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## DUART CASTLE



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# AGM 2017 GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

BY CONNIE MCLEAN SUTTON, TREASURER, DEPUTY CONVENER

## Rain and Lightning and Wind, Oh My! Grandfather Mountain Highland Games 2016.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, or “Grandfather” as it is known to the many who attend every year, is a Highland Games like no other.

The camping on the mountain is legendary. Attendees and their family and clans have the same spot every year. You have the Rowdy side and the Family side. You have Happy Valley, Gordonville, MacVillage, Bahama Mamas and other “neighborhoods” squeezed in as tight as you can get them. The reason I mention this will come later. You have the many music venues showcasing Highland and Celtic music far and wide. The athletic events are respected worldwide. And you have the clans, societies and associations. Hundreds of clans eager to share their history and family connections with everyone.

Needless to say, we have made some strong and lasting friendships with other long standing attendees to the games. It is one large happy family.

On Friday evening, Betsy McLean, The Revd Abbot Patrick Maclean, OSSP and I, Connie McLean Sutton attended the Patrons Reception for GMHG. It was held at the Best Western hotel in Banner Elk, NC. Betsy and I arrived a little early and waited in the parking lot for “Father Brother” Patrick. As we got out of the car, a HUGE clap of thunder hit. It rolled forever, bouncing back and forth through the mountains. We forged ahead in anticipation of food, drink and fellowship. We made our way into the reception hall. As we found our seats, the power in the hotel went out. Our table mates and friends from Clan Murray were watching the weather radar on their smart phones. Two strong weather systems were merging quickly in the area. The wind picked up. The rain came down sideways. It was bad. You had about 600 hungry and thirsty Scotsmen and women in their tartan finery. The bar stayed open.

The buffet stayed open. The hotel staff opened the curtains and blinds as far as they would go and we continued to eat, drink, and be merry, all the while worrying about what was happening on the mountain.

Remember I said I would tell you why I was speaking about the camping village? Our past President, Kirk Lane, is head of the camping village. He moves in by July 4<sup>th</sup> and is there for the duration. We are at the reception worrying about our tent display that we have put our hearts into when Kirk walks in. He

proceeds to tell us about all the destruction that has taken place on the mountain. Vendor tents have been picked up and thrown down, leaving all their merchandise strewn far and wide. Campers have been hit hard. Clan tents have been destroyed and he didn’t know what condition ours was in. Our hearts sank. Should we try to run up to the mountain? Should we just sit and cry?

Dark was approaching. We chose to just stay and go up in the morning. There was nothing we could do anyway. Betsy and I were up and on the mountain by 6:30 am Saturday morning. With trepidation, we approached our tent. Nothing was touched. We were saved! I still wanted to sit down and cry with relief for us, but sorrow for the others that had suffered. We were able to open for the day and carry on as if nothing had happened.

Yes, vendor tents were destroyed. Yes, campers were damaged and rumors of injury were about. Yes, about 15 clan tents were destroyed. It was rumored that winds were 85 mph on the meadow and 125 mph on the summit of Grandfather Mountain, but the Scottish spirit survived. Workers quickly went to work to replace the destroyed tents. Campers came down to help the vendors collect and save their merchandise. The games continued.

Clan Maclean was on full peacock display. (As seen here with Betsy McLean, Pat Jackson & Connie McLean Sutton.) We reveled in our 2015 win of Clan of Excellence. We were able to march in the Parade of Tartans behind the Honored Clan, Clan MacLaren. We were awesome!



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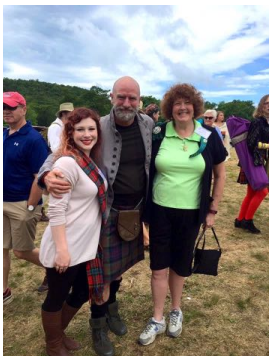
Macleans in attendance. Larry and Bonnie Hampton, our weapons master, had the Bob Forsman weapons collection on display. Our new South Carolina conveners, Mary Sue Norman Wyatt, her husband Doug, and her son Adam and daughter Becca. Our Michigan convener and Division 3 director Pat Jackson was there. Bob McLean and family were there. Les, Diana, and Caitlin McLean were there. Shawn and Debbie Dunham were there. Stoney Lane and family were there. Stoney announced our attendance in the "Calling of the Clans" on Thursday evening. So many more wonderful Macleans to mention were in attendance. Needless to say, the Clan Maclean Tents were the place to be all weekend.

Our Annual General Meeting was fun. Our tent location was directly next to the Piping competition. We had to attempt to yell over the pipes to conduct our business. We may have the world record for shortest meeting yet. Most notable vote was the confirmation of our name change. As soon as the Secretary of State confirms, we will be known as "Clan Maclean Association in the United States".

Diana and Caitlin McLean got their photo taken with Graham McTavish of Outlander fame. We were all so jealous.

Hopefully, the wonder and mystic of Grandfather will live forever, and Clan Maclean will be there.

The 62th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games will be held July 6-9, 2017 at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC.



## AGM release

I am very pleased to announce that Clan Gillean U.S.A. has officially changed its name to Clan Maclean Association in the United States. This received unanimous approval at our AGM last month and the change was duly approved by the North Carolina Secretary of State's office.

There has been a great deal of dissatisfaction with the name "Clan Gillean" for quite some time. It has been the source of confusion, with us frequently being listed with the "G" clans instead of the "Mac" clans at various venues. Not to mention that we were the only Clan Maclean Association branch not using either "Maclean" or "Association" in the name.

This has been a long process for us, with informal discussions lasting a couple of years. At our 2015 AGM, it was decided to pursue the change. Last September, the Chief and I spent a great deal of time working on this at Duart (and in subsequent telephone conversations) and he recommended I discuss the matter with several members of Clan Maclean International Association (CMIA), which was done. It was a member of CMIA who suggested that we use the Australian nomenclature of "Clan Maclean Association in Australia" as a model. This met with great enthusiasm from our Executive Committee and we notified the Chief, along with the presidents of the Pacific Northwest and California branches of the Clan Maclean Association of our intent. Please note that the use of "in" the United States rather than "of" the United States is specifically used out of respect for the two other Association branches here in the states. We are the largest and oldest of the three branches (founded in 1968), with the widest membership and so a national name is the most appropriate. We nominally represent 44 of the 50 states and make no claim on the other branches' territory.

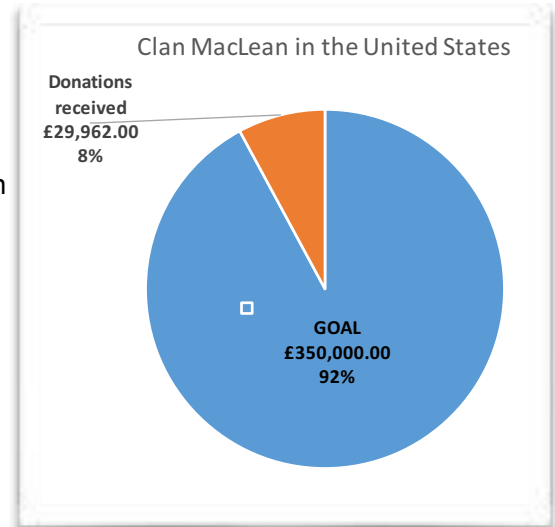
Many thanks!

The Revd Abbot Patrick Maclean, OSSP  
President, Clan Maclean Association in the United States

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We want to thank all the families and individuals who have donated however we have a long way to go. HOW TO DONATE donations may be made via PayPal from [www.maclean.org/duart-appeal/](http://www.maclean.org/duart-appeal/). Electronic transfers can be made directly to the Restoration Fund bank account. See above website for account details. For U.S. donors wishing to make tax deductible donations online, please go to <https://squareup.com/store/clan-maclean-association-of-california-duart-appeal>. Your donations are tax-deductible, however the Association recommends you consult your tax advisor. Receipts will be provided to each donor for tax purposes and your name will be sent to the Chief to be officially recorded. Donations made over time will be progressively aggregated.

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## Upcoming Highland Games

Sep. 9-11	Estes Park, Colorado	Estes Park, CO	Fred & Trish Maclean Frandsen
Sept.10	Covenanter Scottish Festival	Quarryville, PA	Les McLean
Sep. 10	New Hampshire H.G.	Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH	Victor McLean
Sep 16-18	Charleston Highland Games	Charleston, SC	Doug & MarySue Norman Wyatt
Sep. 17	Celtic Harvest Festival	Edgewater, CO	Fred & Trish Maclean-Frandsen
Sep. 17-18	Celtic Classic H.G.	Bethlehem, PA	Les McLean
Sep. 23-24	St Louis Scottish Games	St. Louis, MO	Herb McLain
Oct. 4	North Alabama Scottish HG	New Market, AL	Mark Lane
Oct. 1	Scotland County Highland Games	Laurinburg, NC	Betsy McLean
Oct. 1	Scotland Highland Games Festival	Scotland, CT	Greg Maclean
Oct. 15-16	Stone Mountain Highland Games	Stone Mountain, GA	Betsy McLean
Oct. 15-16	Richmond Games	Richmond, VA	Les McLean
Oct. 21-23	East Tennessee Celtic Festival	Elizabethton, TN	Mark Lane
Oct. 22	The Murray Highland Festival	Murray, KY	Mark Lane
Dec. 2-3	Alexandria Christmas Parade	Alexandria, VA	All are welcome to come

# MACLEANS OF KINGAIRLOCH

Thanks to [macleanhistory.org](http://macleanhistory.org)



The Macleans of Kingairloch are a junior cadet house to the Macleans of Lochbuie and can trace their roots back to Gillean Na Tuaigne also known as Gillean of the Battleaxe, the 1st Maclean Chief. The succession is as follows:

First Maclean Chief: Gillean of the Battleaxe - succeeded by his son, Malise Maclean, who became the 2nd Maclean Chief.

Malise Maclean was succeeded by his son, Malcolm Maclean, who became the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maclean Chief.

Malcolm Maclean was succeeded by John Dubh (or John the Black) who became the 4<sup>th</sup> Maclean Chief.

John Dubh (John the Black) was succeeded by his son, Hector Reganach Maclean, who founded the Macleans of Lochbuie, Dochgarroch and Kingairloch.

Hector Reganach Maclean became the 1<sup>st</sup> Lochbuie Chieftain.

Hector's son, Charles, became the 1<sup>st</sup> Kingairloch Chieftain.

The homelands of the Kingairloch Macleans called Glensanda [Old Norse: the glen of the sandy river] were located on the Morvern Peninsula on the west side of Loch Linnhe near the village of Kingairloch. These lands were first occupied by Ewen Maclean, 5th Kingairloch Chieftain who built the Glensanda Castle in the late 1400s. However, in the early 1800's the 16<sup>th</sup> Chieftain, Hector Maclean, found the estate to be in debt. But being a gambler, he gambled away his inheritance and was forced to sell the entire Kingairloch estate. He then moved the entire clan (some 500 members) to Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada where clan members over the years have dispersed throughout North America. The current Chieftain is Malcolm Fraser Maclean III serving as the 22nd Chieftain.

Glensanda, a part of Morvern, has formed part of the territory of the Clan Maclean ever since the Clan MacMaster was removed from the territory in the 15th Century. The actual locations of the Kingairloch Manor House (inhabited by Hector Maclean, 16th Kingairloch Chieftain prior to his emigration to Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada in 1812) and Glensanda Castle were on the southwest coast of this peninsula a few miles south of the present village of Kingairloch. The specific place for the Manor House was at a place called Arihauray on the coast between Loch Choire and Glen Sanda on Loch Linnhe.

Glensanda Castle, built by Ewen Maclean, 5th Kingairloch Chieftain in the late 15th Century, occupies the summit of a prominent rock outcrop at the mouth of Glen Sanda on the water (which all Maclean castles seem to be on). It comprises an oblong tower-house of two main stories measuring about 12.9m from the northeast to southwest

by 8.8m transversely over walls some 2.2m in thickness. The building in 1974 was roofless, but the walls still rose to parapet level; some of the masonry had been consolidated in modern times. The steps by which the entrance doorway is approached today are modern. In the original arrangement, access was probably obtained by means of a timber fore-stair to a wooden platform at threshold level. There were two and possibly three floors. The castle is a "square Keep" built in a traditional "tower house" style. Although it has not been occupied for approximately 250 years, it is quite complete to the top of the original walls. The castle was not involved in any major attacks and was not remodeled so is a good example of a 15th century Keep. By the mid-18th century (or most probably around 1780), the castle was deserted and the family had moved five miles to the north into the Manor House known as Connach (Kingairloch) built at the head of Loch a' Choire (Loch Corry).

Glensanda Castle (Caisteal Na Gruagaich (Maiden's Castle), overlooks the mouth of the Glensanda River which tumbles down 400 metres along its five-mile journey from 'Caol Bheinn' into Loch Linnhe. The Castle had been the main base of the Macleans of Kingairloch (Kingerloch) since the 15th century, but the population fell from 500 to zero after 1812 when they emigrated to Pictou, Nova Scotia.

The remoteness of the Glensanda settlement is such that there are no road, rail, or marked footway links across the granite mountain, moor, heather and peat bog of the private Glensanda estate. The only practical access is by boat from the shores of Loch Linnhe.

Situated atop a grassy mound looking out to Appin across Loch Linnhe, it was probably abandoned for good circa 1780/90. The entrance on the southeast wall leads into an unvaulted cellar/store, with two slit vents or lights. Archaeological evidence confirms that access (now the steps) would originally have been via a removable timber staircase and platform (a primitive device for this date) and that the doorway was later reduced in size for defensive purposes; a draw bar shaft survives in the wall thickness. From here, a dogleg mural stair rises to the hall above. This has three windows - one trefoiled - a lit embrasure with garderobe and what was a fireplace in the northwest wall. Another mural stair leads from here to the parapet where there's a wall walk, but only vestiges of crenellations survive.

For those of you who we intrigued with this captivating story of Clan Maclean Kingairloch read "the rest of the story" at [www.macleanhistory.org](http://www.macleanhistory.org)

# THE FIFTY YEAR WAR

## AN ACCOUNT OF THE MACLEAN - CAMPBELL CONFLICT

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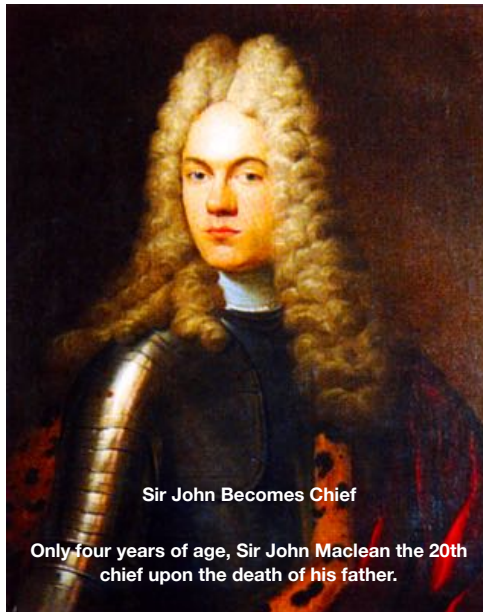
### AFTERMATH

The Macleans had greatly contributed to their own ruin. The profligate behavior of many of their chiefs in piling up debt upon debt handed their Campbell enemy the weapon to bring about their downfall. The chiefs of the Macleans also failed to recognize that a new day was dawning in Scotland at the beginning of the 17th century. When James VI succeeded Queen Elizabeth to the throne of England as James I, his newly strengthened government moved to pacify the Border, which was done with ruthless efficiency. This should have been a wake-up call to them and the island clans that the Scottish government was now powerful enough to limit the independence they had enjoyed in the past, and that their traditional ways of operating had to be changed. Unfortunately the chiefs of the Macleans failed to adjust to the new reality, and attempted to keep to the ways of their predecessors, who had been able to protect themselves through force of arms alone. Ultimately this was to prove inadequate, when they had to face the might of Clan Campbell backed by the government. What the Macleans needed in this new century were allies, or at least more friends, at court, because there they were continually out maneuvered in Edinburgh by their Campbell enemies.

The 16th century was a particularly violent one in the Isles. Much of this had been fomented by the government, hoping that the unruly clans of the region would weaken one another, or give the government a reason to accuse them of treason. This policy of the government was intensified in the 17th century, and the Campbells, politically more astute than the Islemen, were chosen by the government to bring the island clans to heel. The Campbells, aided by the government, first destroyed the MacDonalds of Dunnyveg and the Maclains of Ardnamurchan, and then turned their attention upon the Macleans. It took almost fifty years to bring about the destruction of the Macleans of Duart, but this was accomplished with particular viciousness on the part of one after another of the Campbell chiefs who pursued their goal with dogged determination.

Although the Earl of Argyll had obtained legal ownership of the Duart estate earlier, 1692 marked the year that Sir John Maclean gave up the long, hard struggle to keep possession of his patrimony. The impact of the takeover of much of Mull, all of Tiree, with the exception of Scarinish, and the two ends of Coll affected every level within Clan Maclean.

Hardest hit, of course, was Sir John. The loss of the Duart estate did not mean that



he lost the chieftainship of the Macleans, but as an absentee leader he had much less power to shape events in the Isles. Yet, Sir John still had such a loyal following among his clansmen that he was able to raise a regiment of 800 men from his former lands in the Jacobite Rebellion of 1715. This was no mean feat since they were now nominally under Campbell control. This undertaking, which sought to restore the son of King James to his father's throne, gave Sir John some hope that if the properties of the Earl of Argyll were forfeited by a new government he might regain the land of his forefathers. His hopes were dashed, however, when the Earl of Mar led the Jacobite forces to defeat at the Battle of Sheriffmuir.

When the ancestral lands of the Macleans were lost to the Campbells, the only one in of the chieftains of clan in a strong enough position to help his fellow clansmen was Donald Maclean of Coll. He and his son, Hector, who later succeeded him, wisely adjusted to the new reality in the Isles, and came to an accommodation with the Earl of Argyll. During the famine of the late 1690s, when Mull was particularly hard hit, Donald Maclean of Coll stepped up to aid the refugees from that island who made their way to Coll. During the ensuing years the Maclean clansmen of the Hebrides continued to look to this chieftain of Coll, and his successor, Hector, for guidance. They wisely took no part in the Jacobite Rebellion of 1715, for example, although they did not discourage their followers from doing so.

The re-establishment of Presbyterian in 1690 insured that the Episcopal ministers, who owed their livings to Sir John, were at the mercy

of the Presbyterian Synod of Argyll, when the Maclean chief lost his Duart estate. They were treated with a special vindictiveness by their Christian brethren. Some, after groveling before the Synod, were allowed to join the Presbyterians and keep their livings. Others were not so fortunate. John Fraser, Dean of the Isles and minister of Tiree and Coll, lost his position, despite the protest of Donald Maclean of Coll and a number of the tacksmen of the two islands.

#### CALLUM MACALLAN

"I AM CALLUM MACALLAN AND I RENTED LAND IN THE VILLAGE OF GLENMORVEN. JUST ENOUGH TO FEED MYSELF AND MY FAMILY. WE DID WELL ENOUGH. I RENTED MY LAND FROM THE TACKSMAN WHO RENTED THE WHOLE GLEN FROM THE CLAN CHIEF HIMSELF. SO YOU SEE, THE TACKSMAN WAS THE TENANT AND I WAS THE SUB-TENANT FARMER, OR SOME WOULD CALL ME A CROFTER. WE SPOKE GAELIC THEN, MOST OF US SPOKE NO ENGLISH AT ALL."

Thanks to BBC Scotland/education.

Another group among the Clan Maclean heavily affected by the Campbell takeover of the Duart estate was its tacksmen. When the Earl of Argyll first took control of Maclean of Duart's property in Mull, Tiree, Morven, and Coll, he moved slowly before making many changes in the tacks. However, when James Campbell of Ardkinglas was awarded the tack of Tiree and the two ends of Coll in March of 1709, it was under the condition that he plant it with tenants of the name of Campbell. The days of the Maclean tacksmen on Tiree were numbered, but this was a slow process. Before that time there had been few Campbells on Tiree, but his agents were successful in bringing a few to the island. Those that came met a cold welcome, and in some cases outright hostility. Many woke up on a morning to find their crops trampled, and their cattle maimed. The few Maclean tacksmen that survived the initial pruning of their ranks lost their tacks in the re-organization of the Argyll estate in 1737. There were at least one or possibly two exceptions to this, but by the latter part of the 18th century the farms of Tiree were either in the hands of joint-tenants or absentee Campbell tacksmen.

The plan to eliminate the Maclean gentry from Mull was not carried out as extensively as on Tiree. It was observed as late as 1772 that the Macleans still retained about half the island. Campbell efforts to control the church on Mull were also unsuccessful. The Macleans continued to exercise considerable influence in the church affairs of the island, and even had the ability to see that a ministerial choice of the Duke of Argyll was rejected.

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The commoners of Clan Maclean living on the former lands of their chief were at least spared the enemy invasions and raids that had marked the last fifty years. Yet, it was extremely distasteful, even demeaning, to have to live under the heel of their Campbell enemy. Worst yet, when they lost their hereditary leaders, their tacksmen, to whom they had long looked for guidance, it hampered their ability to cope with the economic problems of the 18th century.

The hatred of the Campbells lasted well into the last quarter of the 18th century. Although by that time no armed guard had to accompany the agent collecting the rent, as had to be done in Morvern, when the Campbells first took over the former lands of Maclean of Duart in that region, it long persisted. On Tiree an agent of the Duke of Argyll reported to him in 1771 that "the tenants of the island were disaffected to the family (of Argyll) and much incited by the Maclean gentry." In 1789 a Maclean bard sang: "Our enemies have our places And they do not care for us Though we are polite to them Our hearts are cold"

This attitude of hate and resentment on the part of the tenants of that part of the Argyll estate that had been under Maclean ownership for centuries crippled the efforts of the fifth Duke of Argyll to better their condition. Their first reaction to any suggestion of his or his factor was based on suspicion of the motives behind it. This made his task much more difficult, even when his tenants saw the merit in the change.

**DUART CASTLE**

The descendants of Archibald Campbell, 1st Duke of Argyll, sold Duart Castle in 1801 to MacQuarrie, who in turn sold it to Campbell of

Fossil. It changed hands again in 1865, when the former Maclean fortress was purchased by A.C. Guthrie. On September 11, 1911 Duart Castle was sold to Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean, 26th chief of Clan Maclean, who restored it to its former glory.

**AN INVITATION TO A SIGNIFICANT CENTENARY**

In 1912 the Chief of Clan Maclean, Sir Fitzroy Maclean, invited the clan to join him at Duart to celebrate with him the return of the castle to Maclean ownership. Invitations went out to Macleans both on Mull and around the world; nearly 700 clans people accepted his call, and came to Duart. It was the first great clan gathering of any clan in modern times.

As the central part of the occasion, the Chieftain of Morvern hammered on the door of the ruined castle, saying:

Fhir Dhubhairt tha clann Illeathain a feitheamh a mach gu cur failte cirbh aim an luchairt ur Sionnsaireachd. Chief of Duart! The Clan Maclean is waiting to give you welcome in the castle of your ancestors.

Sir Fitzroy then appeared and welcomed the clan, before proceeding to raise the Maclean flag from the battlements, for the first time in 221 years.

The castle had been taken over by the Campbells, used as government barracks, and for long been a ruin. The 1912 Gathering was a significant event in the history of the restoration of the castle as home for the chief, and a shelter and rallying place for the clan.

Sir Fitzroy was an old man of 77 years in 1912, but he lived for a further 24 years to enjoy his family's return to Duart.

The events and ceremonies of the weekend in 1912, included a ceilidh; a dance; a clan march headed by the marshals and chieftains of the clan, along with pipers; a welcome from the chief; the raising of the flag; a religious service; personal introductions to the chief and his family; solo piping; speeches in honour of the clan history; Gaelic recitations; activities round the castle; a lunch of several relays in a marquee; and a group photograph; but ultimately it was a Gathering of the Clan.

In 2012 all these items, and many new ones, will be included in the Centenary Gathering at Duart; along with an introductory clan week based at Tobermory.

Sir Fitzroy greeted his clan with the ancient Highland welcome, "Ceud mile failte"— a hundred thousand welcomes; and in June 2017 the clan will be welcomed with the same sentiment and happiness.



# ISLE OF MULL

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Mull is an island steeped in mystery and legend with an undeniable spirit that will capture your soul.

## THE LOCHBUIE STONE CIRCLE

This ancient stone circle takes centre stage in a natural amphitheater created by the surrounding hills. Originally comprised of nine granite stones, eight still stand today; the place of the ninth is marked by a low boulder. Although there are other standing stones on the island, this circle of stones is unique. Some say the stone circle is haunted, but for most, it is a place which provides tranquility. Perhaps we may never know the ancient secrets they hold, but one thing is certain: the past is still very much alive on Mull.



## MACKINNON'S CAVE

MacKinnon's Cave is the deepest sea cave in the Hebrides and the folklore which surrounds it runs just as deep. Legend has it that MacKinnon was a piper who encountered a female ogre whilst walking his dog in the caves. Angered that he failed to please her with a tune from his pipes, the ogre killed him. Later the dog was said to have appeared on a nearby cliff top, completely hairless with fright. If you come to the island and listen very carefully, you might just hear its wailing howls whistling through the wind.



## LOCH BA

In the heart of Mull is Loch Ba, an enchanting, idyllic setting, said to once be home to the Cailleach Bheur – one of the island's most powerful witches. On the dawn of each hundredth year, she would immerse herself in the life-giving waters of the loch. As long as she performed this ritual before any other creature had awoken, the years would be washed away and youth would be hers once more. For centuries the loch was her elixir. Then, one fateful morning, as she made her way to the shore, the bark from a restless shepherd's dog heralded the new day. And the spell was broken forever.



## THE SUNKEN GALLEON

Our island holds many treasures and one more elusive than any other. It is said that a Spanish galleon lies sunken in a watery grave in Tobermory silt. The ship is believed to be either The Florencia or the San Juan Sicilia, both of which were trying to escape the fleet of Elizabeth I after the Spanish Armada was defeated in 1588. (The former had been carrying £300,000 worth of gold bullion.)

Although the ship has never been found, every now and then tempting artifacts surface. For divers and treasure hunters alike, the lure is too great to resist. They come to the island in search of great treasures, but these waters still remain reluctant to fully surrender what lies beneath.





# CLAN MACLEAN INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

JUNE 20 - 24, 2017 ISLE OF MULL, SCOTLAND

For those of you that are planning to travel to the Clan Maclean International Gathering at Duart Castle on the Isle of Mull next June, we have secured two agreements to help with your travel. United Airlines is offering a discount of either 2%, 5% or 10% depending on the class ticket. This is only valid for flights into Glasgow International Airport between the dates listed below. This discount is available to everyone throughout the world traveling to our Gathering. We have also secured an agreement with Arnold Clark car rental they are offering us a 10% discount; see below right for instructions. For those of you wishing an all inclusive tour, I must recommend Liz and Paul with [MacleanScotland.com](http://MacleanScotland.com) (see photo below). Liz and Paul promise to make it a trip you won't soon forget.



## CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION (2017)

**Glasgow, GB (GLA-International) valid 6/15/2017-6/30/2017**

We are pleased to offer a special discounts for your event.

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If booking through a travel professional or United Meetings at 800-426-1122, please give them the following information:

**Agreement Code: 313689**

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Outside of the United States, please call your local United Airlines Reservation Office.

Those of us flying from the United States or Canada the class discounts are as follows.

A,M,U,H,Q,V,W,S discount should be 10%

F,J,C,D,Z,Y,B,E,T,L,K,G discount should be 5%

No other class discounts will be available from the United States and Canada to Glasgow. Codes must be entered before booking.

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Our reservations office number is 0141 849 7170 . Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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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)

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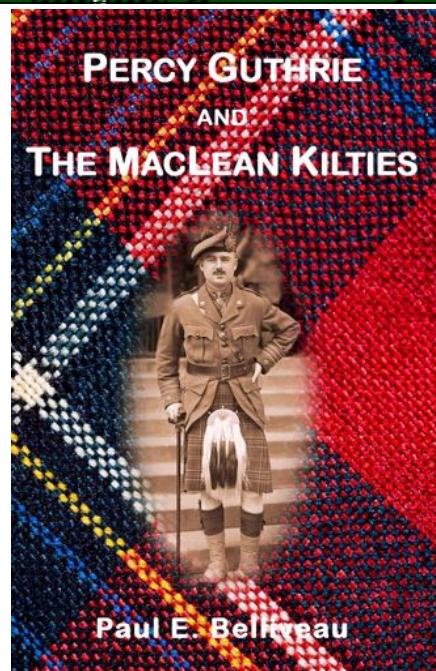


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This book by Moncton author Paul E. Belliveau is about the Maclean Kilties, a WWI Highland Infantry Battalion formed 100 years ago in May 1916. It is the story of the political, military, and financial trials and tribulations that Percy Guthrie had to overcome to create his all volunteer Highland Battalion in Fredericton, N.B. The book details Guthrie's innovative and imaginative clarion "call to arms" to all those with Scottish roots in Canada and the American New England States. The story unfolds with the Kilties transition from an

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