



# The Pippings

Clan MacLean Association in the United States Quarterly Newsletter

Sir Lachlan Hector Charles MacLean

CVO, 28th Chief and 12th Baronet of Duart and Morvern



Chief Sir Lachlan Maclean marks 30 years as Chief of Clan MacLean. Read more in this fascinating article by Ian MacLean available on our website: <https://maclean.us.org/news/maclean-news/73-thirty-years-our-chief>

## 2020 Virtual Gathering and Silent Auction

By Anne Redding, Editor, *The Pippings*

The summer games may be canceled but Clan MacLean will press on. Instead of gathering at Grandfather Mountain this July, Clan MacLean will be hosting a Virtual Clan Gathering on Saturday, July 11 from 2:00-5:00 EDT. The event details will be posted to the website as they become available (see page 2). We have an exciting lineup of activities and presentations, including some highland dancing, a piper and a bring-your-own whisky tasting hosted by our very own Doug Wyatt that you won't want to miss.

Active Members of CMAUS may also register to attend our Annual General Meeting to be held during the event. The AGM will be a brief status update of business matters and voting for clan officers including Secretary and Treasurer. The registration form is available at: <https://maclean.us.org/agm>.

CMAUS will also be hosting a virtual silent auction to benefit the Duart Castle restoration fund. We have already received several exciting donations including a Duart Castle Whisky gift set including two etched glencairn glasses, handmade face masks in MacLean Hunting tartan and two handbags in Duart Modern tartan, two prints of the old Fort Dewart, a replica battle axe, and for Outlander fans - some signed cast photos!

The silent auction will be open July 9-18<sup>th</sup> to make sure everyone is able to participate – more information on the available items will be posted to the event page along with instructions on how to participate.

Our clan chaplain, Reverend Abbot Patrick Maclean, will be leading a Flowers of the Forest memorial as part of the gathering to

honor those of the clan we have lost this year. If you have a loved one you would like to have included, please email your request to: [pmacnc1@aol.com](mailto:pmacnc1@aol.com).

Further information about the Virtual Clan Gathering and Silent Auction will be shared via email, and on our website and Facebook pages. Slàinte Mhòr!



Whisky set features glasses etched with Castle Duart and the MacLean badge. available in the silent auction to benefit the Duart Castle restoration, July 9-18<sup>th</sup>,

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## Proud to Join the CMAUS Team

*By Jason Wamsley*

A few weeks ago I was contacted by Kane McLean and asked if I could assist with the Clan Maclean Association website, mainly keeping the news section updated. As with anything related to CMAUS I was happy to do so! I enjoy working with the members of the association and seeing it grow, as I've always said, if there's anything I can do to help, I'm happy to do so. Currently I monitor internet alerts for anything relating to MacLeans in the U.S. and occasionally the bigger Maclean stories abroad so that I can get them on the site and keep all our cousins informed of the good that MacLeans are doing.

Several years ago I became interested in my ancestry. My family never kept detailed records but I had enough to get started on my genealogical journey. I turned to Ancestry.com and their host of census, marriage, and death records along with their vast community of people willing to share their data. That is when I discovered I

have great grandparents who were MacSpaddens. I recognized the Mac as Scottish and began searching the internet for that surname, quickly finding that MacSpadden is a sept of Clan Maclean. I have traced that line back to the immigration into the United States. At my first Grandfather Mountain Highland Games I found the MacLean tent and met Betsy McLean and her sister Connie McLean Sutton. I knew I had come home, it just felt right. I joined CMAUS that day and I'm now a lifetime member.

Along with my new duties with the website I have convened tables at the Celtic Festivals in Johnson City, TN and in Big Stone Gap, VA. Last year I wrote weapon descriptions with pictures for Connie to add to the Convener's Kit she assembled, and my wife Heather, and I have taken the role of photographers for CMAUS at Grandfather Mountain. I'm very proud of my Scottish Heritage and proud to be a Maclean! Another for Hector!



*Jason Wamsley, New CMAUS Communications Team Member and his wife, Heather.*

## Spring Announcements & Events

- **NEWS:** Summer Highland Games events continue to be canceled into September due to the Covid-19 pandemic response. It's possible some late September/October Games may go on – please check event websites for announcements and stay safe!
- **Virtual Silent Auction: July 9-18, 2020** – Silent Auction proceeds will benefit the Duart Castle restoration fund. Links and auction details will be posted on our website at: <https://maclean.us.org/agm> as they become available.
- **Virtual Clan MacLean Gathering: July 11, 2020 2:00-5:00 EDT**– Open to all friends and family of Clan MacLean! Further information and schedule of events will be emailed and posted to the event website at: <https://maclean.us.org/agm>.
- **CMAUS Annual General Meeting: July 11, 2020 4:00 EDT**– Open to active (voting) members of Clan MacLean Association in the United States (CMAUS). Please RSVP through the online registration form available at: <https://maclean.us.org/agm>. A copy of the agenda will be sent to registered members prior to the event.

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## CMAUS Presidential Pen

*By Dr. Les McLean, CMAUS President*

Despite all the craziness surrounding us: corrupt politics, innocent people being brutalized, and a viral pandemic that is changing life as we know it, I believe our inherited resolve as MacLeans will carry us through. We have dealt with crisis and conflict before. We have faced hardship and death; and stood fast. We are MacLeans. We are the warriors. We do not kowtow to any threat, nor cringe before power. We are noble, and fight for the rights and needs of others. We are known for our fierce passion, and our poetic spirit. Yes, we have fought adversity before, will fight it again; and will be victorious, because we are MacLeans. Enough said.

Although disappointed that all of our Highland games have been cancelled, we have decided that this is just another Maclean challenge to overcome.

So - on Saturday, July 11, while we wish we could be gathering at Grandfather

Mountain, we are going to hold a fantastic virtual gathering of MacLeans. So grab your ghillies, and register to attend on the CMAUS website and join us for the festivities. We expect family and friends from the USA, Canada, the UK, and beyond.

Personally, I will be erecting my MacLean Games tent on my deck, putting out my flags and displays, donning my kilt, and planning to share the day with you. We will have a complete program with dancers, pipers, great discussions, toasts, jokes, our annual general meeting, whisky tasting, more toasts, flowers of the forest, impromptu dancing, and possibly surprise famous guests. To top it off, we will have a silent auction to benefit the Duart Castle restoration.

So get out the kilts, sweeties and malts; and let's have a great day together. Damn the pandemic, MacLeans, full charge ahead! Be safe, be well. See you then. - Doc

## MacLean Genealogy Support Group

*By Jennifer McLean, CMAUS Secretary*

Are you interested in researching your family history? Do you want to know something about your ancestors? Have you researched your family history and need more help from others? I am looking at a user-friendly platform to host questions, allow discussion and provide comments as it relates to Maclean Genealogy. Join us as we embark on a new adventure! I will be presenting a small introduction to the group during the Virtual Clan Gathering in July.

If you are interested in joining the group or would like to receive more information, email: [macleangenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:macleangenealogy@gmail.com)

### Some Helpful Genealogy Resources:

Clan Maclean Genealogy Site  
(<http://www.maclean.org/maclean-genealogy/>)

Mull Genealogy  
(<http://www.mullgenealogy.co.uk/>)

National Archives of Scotland  
(<https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/20170106021747/http://www.nas.gov.uk/>)

National Library of Scotland  
(<https://www.nls.uk/>)

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(<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>)

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## Flowers of the Forest: Carolyn McLane



Jan 24, 1940 – Mar 27, 2020

## 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 and is now raising funds to commit £175,000 to a Phase 7 of reduced scale costing up to £290,000 and finished by April 2021. Historic Environment Scotland (HES) will be approached for support to mainly repair the walkway and the remaining walls over Phases 8, 9 & 10.

As of the last update, the Appeal 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".



Chief Sir Lachlan MacLean, Clan MacLean

