



# The Pippings

Clan MacLean Association in the United States Quarterly Newsletter

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## A Call for Conveners and Volunteers!

By Anne Redding, Editor, *The Pippings*

Are you proud of your MacLean heritage? Can you set a table and sit in a chair? Do you have one weekend a year that you are willing to donate to support your clan? If you answered yes - you are a great candidate to convene a MacLean tent! But how does it all work? And what is convening anyway?

A convener is the clan's official representative at a particular event, primarily responsible for greeting visitors, handing out literature and answering questions about Clan MacLean.

**The Planning:** So you've read a very convincing article that has inspired you to try your hand at convening a tent - but what do you do to get started?

Contact your CMAUS Regional Director or any member of the Executive Board and let them know you are interested. They will help you find an event near you that needs a convener.

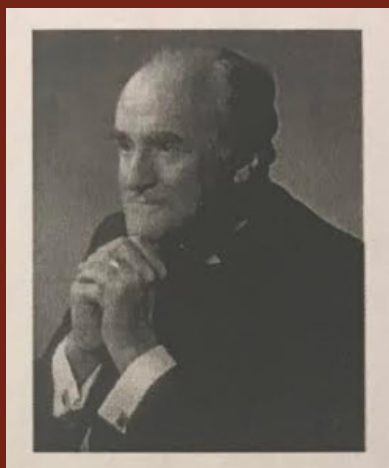
Register on the event website. Most events offer tables, tents and chairs to rent and include admission to the event (usually for 2-4 participants). The cost of the event is reimbursable by submitting a request to the Clan Treasurer.

About 2-3 weeks before the event you should start assembling all the stuff you want to use to decorate your table. If you don't think you have what you need, you can request a convener kit which arrives fully loaded with all the basics including informational books, display boards and Clan applications. Most importantly it contains a gorgeous MacLean banner you can use on your table and in the "parade of clans" which is a typical feature of most highland events.

Start recruiting family and friends to help with the tent – not required but the company is pleasant and it's nice to be able to get food and check out other booths during the day. You can also reach out to other MacLeans by posting to the Facebook page or creating a Facebook event.

A few days before the event you want to start

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Rev. Dougald Lachlan MacLean, 81<sup>st</sup> President of the St. Andrews Society of New York.

Some MacLean family members will be joining us at the NY Tartan Day Parade to walk and honor his legacy.

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Patricia Jackson and sister, Paula, Region 3, convening at the Alma Highland Festival & Games, 2019

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## The 2020 NYC Tartan Day Parade has been canceled.

We will miss seeing our friends and family in NY but we hope everyone stays safe and well!

You can participate in the **Virtual Tartan Day Parade** on April 6, 2020 by posting your pictures and videos to the NYC Tartan Week Facebook page or tag **@nyctartanweek** and **@clanmaclean\_us** on Instagram and Twitter!

<http://nyctartanweek.org>

## Conveners & Volunteers...

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watching the weather. If it looks like it will be sunny & hot - pack sunscreen and consider some battery operated fans. Rain or possible thunder storms? Bring some plastic sheeting and make sure you have proper boots in the very likely event the field becomes a muddy bog. Remember to pack snacks and drinks, but there is often food/water available for conveners in the hospitality area.

**Tips for the Day:** You should have received instructions from the event committee on when and where to go to set up for the event. Some sites allow access the night before, some you must show up early in the morning. Usually you can drive up to the tent site to unload your car, or there may be carts or shuttles from the parking area. If you have a mobility challenge make sure you let the coordinator know what you need - they are usually very helpful.

Set up your tent and table. If you are on your own, there are often site staff that can

assist with the tent, and neighbor clans with strapping lads are often quick to lend a hand.

If there is time before the gates open, take a walk around and greet the other clans. Let them know it's your first time convening and they may offer helpful advice about the event. (Don't ask the Campbells).

Also check out the hospitality area where they usually have some food and drinks throughout the event and if you're lucky - air conditioning and real bathrooms.

Now sit back, relax and greet visitors as they come by! Answer questions, listen to stories and share your love of Clan MacLean!

If you're not quite ready for the full convener experience, ask about volunteering for an event or just show up and offer to help. You will always receive a warm family welcome and possibly a dram or four. Or five. As Dr. Les says, "Thank God We're MacLeans!"

## Spring Announcements & Events

- **NEWS:** Congratulations to Lachlan, Jamie and Ewan MacLean for their record-breaking row across the Atlantic – traveling over 3,000 miles in 35 days 9 hours and 9 minutes – youngest crew ever to make the crossing and the only 3 brother team to complete a cross-oceanic journey. Bàs no Beatha!
- **UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS:**
  - April 4, 2020 – Dunedin Highland Games, Dunedin, FL (<http://www.dunedinhighlandgames.com/>)
  - April 4, 2020 – Tartan Day South, Cayce, SC (<http://tartandaysouth.com/>)
  - April 25, 2020 – Southern MD Celtic Festival, Prince Frederick, MD (<https://www.cssm.org/events/festival/>)
  - May 2, 2020 – Savannah Scottish Games, Savannah, GA (<https://www.savannahscottishgames.com/>)
  - May 18-19, 2020 – Smokey Mountain Scottish Festival, Maryville, TN (<http://smokymountaingames.org/about/>)
  - May 23-24, 2020 – Alma Highland Festival, Alma, MI (<http://www.almahighlandfestival.com>)
  - May 28-30, 2020 – Greenville Scottish Games, Greenville, SC (<https://gallabrae.com>)
- **JOIN US: July 9-12, 2020 – Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Clan MacLean General Meeting** A Clan Dinner will be organized at the Daniel Boone Inn. **RSVP** to Les McLean (les8445@aol.com)



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## CMAUS Presidential Pen

By Dr. Les McLean, CMAUS President

Several years ago, before I became involved with Clan MacLean, I had taken my daughter, Caitlin, up to the New Hampshire Highland Games where she competed, and fortunately was successful, in Highland dancing. That year, the games were not at Loon Mountain, but in a park. As Highland dancer parents, Diana and I usually never got to see much of the games, or visit clan tents, as we assisted our daughter for most of the day. However, that day, I got a chance to go around the grounds. Walking past the vendors, I spotted a sign above a canopy tent that stated, "Clan MacLean. I walked over and there was this gentleman, in a crisp military shirt and the hunting tartan kilt, sharing the history of our ancestors, I stood there listening to this very pleasant man proudly telling a stranger the wealth of our heritage. He would not remember me as I passed by, but I

remember him. He made me proud to be a MacLean.

That was (and is) John C. Maclean. John, on his own for many years, has convened MacLean tents. Today, his children and grandchildren join him in convening the tent. Most notable, John now celebrates his ninety-fifth year on this planet.

Happy belated birthday John C. Maclean! We owe so much to you. You have kept the spirit of our fore fathers alive with your stories and displays. Your offspring will honorably continue the charge. As we seek others to join us in convening MacLean tents elsewhere in the United States, you have shown us the way.

John C. Maclean, you are our hero.

Thank you, I am proud to be a MacLean!

## MacLean Updates from Region 3

By Patricia Jackson, Director, Region 3

We had two young ladies competing in dance competitions in May of 2019, at the 52nd Alma Highland Festival and Games, In Alma, Michigan.

Nadia & Sophia; the daughters of Kurt and Stephanie De Maagd of Chelsea, Michigan.

Nadia De Maagd - Novice: age group 7 under 10; Placed 6th in Sword, and 4th in Fling. Sophia De Maagd - Primary: age group 4&5; placed 3rd in pas de Basque, 3rd in Fling, and 1st in Sword. Sophia won a \$100.00 scholarship, for her first place in Sword. We are so proud of these young ladies and wish them further good luck as they progress in their dancing efforts!



Nadia and Sophia De Maagd, Alma Highland Festival & Games, Alma, MI, 2019

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Clan Maclean Association of Scotland is in the initial planning phases of the 2022 International Clan Maclean Gathering at Duart, and we hope you will be able to attend this monumental event. Events are being scheduled for the week of **June 19-26, 2022**.

The Appeal is organizing a reception for Guardian level donors and above to meet the Chief and his family at Duart Castle during the Gathering week. It would be an honor for you to attend this event as a Guardian level or above donor. **With a donation of £200.00 or above, you can become a Duart Castle Guardian!**

## Another for Hector!

Do you know a family member interested in joining the Clan? Invite them to visit:  
<https://maclean.us.org/membership/application>

Need to renew your membership? Visit:  
<https://maclean.us.org/membership/renew>

**Thank you for your continued membership and commitment to keeping our Clan active!**

## The Duart Appeal

The Restoration of Duart Castle continues to make progress and Phase 6 costing £487,000 is scheduled to be completed in April 2020. The work being undertaken in this Phase includes replacement of steel beams in the Banquet Hall, Keep wall above the Searoom and East courtyard wall.

Overall the Appeal to date has achieved a gross total of £692,659. Clan Maclean Association in the United States has raised **£4,006** in its own right and **£452,288** from its geographic area which includes £315,803 from Chief's Circle Donors.

### How to Donate:

Visit [www.duartappeal.org](http://www.duartappeal.org) for details on donation and sponsorship levels. U.S. donors may make **tax-deductible donations** in USD online using PayPal via the website or by check made payable to **Clan Maclean Association – California** (mail to: 748 South Meadows Parkway, Suite A9, P. M. Box 144, Reno, NV 89521), which is a non-profit Section 501 (c)(3) corporation supporting Scottish cultural outreach. On the check Memo line note "CMAUS Member - Duart Appeal".



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