (Staffa is not included and must be pre-booked). Only 120 people live on Iona, a village with great white sandy beaches. We will also visit the Maclean Cross then return to Tobermory. Overnight: Tobermory

Saturday 24 June. THE CLAN GATHERING. We drive an hour south where The Clan Maclean Gathering takes place today at the 13th Century Duart Castle. Usually the events start at 11 a.m. and end around 3 p.m. but we will keep you updated as the Clan plans this event. There are typically piping events, Highland dancing and a wee clan village showing you how to wear the old Scottish Highland dress. You have the opportunity to explore Duart Castle and perhaps meet the Chief. On the return to Tobermory we show you the graves of naughty Macleans! This is your final night in Tobermory.

Sunday 25 June. We leave Mull on the Oban ferry and have free time in Oban, the seafood capital of Scotland. With courtesy stops en route and superb sightseeing, it will be a pleasant, leisurely journey on the way to Edinburgh. Overnight in our capital city where your driver and guide leave you. We give you recommendations where to eat, drink, visit, etc. in your presentation tour notes. Overnight: Edinburgh, where your coach departs.

Monday 26 June. A free day to explore the City in all it's glory. It is very much a walking city so sample an underground tour, take in the local pubs, and the museums. (Museums are all free of charge.) You can also visit Edinburgh Castle - the list is endless. Your final night in Scotland. Overnight: Edinburgh.

Tuesday 27 June. Either return home or add additional days to this tour.

Cost per person. Sharing from £1225, Children under 13, £750, single supplement £250.

What's Included: 7 nights accommodation, ensuite bathrooms and fully cooked Scottish breakfast, 6 days with an expert driver and tour guide/manager, ferries to Mull and Iona and return. Entry to: Cawdor Castle, Urquhart Castle, Glen Moray Distillery & Culloden Battlefield. Superb presentation tour notes – take home fantastic photographs and memories. What's not included: travel insurance, ferry to Staffa, clan tickets and events are not included as you need to personally register with Clan Maclean to attend. Clan tickets can be ordered at [mclean.org](http://mclean.org)



For our independent travelers who prefer a less structured adventure yet want to be certain they experience the best of Scotland, and not miss a site we recommend the following:

## [Secret-Scotland.com](http://www.Secret-Scotland.com)

Our website is [www.Secret-Scotland.com](http://www.Secret-Scotland.com). We set it up 10 years ago when we realized that the mainstream guide books were failing to help visitors get the best from their time in Scotland. The idea came to us after helping some American friends plan their “once in a lifetime” trip to Scotland. They had spent hours reading the Lonely Planet and pouring through websites trying to patch together a disjointed wish list of places they wanted to visit. Overwhelmed by all the choices, they turned to us for help.

This experience of looking at our own country through the eyes of a tourist made us realize how difficult it was to structure a tour plan from the information overload of the internet and the often obsolete advice of guidebooks. So we created a new style of travel guide laid out in the format of a very detailed tour itinerary complete with step by step directions so that the visitor would not miss anything that might be of interest. Our guides aren’t laid out in a prescriptive manner where you have to do a certain thing at a certain time. Instead, we propose the most scenic routes to drive and we punctuate the route directions with suggestions for journey breaks or side detours to explore the best viewpoints, historic sites, restaurants, pubs and ceilidhs.

Our advantage over a conventional guide book is that we provide our clients with additional help in planning their trip. Thus, if you buy one of our guides and have a specific question that we haven’t covered in the itinerary, you need only to send us an email and we’ll be happy to assist. As an example, we’ve helped plan all manner of things from surprise marriage proposals all the way to suggestions for a special place to scatter the remains of a loved one.

This brings us to how could we help with your visit to Scotland? Well we assume that Mull is going to be high on the wish list of any MacLean, and Duart Castle is going to be a “must see”. But maybe you haven’t considered the less visited Moy Castle which was also a “MacLaine” stronghold. The castle is not officially open for tours, but Secret Scotland can put you in touch with the owner and he will do pre-booked tours for small groups.

Castle Moy (pictured left) stands on the shores of Lochbuie, beside a village of the same name. When you get to Lochbuie, which is just a scattered collection of houses, you will find that there are quite a few interesting things to

explore. As you arrive at the village, you skirt around the edge of a field where there is a neat circle of standing stones. From the war memorial on the shoreline, you can start on a gentle walk that takes you past the surprisingly tiny (almost miniature) St. Kilda’s Church (pictured right), toward Moy Castle and the Clan Maclean Mausoleum.

Moy Castle enjoyed a prominent role in the classic 1945 film “I Know Where I’m Going”. If you haven’t seen this film yet, then we highly recommend that you do so before coming to Mull as it is the Island which is the real star of this enjoyable black & white movie.

There are lots of other places with Clan Maclean connections that may have escaped your attention. If you are interested in the bloodier side of the Clan’s history, you might want to visit the rocky inlet at Port Bheathain, which is also known as the “Bay of Thumbs”. On one occasion the MacPhees of Colonsay had landed on the Ross of Mull to do some cattle stealing. The MacLeans rumbled the MacPhees and chased them back to the beach where they’d pulled their boats ashore. Unfortunately for the MacPhees, they’d pulled their boats too far up the beach and the tide was out so the MacLeans had them cornered. The punishment for the MacPhees was the removal of their thumbs thus making it very difficult for them to sail back to Colonsay.

Fortunately, Mull is a much more peaceful and welcoming place these days. We often find that first-time visitors to Scotland have the belief that Skye is “the most beautiful place in Scotland”, and they overlook Mull. This means that Mull is, in general, a much quieter island than Skye and it is still possible to find a corner of the island all to yourself. If asked to pick our favorite place on the island, we’d have to say the beach at Langamull (pictured right). You do have to take a 1 hour walk along a farm track and then cross a field, but the reward is a beach of immaculate white sands surrounded by a meadow of wildflowers. It is simply idyllic. It is this sort of place that Secret Scotland guides are all about. For more details you can visit our website [www.secret-scotland.com](http://www.secret-scotland.com) or contact us via email: [info@secret-scotland.com](mailto:info@secret-scotland.com) or Telephone: (0044) 1292 474778. Be sure to mention you heard about them in The Pipings.



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