



The Pippings

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



Dougie MacLean, speaking at the 2020 Clan MacLean Virtual Gathering from Perthshire, Scotland. For more information on his music and free concerts visit: dougiemaclean.com

First Virtual Gathering Brings Together MacLeans From Around the World

By Anne Redding, Editor, The Pippings

This July when the clans would traditionally be gathering at Grandfather Mountain, Clan MacLean hosted its first virtual gathering and Annual General Meeting (AGM). MacLeans and relations from around the world viewed and participated in the live event. The event recording is available on YouTube and on our website:

<https://maclean.us.org/news/maclean-news/75-2020-annual-general-meeting>.

CMAUS President Les McLean greeted attendees and Clan Chief Sir Lachlan Maclean delivered a recorded welcome message from Duart Castle, emphasizing the importance of the Duart Appeal.

"It's really important that we complete the work of the appeal so that future generations can see the castle in its best condition," said the Chief.

"I hope you have a very successful virtual gathering and AGM. I wish you all the best and look forward to hearing how the whisky tasting and virtual forum goes. Good luck and well done."

Event moderator, Adam Wyatt, delivered an exclusive live interview with singer/songwriter Dougie MacLean who spoke to us from Perthshire, Scotland where he was preparing for one of the free concerts he has been performing since the lockdowns began.

"People have been coming to my concerts for the last 45 years," said MacLean. "It was a nice way to give something back in a really kind of scary time, you know, while everybody was

stuck in their houses."

Another highlight of the event was a live whisky tasting hosted by Doug Wyatt who talked us through 3 different whiskies...

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Chief Sir Lachlan Maclean delivers welcome message from Duart Castle, Isle of Mull, Scotland.

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2020 Virtual Gathering *(Continued From Page 1...)*

(at respectable intervals) and delivered a number of toasts to keep things moving. His engaging commentary entertained viewers with and without a glass of whisky in hand.

The whisky tasting highlighted three single malts from the Sound of Mull/Loch Linnhe area starting with the Tobermory 10, followed by the Ledaig 10, and the Oban 14.



"I chose these whiskies because when Mary Sue and I do our clan gathering tent at the different highland games, I always try to have these whiskies there," Doug Wyatt, Clan MacLean.

The success of the event has opened the possibility of future virtual events. While we hope that we will be meeting in-person again soon - the virtual format allowed more members from across the country to participate not only in the gathering, but for the Annual General Meeting that followed.

During the AGM, the Association moved to make an additional \$1,000 donation to the Castle Duart restoration and bestowed three special recognition awards of appreciation to long-time supporters and lifetime members of Clan MacLean: former Weapons Master, Larry Hampton, Clan Convener John C. McLean and Johnny McLean, wife of former CMAUS President Bob McLean whom we lost last year.

Thanks to all who attended and we hope to see you all soon!

Chief Thanks CMAUS for Auction Success

CMAUS is pleased to announce that the Silent Auction held July 9-18th raised \$2,350 for the Castle Duart restoration.

Clan Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean, sent a special note of thank you to the association and members:

"What excellent news that you've made so much money in your silent auction Will you please thank all those involved with the silent auction because a lot of work has gone into that. Fundraising is difficult at the moment with the dreaded virus and the fact that people have not really travelled to the UK from, particularly, the United States and Canada from where we get a large number of our visitors each summer. It's certainly tough times and although we have the money for Phase 7 to complete the works by March 2021 I'm not sure what will happen after that as there is more building work to be done and we have to think about how we can possibly raise extra money.

"Once again thank you so much for all the efforts that have been made for the Appeal."

Fall Announcements & Events

- **UPDATE: 2021 Games and Events** - We're watching closely for 2021 Games announcements/cancellations. As of today we are hopeful that the New York Tartan Parade (April) and Grandfather Mountain Games (July) will proceed as scheduled but please take caution when planning any travel. We will notify membership via email of any significant cancellations of Clan events and stay tuned for updates in the winter issue of The Pippings.
- **JOIN US: April 9-11, 2021 – New York Tartan Day Parade** – A block of rooms has been reserved at The Club Quarters Hotel, Times Square, Midtown, 44 W. 45th Street [212-354-6400]. **RSVP** to Les McLean (les8445@aol.com). More information on NYC Tartan Week events available at: <http://nyctartanweek.org>
- **JOIN US: July 8-11, 2021 – 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

To say things are crazy is an understatement: the pandemic, the shooting tragedies, the elections, the holidays, the kids not in school or part time in school, no toilet paper, the YMCA charging \$600 per week to babysit, another hurricane, avoiding haircuts, hospitals, and dentists, already snowing in the mountains, and congress not getting anything done. I'm reminded of the Pope daily yelling up at Michelangelo painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, "When will there be an end?" Daily, Michelangelo calmly responded, "When I am finished." Also, to quote the great soothsayer, Yogi Berra, it ain't over until it is over." We can only be smart, follow the science, be safe, take care of one another and wait. Personally, I expect a solution in time for spring Scottish events. Unlike in my childhood, I'm looking forward to a shot, or as many shots needed.

This month, in addition to sending in registrations for MacLean tents at several Highland games, I am making my reservations for the New York City Tartan Day Parade, the weekend of April 10, 2021. I have reserved a block of rooms, for a Clan MacLean special rate, at The Club Quarters Hotel, Times Square, Midtown, 44 W. 45th Street. [212-354-6400] It is right in the middle of most of the events, and the

parade is staged outside the front door of the hotel. Although it is temporarily closed (pandemic), the Midpoint Bistro and Bar next door to the hotel, has agreed to be the Clan MacLean Headquarters with full-time happy hour prices for us. It will be open by April! We have a large group of MacLeans joining us from Scotland. Let's make a great kickoff event back to normalcy. Come join us: New York, MacLeans, together - who could ask for more?

Finally, because it was not possible last summer, this year's Annual General Meeting will be at the Grandfather Mountain Games (NC) the weekend after the fourth of July. We have already booked the Daniel Boone Inn, Boone NC, Saturday night for a great southern style family dinner.

We are all praying and watching the pandemic in Florida where the earliest games are held in 2021. It seems every year on New Year's Eve, we look for the next year to be better. 2020 may end up being the year we wish wasn't, but we can look forward to 2021 being the year we defeated this virus, and we can get together once more and enjoy being a MacLean. Again, be safe, be well, and keep in touch. See you in New York? - Doc

International Gathering Postponed to 2023

Following discussions between our Chief, the Presidents of the International Associations, the Gathering Committee for 2022, the CMHT committee and the Council of the Clan Maclean Association, it has been decided that, to reduce risk from the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic on the health of our membership, on the finances of our membership, and also on the

finances of the Clan Maclean Association, and to reduce continuing uncertainty, the **Gathering will be postponed until the week of the 19 to 25 June 2023.**

This decision has not been taken lightly. The full announcement may be reviewed at www.clanmaclean.org. Plans for a virtual gathering in 2021 or 2022 are under consideration.

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Flowers of the Forest: Sir Sean Connery, age 90



Aug 25, 1930 – Oct 31, 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 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

