



## The Rowan Tree



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## Clan Lachlan Association of Canada Inc.

[www.clanlachlan.ca](http://www.clanlachlan.ca)

Hon. Patron, Euan Maclachlan of Maclachlan, Chief of Clan Lachlan

### President's Message

Greetings Clan Members,

I feel that we are still in summer but Labour Day is fast approaching. Schools and universities are starting a new year.

I will try to bring you up to date with the status of the old castle restoration and fund raising.

The walls have been stabilized and should be good for another 200 years. Broad plans have been developed for the next phase. This will cost about 1 million British pounds. (There is so much uncertainty about the future of the British pound that it would not be wise to convert into dollars). In his recent news, James Gilchrist, Executive Trustee of the Lachlan Trust, is proposing to raise 500,000 British pounds and receive a matching grant of 500,000 from Heritage Scotland.

The Trust are proposing to raise 500,000 pounds from 100 individuals, each donating 5,000 pounds. For Canada, this would entail raising 25,000 pounds each year for 2018, 19, 20 and 21. I do not believe that this approach will be successful. I do not have a list of possible donors in Canada.

A plan for individuals making substantial bequests in their will could be a success, but this is more suited as an ongoing long-term project and unlikely to attract matching funds.

The experience of fundraising to date has shown that donations on a regular basis from branches with a leading role played by Canada has met the conditions required by Heritage Scotland, given an A1 rating and qualified the *Old Castle Lachlan* project for grants from a number of charitable trusts in Scotland. With this approach, the Lachlan Trust in Scotland raised about 20 to 30 times the value of our direct donations with a few large grants. Aging is inexorable and I will not be playing a leading role in fund raising for this new stage of the project.

I take this opportunity of wishing you and yours a happy Fall and Winter.

***Duncan MacLachlan – August 29, 2017***

**Editor's Note:** I have repeated the list of Volunteers Required below, in hopes that someone would wish to volunteer for one of these positions. Note that, with e-mail, these can be done from anywhere in the world.

## **Volunteers Required**

***Webmaster*** who would be responsible for maintenance, upgrading, etc.

***Assistant to David MacLachlan*** - re matters of the Lachlan Trust of Canada

***Membership Secretary*** (contact point for Branch Membership Secretaries)

***Genealogy Coordinator***. (Hopefully there will be a several Genealogy representatives replacing the Sennachie.)

***Librarians***. (Hopefully there will be several - filing digital magazines, assisting with Family Histories etc., entering Members Data, etc.) .

## **Clan MacLachlan on Facebook**

You might want to look at the CMS Facebook page, which enables you to post information, ask questions, and view updates (as they occur).

<http://www.facebook.com/ClanMacLachlanSociety>

## ***Ceud Mile Failte: 100,000 Welcomes to our New Members***

### **Full Members**

5276 Heather Compton – Nelson, BC, Canada

5277 Patricia Wood – Stuart, Florida, USA

5278 Penny Sopinka – Georgetown, Ontario, Canada

5279 Sheila LeClair – London, Ontario, Canada

5280 Gregory Penfold – Temecula, California, USA

Note: Due to privacy concerns, stemming from new Federal legislation, we are no longer publishing full addresses of new members. However, should an individual member wish to contact another member, we can put both in touch with each other.

## **Flowers of the Forest**

Thankfully we have no deaths to report in this section, for this issue.

## CLA Membership Renewals

Please check out the website at [www.clanlachlan.ca](http://www.clanlachlan.ca). Remember your access codes are User ID (either macxxxx or LACHxxxx) and password is your postal/zip code!

You can renew easily via the secure on-line payment. CA-21 at \$25.00 for twelve months, or CA19 at \$100.00 for five years!

For those members with access to the Lachlan Library, you will have received a copy of the new electronic newsletter. We hope you enjoyed it. We are dependent on members to keep us supplied with new content. If you did not receive this e-mailed newsletter, you are likely linked to the magazine library, and can gain full access to the Lachlan Library by purchasing the upgrade CA03 for \$10.

**Editor's Note: Since we are without a Membership Secretary at the present time, please check your own records, and keep your renewals up to date by payment through our website. If you are receiving this as a complimentary issue, and have not been a member for some time, we would welcome your return via membership payment at our website.**

## Scottish Tartan Recognition Card Game

The following weblink takes you to a wee game to learn some new tartans! After you've made a guess, just click on the card! [Hint: If you are looking for MacLachlan, it is there, but as our Dress Tartan!]

<https://tinycards.duolingo.com/decks/c54158e3-6b6c-450c-af6a-13e83c0be521>

*Submitted by Karen Foote-Robinson - Australia*

## Empire Sandy Sailing on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

This is a reminder that our Annual Tall Ship Cruise will take place on Sunday, September 3, 2017, (Labour Day Weekend) on the "*Empire Sandy*," Canada's tallest sailing ship, when we commemorate the arrival of the Scots pioneers in Pictou, Nova Scotia, back in 1773 on board the old Ship *Hector*. Entertainment will include the Celtic band "Mystic Fyre", Highland dancers and piper Rory Sinclair. The CNE's spectacular Air Show is also on that day — an added bonus! Tickets purchased in advance are \$30 for adults and \$5 for children (15 and under). Tickets purchased on day of sail: \$35 adults, \$8 children. Food and drinks are available for purchase on board the ship. Details are on our website [www.scottishstudies.com](http://www.scottishstudies.com) or you can contact Heather Bridge at 416-902-7872, or by email at [heather.bridgeconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:heather.bridgeconsulting@gmail.com)

David Hunter  
President  
Scottish Studies Foundation

**Editor's Note:** Due to some data integrity problems, we were not able to issue this newsletter in advance of this year's sailing on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, I have left the item in, as this is an annual event, and one for which you may wish to plan on attending in 2018.



## Genealogical News and Tips

### Interesting Query from Argentina – July 2017

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**From:** Cristian Mac Lachlan <[Cristiandg1993@outlook.com](mailto:Cristiandg1993@outlook.com)>

**Sent:** July 13, 2017 9:58 AM

**To:** [oldcastlelachlan@gmail.com](mailto:oldcastlelachlan@gmail.com); [webmaster@clanlachlan.ca](mailto:webmaster@clanlachlan.ca); [damaclachlan@gmail.com](mailto:damaclachlan@gmail.com); [runningfree2005@hotmail.com](mailto:runningfree2005@hotmail.com)

**Subject:** Desde argentina

Hola estoy interesa en saber la historia sobre mi apellido, soy de ARGENTINA. quisiera saber si me podrían brindar información, es para un proyecto familiar que estoy iniciando sobre mis antecesores. . quisiera saber cual es el origen del apellido. en que año inmigraron a argentina y mucho mas. Gracias

Per Cheryl Munkholm (and with the assistance of Google translate), the message in English reads as follows:

Hello, I'm interested in knowing the story about my last name, I'm from ARGENTINA. I would like to know if you could give me information, it is for a family project that I am starting over my predecessors. I would like to know the origin of the surname. Also, the year they immigrated to Argentina, and much more. Thank you

Our reply to Cristian follows:

Hola Cristian,

Please see the weblink below for its information on Clan MacLachlan. The name itself literally means "son of Lachlan". "Mac" or "Mc" means son of, and Lachlan is a given name meaning "land of the lakes or lochs" - a feature of Scotland's coast. As far as telling you what year your MacLachlan ancestors immigrated to Argentina, we would have no idea, but your own Argentinian immigration records should tell you when they arrived, and from where. As well, you may wish to contact a genealogical society operating in Argentina, who may have access to some of these early immigration records, which might help you in your task.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clan\\_Maclachlan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clan_Maclachlan)

Ken (aka "Carlos") Godfrey - Toronto, Canada

### **End of Microfilm Lending by Family Search in Utah**

Some folks might not have heard of the end of microfilm lending at FamilySearch. Lisa Louise Cooke has a free podcast interview that might be interesting to some folks. You can listen to the interview and/or read the transcription at the URL below.

<https://lisalouisecooke.com/2017/08/special-episode-the-end-of-familysearch-microfilm-lending-program/>

*Submitted by Cheryl Munkholm - #1715*

## **Scottish Studies Foundation – Fall Colloquium, Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017**

The Fall Colloquium will take place at the University of Guelph, in Guelph, Ontario, on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, at the time of publication, the list of speakers is not as yet finalized, so check out their website for exact details in a few days.

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## MacLachlans in the News

### A Surprise MacLachlan Appearance in Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Judy and I attended the big annual OGS Genealogy Conference 2017 in Ottawa in June. After it was over, we played tourist, including a visit to LAC (Library and Archives Canada, on Wellington Street) which had a magnificent Canada 150 historical display, going back to 1609 with a book and map done by Samuel de Champlain, and much more!

Part of the exhibit showed a Grant Photo album - c. 1866 - with early photos (staged hunting scenes, etc. by William Notman - a famous early photographer) which were surrounded by about 50 miniature photos of regimental officers. By the way, these photos were round, and roughly the size of a 25 cent piece! One of them was labelled "Ensign Maclachlan, 90th Regiment".

Cheryl Munkholm replied to my request for possible further information on this Ensign Maclachlan as follows:

"I tried looking into some info about this Ensign Maclachlan but didn't find anything that would verify and confirm who he was. There isn't much to go on, not even a first name. I checked the 1861 and 1871 Census to see if I could find anyone who might match, but found nothing. This William Notman took many thousands of pictures so it is very difficult to pin it down. I couldn't find that the 90th Regiment was in Canada during the mid to late 1860s, and didn't find an Ensign Maclachlan on anything I could find about the 90th.

1866 was around the time of the Fenian Raids so I thought maybe this Ensign Maclachlan had something to do with those battles, but again couldn't find anything.

The National Archives have a Thomas J. Grant Collection 1 1960-05 1. I checked to see if I could find out more about this Grant to see why his photo book collection might include an Ensign Maclachlan but couldn't find anything there either. PA-172611

There is quite a bit about Notman at <http://montrealgazette.com/entertainment/arts/first-notman-exhibition-in-22-years-opens-window-into-victorian-montreal>

Also,

**1865** Notman publishes the first instalment of Portraits of British Americans, biographical sketches of prominent Canadians illustrated with photographs.

**1866** Notman introduces 4 ¼- by 6 ½-inch "cabinet card" photographs, which soon replace "cartes de visite" as the most popular format.

Notman opens a studio in Boston.

I think the picture could be part of Notman's photo books that he produced for clients".



***Editor's Note:*** If any of our readers happen to have more information on this Ensign Maclachlan, or have the time (or inclination) to try to find out more of this military Maclachlan circa 1866, I'd love to include it in a future "*Rowan Tree*". Many thanks.

### **Chief Justice Beverly McLachlan Announces Retirement from Supreme Court of Canada**

In June 2017, Chief Justice Beverly McLachlan announced her retirement. She was the first female Chief Justice in the history of Canada's Supreme Court, and a leading figure in guiding Canada's ever-changing legal precedents.



*Submitted by Ken Godfrey - #802*

## Wade MacLauchlan Meets Mi'kmaq Chief in Reconciliation Ceremony on Canada Day 150

A Sunrise Ceremony was held at 5:30 am at Confederation Landing, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. Photos show the Mi'kmaq chief arriving by canoe for a reconciliation meeting with Premier Wade MacLauchlan of P.E.I., to initiate a better start to the next 150 years. It was a very hopeful ceremony. We hope that everyone enjoyed a very happy Canada Day, on July 1<sup>st</sup>!!!



Mi'kmaq Chief arrives by canoe





Mi'kmaq Chief greets Premier Wade MacLauchlan

*Submitted by Ken Godfrey - #802 – with story and photos courtesy of Mary Murphy Robertson of Quebec City*

## **Clan MacAulay Gathering in 2018**

Even if you have no MacAulay blood, or other ties to this clan, if you are planning a trip to Nova Scotia in 2018, I'm sure that you would be welcome to attend their gathering in historic Baddeck, Cape Breton Highlands. See contact information on the poster below.



# MacAulay

CLAN MACAULAY OF THE CANADAS

## August 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

INVERARY  
RESORT  
*On Baddeck Bay*

**Baddeck, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia**



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## A Gaelic Picnic in Orillia





## Join the Gaelic Society of Toronto

**On Saturday, September 16th**

**From 2pm - till you go home!**

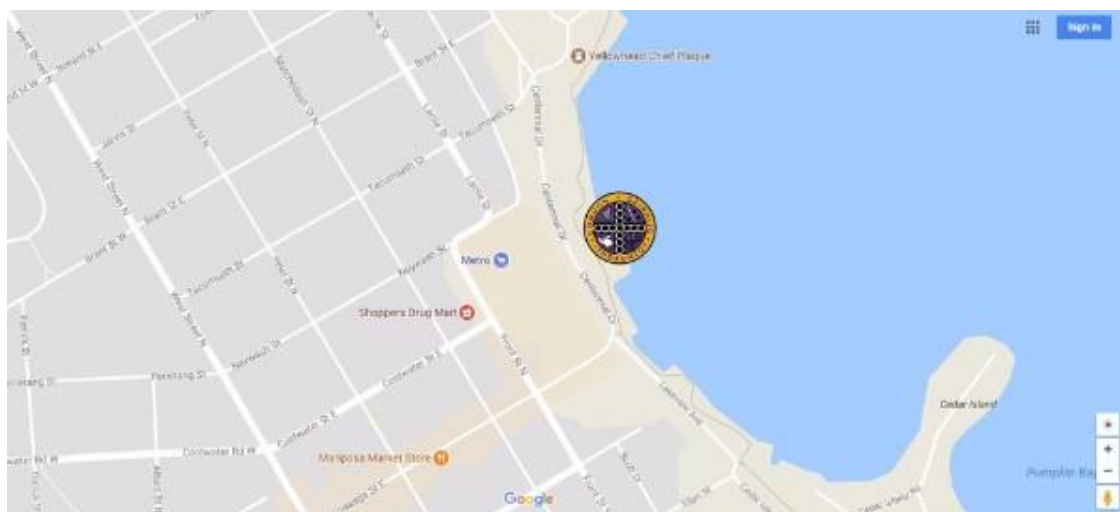
**At Lake Couchiching Park, Orillia**

**This is a chance to meet members and share in our rich Gaelic Culture.**

**You will learn a few Gaelic phrases, sing Gaelic songs, dance to traditional music, and compete for prizes in friendly games.**

**Bring 'your kit' and enjoy a swim in the lake. Also bring chairs, food, portable BBQs, and musical instruments.**

**This is a FREE event!**





## DIRECTIONS

#11 to Coldwater Road., Orillia.

Right 1 block to Mississauga, then ahead to the Waterfront.

If you can't find us, call 416-452-1263 or 705-706-2892 :)



CLAN MACLACHLAN  
SOCIETY

### **2018 Clan MacLachlan Gathering MacLachlan Castle, Strathlachlan**

25-26-27 May

**LIMITED SEATING – Registration begins 1 July 2017**

Please print.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets and Names of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Remittance \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Prices (based on conversion rate established on the day of the CMS AGM on 20 May 2017 and includes conversion fee.)

United Kingdom..... £100  
Canada.....\$180  
Australia.....\$180  
New Zealand.....\$190  
United States.....\$140

When the seats available are filled, a waiting list will be established.

Members can find the registration form at [www.maclachlanwusa.com](http://www.maclachlanwusa.com) under the 2018 Gathering Tab, starting July 1, 2017 **OR** by sending a cheque along with the registration form, made out to Clan MacLachlan Society to: Kaye Gilchrist, 11895 West Stillwater Drive, Boise, Idaho 83713. Space at the Gathering is limited so we all need to get our registrations and remittances in early!

I am the Registrar and registration needs to go through me at [www.maclachlanwusa.com](http://www.maclachlanwusa.com), or directly to me. We already have 35 sign-ups (as of July 3, 2017) and seating is limited.

Yours,  
Kaye Gilchrist, Chair  
Clan MacLachlan Society

## Celtic Life International Magazine

### Fàilte!

On behalf of our publisher, Angus M. Macquarrie, please enjoy the new edition of Celtic Life International Magazine!

Click the link here; [October 2017](#)

We invite you to share the above link with all members of your Clan, however we kindly ask that you **not** post the link publicly (for copyright reasons).

### Slàinte mhath!

Stephen Patrick Clare ~ Celtic Life International

[www.celticlife.com](http://www.celticlife.com)

## Editor's Message

Please tell me what you do and don't like about the items in "*The Rowan Tree*", so that we may try to improve its content. Remember, this is your newsletter, and it can only be as good as your input to it, so I welcome your submissions; especially those from new members, and those from outside of Ontario. It is only in this way, that we can expand the geographic appeal of the newsletter.

Ken Godfrey - #802

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**Remember:** If you have moved recently, have you notified CLA of your new address, so you will receive all of your newsletters - i.e. *The Rowan Tree*, and your magazine - i.e. *Clan Lachlan*? Also, if you have recently changed your e-mail address, send any/all of your changes to James MacLachlan, our Treasurer, with a copy to Ken Godfrey, please, whose names and addresses appear below. Also, remember to keep your Membership Dues current as well. Thank you.

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