



THE GREEN BANNER

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome several new annual members who joined CMA since February: Arthur W. Campbell, Elmwood, P.E.I.; John C. House, St-John's, NL; Ruth Catherine (McLean) Kelly, Kearnsy, ON; and Edward M. Smith, Brantford, ON.

In addition we welcome new life members: Barbara Ruth & Eric Paul Boysen, Peterborough, ON; Shaun Andrew Gillis, Gonda-la Point, NB; Scott Gillis, St-John's, NL; Marjorie Ida Kennelly & Michael Donald John Kennelly, Whitby, ON; and James McPherson, Burlington, ON.

Barbara Boysen and Marjorie Kennelly are daughters of William Ralph MacPherson who is a life member. They joined CMA to mark the memory of their mother Dorothy Jean MacPherson.

James is grandson to our Honorary Chairman, Gordon, and Neil McPherson a former Chairman of the Branch, and son of proud parents Kirk and Pam McPherson who are also members. We look forward to great things from James.

All of us in the Branch look forward to meeting these new members soon and personally extending our warm welcome.

We wish to thank Chantal McPherson, our Registrar, along with Don Pearson, Provincial Councillor in Alberta, and wife Linda for their transfer to Life Member status in the CMA.

Welcome back to Malcolm James MacPherson of Toronto, ON, who received a Life Membership back in 1975. He received this a year after his birth and recently contacted us to inquire if this certificate was still active. Also to Janet McPherson who was shown as missing in the "Legion of the Lost" last issue and who advised us of her move to Toronto.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



We have new neighbours next door at the cottage. A younger couple bought the property last fall. It was originally the Catholic Church that served the residents of this remote Georgian Bay community. The church was desanctified about 20 years ago and converted into a summer cottage. Our former neighbours enjoyed it with their family for many years but time and interests change things so they moved on.

It has been wonderful to watch the new people get to know their property and mould it to their tastes and lifestyle. Last fall they sorted and eliminated a lot of things left behind.

Then they painted the entire interior. They must have spent the winter planning because when we arrived on the Victoria Day holiday weekend they had already painted the exterior of all of the buildings and installed a new kitchen. We have been there for cocktails twice and they are coming here tomorrow to a cocktail party that we are hosting so they can meet other seasonal residents of our island community.

In some ways, the cottage change is like a metaphor for our Clan Macpherson association. It too has a long history and a culture of bringing in new members who get involved and who make positive changes.

Two years ago, my sisters Mary Margaret and Danna and her husband Ron along with Wendy and I enjoyed a trip to the CMA Gathering in Scotland. We were aware that a number of other Canadians were planning to attend so we made arrangements to meet for drinks and go out for dinner. We ended up with a group of 15 including some old friends from the US.

Two members of that group of newcomers are now senior officers of the Canadian Branch. Another new senior office holder visited Scotland the previous year, joined the association and shortly thereafter volunteered her services to bring social media to our association, convene the recent meeting in Toronto and serve on the Council.

I am delighted to note that there are a number of new members announced in this issue of the Green Banner and very much look forward to their enthusiastic involvement with our association. Welcome to you all and please get ready to bring your skills to our tasks.

Yours aye, John C. Gillies

PUSSY CAT, PUSSY CAT, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ...



Gordon, Macpherson, our esteemed Honorary Chairman, who continues to work hard on his hobby of heraldic artist which includes his appointment of Niagara Herald Extraordinary, attended Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee in London recently. He was there accompanied by Nancy along with senior members of the Canadian Heraldic Authority as an official representative of that body at the celebration. As one of the official representatives of Canadian Heraldry he was, of course, on his best behaviour which entailed standing at attention in the rain waiting for Her Majesty to pass. Gordon relates that not only was it rainy, as all who viewed the television broadcast could see, but it was also cold. Gordon had survived such ordeals as a young Canadian naval officer but felt that he was a bit out of practice at this point.

Although it was great to be in London for the celebration, Gordon and Nancy could not do any sightseeing, shopping, or other activities, as the city was unusually crowded with visitors at this time. Ah well, maybe next time!

WE REMEMBER

Jay Macpherson, a life member, died after a long-illness on March 21, 2012 in her 81st year. She was a professor at Victoria College in the University of Toronto for 37 years and well-respected for both academic and poetic endeavours.

Sylvia McPherson wife of Stuart, a former Chairman of the Branch passed away June 6 after a long illness. Our sympathies go out to Stuart and his family

LEGION OF THE LOST

One of the problems our Registrar has to solve is maintaining our members' database so we can keep up our association with you. Often members move and fail to advise us, thus we ask for your help to locate those with whom we have lost contact. Here are two entries with their last known locations:

Heather Emerson,	unknown
Mr. Davis Smith,	Toronto ON

In the last issue we noted the following members need to be located:

Mrs. Anne Macpherson	Tecumseh, ON,
Mr. Roderick Ian MacPherson	Kanata, ON
Mrs. Wallace C. MacPherson	Halifax, NS
Col. Glen W. McPherson	W. Vancouver, BC
Mr. John D. & Glenna McPherson	Vancouver, BC

If any member knows where any of these lost members is presently residing, please send an email or note to:

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IAN GILLIES PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR BC



Greetings, as the newly appointed representative for the CMA in BC please allow me to introduce myself. I grew up in Ontario with my parents John and Wendy and my two sisters Tia and Jory. I attended Wilfred Laurier University and graduated with an Honours degree in Organizational Leadership. Following graduation I accepted a management development position with a plumbing and heating wholesaler.

Currently I support them as an Outside Account Manager in the Vancouver area. My wife Kelsi and I migrated west to BC three years ago.

An avid skier/snowboarder for over 25yrs I'm thrilled to call BC home. We spend as much time in the mountains as we can. Weekends we often go for hikes along the North Shore or up to Whistler when there's snow. Attending the 2010 Winter Olympics has been a particular highlight from our time here. I will never forget watching Sydney score "the golden goal" followed by celebrating downtown after Canada won the gold medal game in men's hockey!

When not enjoying the outdoors I can often be found exploring the local farmers markets or happily prepping a meal in the kitchen. All through university I worked in the hospitality industry in various roles. The result of which is a passion for sharing food and wine with my friends.

I've been attending CMA events for over a decade, and a lifetime member since 2006. I decided to take on my role in BC this year at the request of the Canadian Chairman (I just call him Dad). After a wonderful time at the 60th annual gathering of our clan several summers ago across the pond, I have many fond memories of the mountains surrounding our homeland. A hike to Cluny's Cairn with my sister Jory and Xerxes Z. Harrington III, followed by a dip in the Spey with many will not soon be forgotten.

So if you long for the damp rugged countryside of our ancestors, you might just find what you're looking for if you pay a visit to British Columbia. If you do, be sure to let me know and there may be a wee dram waiting for you!

PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS NEEDED

If you reside in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, or Saskatchewan, the Branch needs you as a Provincial Councillor.

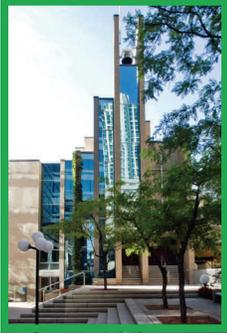
In order to grow the Branch and make Clan Macpherson Association a truly national organization we need a presence in each province where we have members,

The Provincial Councillor will advise the Chairman on means to increase our membership and presence in the province in which they reside. The amount of work required will depend on the time available to the individual Councillor and the assistance they can obtain from local members.

This is an important executive level position, open to any member old or brand new. Please seriously consider joining Council. Contact John Gillies at jgillies@rogers.com

REMEMBERING A SCOTTISH HERITAGE

By Janet MacPherson



St. Andrew's United

St. Andrew's United Church on Bloor St. East in Toronto celebrates its founding in 1830 annually. Last year we had a 3-day celebration from November 25 to 27, 2011.

The celebrations included a typical highland dinner with all the trimmings. We were fortunate to have the haggis prepared by Ted Grant, an Executive Chef, from the Culinary Institute of Canada in Holland College, Charlottetown, PEI. Ted instructs his students in the mysteries of the haggis. They, in turn, spread out across PEI, preparing haggis for various Scottish celebrations on the island. The address to the haggis for the celebration at St. Andrew's this year was presented by the Reverend Dr. Malcolm Sinclair of Metropolitan United Church in Toronto. Our minister the Reverend Mark MacLean hosted the celebration.

Now a little about St. Andrew's United Church (which traces its origins to Scottish Presbyterians who were unhappy about attending an Irish church. They built their own church in downtown York (old Toronto) at Church and Adelaide Streets and called it St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The congregation grew and eventually decided to build a larger church at King and Simcoe, the fashionable district of Toronto at the time. This was called St. Andrew's Church and was dedicated in 1876. This historic Presbyterian Church can be found at this location today.

However, a dissenting group decided to split off and built their own church on the southeast corner of Jarvis and Carleton Streets, in a newer developing part of the city at the time. This new church opened in 1878 with the name Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. When The United Church of Canada was formed in 1925, encompassing some Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational Churches, Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian became Old St. Andrew's United.

Time marched on and by 1950 Old St. Andrew's United was proud but impoverished, becoming a crusty old bachelor in a now rather seedy part of town. It joined with a 'rich widow,' Westminster-Central United Church, where the congregation graciously accepted the older name and thus the combined church became St. Andrew's United Church. The church moved then to the Bloor and Yonge area, where the new building celebrated its 30th anniversary.



Janet MacPherson, a native of Moncton, NB, a graduate of Mt. Allison University and Emmanuel College, Victoria University, is a minister of The United Church of Canada. She joined CMA about 12 years ago when Mary-Margaret Gillies convinced her to become a member. Now retired, she finds that church volunteer work still keeps her busy.



Chef Ted Grant presenting his haggis

NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM

By Mark Macpherson

The power of the press extends to Newtonmore and the story below gives us a picture of how the Duncan Macpherson exhibit in the Clan Museum reported in the February issue of the *Green Banner* came into being.

Graeme MacKay the *Hamilton Spectator's* resident editorial cartoonist posted the following on Facebook on April 9 this year:

"When Canadian Alt Cartoonist David Collier visited the Clan MacPherson Museum in Newtonmore, Scotland a couple years ago he was shocked to find our own Duncan was not among the famous MacPhersons in the museum's pantheon of fame. Why they paid tribute to the guy who invented the MacPherson strut automotive shock absorber and not the great Canadian editorial cartoonist was a mystery to him. He complained, they acted, and now Duncan Macpherson has an exhibit in the museum. Pictured is Bill Macpherson Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Branch of the Clan Association. Well done David Collier!"

Our Vice Chairman Bill Macpherson was in Scotland this spring and visited the museum. He viewed the exhibit of Macpherson Art and Artists so carefully assembled by Ewen, who had taken decisive action on the complaint issued by David Collier.



Bill in front of the exhibit which is designated Panel 111 in the museum

This article is based on <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Association-of-Canadian-Editorial-Cartoonists/151368421564725> with acknowledgement to Ewen Macpherson of the Clan Museum for bringing this to our attention

David Collier is a Canadian alternative cartoonist best known for his fact-based "comic strip essays." Collier has also done comics and illustrations for Canadian newspapers such as *The Globe and Mail* and the *Saskatoon Star Phoenix*. (Source Wikipedia)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Your Editor wishes to thank the following members for their excellent contributions to the July issue; Bob Archibald of Port Hope, Ian Gillies, Bruce Gillis, Ken Gillis, Bill Macpherson of Mississauga, Ewen Macpherson (Scotland), Gordon Macpherson, Janet MacPherson, Chantal McPherson, Jacqueline Murdoch, and our hard-working Chairman, John Gillies.

I fervently hope that others will be inspired to send in news of their summer adventures and captioned photos for the September issue. **Deadline - August 20.** MFM

FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATE

By Jacqueline Murdoch



It is hard to believe that the CMA Facebook page has been active for almost a year. With no advertising, and just word of mouth or individual searches, we have achieved 574 fans as of mid-June. Because our friends, family and colleagues [may] have access to our posts and interests, we reach on a monthly basis an average of 156,218 friends of fans. So while our fan base is growing, our reach is much wider, hopefully speeding up the fan base growth. Please remind your children, siblings, and other family members to visit our page to encourage new members to join CMA.

Where is our fan base coming from? Considering that Canada has the largest per capita use of Facebook over any other country in the world, the US and UK has the largest fans, with 312 and 114 fans respectively. Canada has 50 fans, followed closely by Australia/New Zealand with 49 fans. You might be interested to hear that we have fans from as far away as Malaysia, Peru, Jordan and Russia.

Fans who hail from cities and towns around the world are much more widespread. People from small towns are as interested in our Clan activities as those in cities. However, London, Edinburgh and Sydney have the most fans, with 17, 9 and 9 respectively. Toronto is 9th with 5 fans. Surprising since this is the region that has the largest membership base in all of Canada. Further, we are not just English speaking. There are 14 languages including Spanish, German, Bokmål and Leetspeak! (*Bokmål is one of two official written languages used in Norway. Leetspeak is a symbolic alphabet developed for the internet by hackers. Source: Wikipedia; Ed.*)

Remember to keep me informed of all local and regional events, no matter how small, so that we can post these on the page. We established this page as an outreach program for CMA, but we need to post activities so prospective members know of activities. If you have a Highland Games event that you will be attending, let us know. If your town or region is having a tea or a pub event, or a dance event, let us know. And please remember to send a couple of photos my way after the event. These posts keep everyone talking.

You can reach us at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Official-Clan-Macpherson-Association>.

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TARTAN DAY AND THE CMA

By Jacqueline Murdoch

Tartan Day is a celebration of Scottish heritage on April 6, the date on which the Declaration of Arbroath was signed in 1320. A one-off event was held in New York City in 1982, but the current format originated in Canada in the mid 1980s. It spread to other communities of the Scottish diaspora in the 1990s. In Australia and New Zealand a similar International Tartan Day is held on July 1, the anniversary of the repeal of the 1747 Act of Proscription that banned the wearing of tartan.¹

Canada estimates 15.1% or 4.7 million Canadians claim Scottish descent. Tartan Day in Canada originated with a proposal from the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia and has since been proclaimed by all the provincial legislatures.¹ On October 21, 2010, the Minister of Canadian Heritage officially declared April 6 as Tartan Day.²



In attendance at the Tartan Day Dance in Toronto on April 6, 2011, from left to right; Chantal McPherson, Robert W. Archibald, Sondra Archibald, Jacqueline Murdoch, Marlene Archibald, Bob Archibald and Ed Smith

In 2011, on April 6, members of CMA donned their Macpherson Tartan and gathered at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, where a dance was held to celebrate Tartan Day. It was a family learn-to-dance event. Along with nearly 200 others from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and beyond, we learned to dance various highland square dances, line dances and reels. In addition



Bob Archibald (right) demonstrating his highland dancing prowess

to the dancing, young highland dancers of all ages from around the GTA showed their amazing skills at dance. In addition, there were pipers and drummers present who entertained us with their musical talents.

It was a really grand evening. And what made it grand were the people who participated, not only from our own great Clan, but from clans hailing from all across Scotland. It was great to see so many people out celebrating their Scottish ancestry and heritage.

Sources of some material for this article are acknowledged:

1. Wikipedia; Tartan Day; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tartan_Day
2. Canada, Canadian Heritage; <http://www.pch.gc.ca/>

NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

By Bruce Gillis, Provincial Councillor

Although members of Clan Macpherson in Nova Scotia are numerous, their membership in the Clan Association has been limited for some considerable number of years, especially since Wallace MacPherson's tenure as Branch Chairman ceased and my mother, Mary Gillis', failing health limited her level of activity.

I accepted the position of Provincial Councillor last fall at Mark's urging, with the objective of being able to report a significant revival in membership by this time, but unfortunately other demands of various sorts have left me little time to spend on Association matters. However, we are actively planning for clan tents and such at the various games and events around the province.

Debbie and I are persistent and expect to make room in our schedules for a concerted recruiting and promotion effort in the not too distant future.

We did have some exposure of a Clan nature recently at a dedication ceremony to honour the sacrifice in World War II of my uncle, Flying Officer Ivan L.G. Gillis, which was held at the Aviation Museum at 12 Wing Shearwater RCAF Base on June 3. The Gillis family were out in force, as can be seen in the photo. I had the honour of playing the Last Post and Reveille for the Act of Remembrance in my role as a member of the Air Force band and family member



Gillis family at the dedication ceremony. Left to right: Shaun Gillis, Thom Gillis, Don Gillis, Tim Gillis, and Drum Sgt Bruce Gillis (Provincial Councillor). The commemorative plaque is on the wall in the background.

This occasion was the 71st anniversary of a fatal crash of a Lockheed Hudson resulting from collision with a radio tower on Sable Island off Nova Scotia's Atlantic Coast. The aircraft with 5 crew members was on a search and rescue mission for a missing plane from Cape Breton. The weather conditions at the time were terrible, with thick fog all along the Coastal area. Flying Officer Gillis and the rest of the crew volunteered to perform a search despite the danger. They struck the tower without warning and all were killed.

This ceremony is a testimonial to my mother whose letter writing efforts in the last part of her life were responsible for the dedication by the RCAF Association and the Department of National Defence, which provided an attractive memorial plaque.

COMING IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE

The History of the Green Banner, the Branch Newsletter.

DON'T MISS IT !

TREASURER'S CORNER



Ken Gillis, our Treasurer, reports that Branch finances are in good shape with money in the bank and no outstanding bills to pay. The Life Member fund is progressing well with the addition of new members recently. The fund was established to use income to pay for future expenses to service our life members, whereas annual member fees are applied to their service expenses and Branch operations each year.

The Branch financial situation will change during the coming summer as we support our presence at the games and pay deposits to the hotel for the Gathering in September. We look forward to receiving advance registrations so we can fund the Gathering as we go along. Your cheques can be post-dated to August 24, when we start needing funds. We regret that we cannot use credit cards at this time. Your support is much appreciated.

The Gathering is where we hear the more exciting financial news, so I hope to see you there when I read my report. Have a great summer!

PROUD MEMBERS ALL



Chantal reports "Our Daughter Elle McPherson Yoon graduated from Queen's University Kingston, this spring, with a Bachelor of Arts Honours, Art History & International Study Certificate. I have attached a lovely photo taken after the convocation ceremony on July 14, 2012, I am wearing my Macper-son sash and for once we all look just fine!

On the left is Oh Jang Yoon, her father, then Elle, with me on the right. "

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CMA AT THE GAMES 2012

By Bob Archibald



The Branch, under the banner of Clan Macpherson, will have representation at the Highland Games, listed below, this summer in Ontario and Quebec. Marlene and I expect to be participating at these games with the CMA booth and look forward to seeing as many members of the Canadian Branch as possible. If you will

be attending any of these, please get in touch with me by email at rarchiba@sympatico.ca and we will look forward to seeing you:

Highlands of Durham Games, Uxbridge ON, July 28th
 The Glengarry Highland Games, Maxville ON, August 3-4th,
 The Montreal Highland Games, Pierrefonds QC, August 5th

As at the time of this publication, we had already attended the games shown below;

Georgetown Highland Games, Georgetown ON, June 9th
 Cobourg Highland Games, Cobourg ON, June 23rd

The 37th annual Georgetown Highland Games where we attended this year but the threat of rain and thunderstorms persuaded some clans and other participants to stay at home. For those that did attend the afternoon provided a pleasant surprise return to sunshine and warm temperatures. There were 22 Clans registered to attend and, surprisingly, 37 Pipe Bands from grades 1 to 5 but we know that all of these did not show.

Chantal McPherson joined Marlene and I in staffing the tent. Chantal marched in the parade and delivered some needed material for the summer games season. Lois Musselman also made an appearance and danced with the Scottish Country Dancers on the field. She informed us that the injury she suffered to her foot in 2010 has healed and she is enjoying her dancing once again.

Our granddaughter, Hilary Eves continues to compete in highland dancing and was rewarded with the trophy for Dancer of the Day in her age group, in which there were 28 dancers.



Hilary with her trophy at Georgetown

The weather for the 49th annual Cobourg Highland Games could not have been better. After several days of hot humid weather, temperatures returned to seasonal and there was not a drop of rain to be seen. A total of 8 Clans and 10 bands attended.

We were very pleasantly surprised and delighted to have Jean Whitten along with her daughter Jill and her husband attend the Cobourg Games. We were able to exchange the latest news about Clan affairs.

Hilary continued with her winning streak in highland dancing and again took Dancer of the Day in her age group at the Cobourg Games.

Hilary danced at the closed Highland Dancers of Ontario competition at Harbourfront in Toronto on Saturday June 2. She won a spot in her age group to represent the province of Ontario at Scotdance Canada in Edmonton in July. She is also dancing in Scotland at the World competitions in Dunoon, and at the Creiff Highland games in August.

CANADIAN BRANCH 63RD ANNUAL GATHERING

The 2012 Annual Gathering will take place at the Radisson Hotel in Kingston Ontario on Friday September 28 through Sunday 30 September. The Branch reserved a block of rooms for attendees with a special rate until August 24. If you plan to attend you should book your room before this date. Remember to indicate the block code 201209CLAN. The hotel holds credit card action until you book out or cancel in accordance with their policy, so it costs you nothing to book in advance. On the other hand, procrastination could cost you at the normal room rates.



Bill Macpherson our hard working convener for this event has an interesting program part of which appears below:

Meet and Greet Buffet	Friday Evening
Branch Executive Meeting & AGM	Saturday Morning
Discovery Cruise	Saturday Afternoon
Highland Dinner	Saturday Evening
Traditional Church Service	Sunday Morning

You will find an Advance Registration Form with this issue of the Green Banner for your convenience. You should select the events you will be attending, complete the form and send it in as soon as possible with your cheque. Your cheque can be post-dated to August 24 as the Branch will hold all advance registration cheques until after this date.

See you at the Gathering on September 28!

FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AUGUST 10-12TH.

By Bill Macpherson, Vice Chairman



Our Branch will have representation at the Fergus Highland Games in Fergus Ontario this year. Ed Smith and I will be manning the clan tent on Saturday 11th and plan, with the involvement of any other members present, to participate in the Parade of the Clans just prior to the Opening Ceremonies (around noon time).

Ed will be camping at Fergus that weekend and has offered to host a get-together at his camp site on Saturday afternoon-evening when the day's activities wind down. Ed has a canopy tent that will provide shelter in the event of rain. Anyone wishing to attend the after event should bring lawn chairs and personal food & refreshments.

There has been a good attendance at this event for the last two years and it is a great opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new acquaintances. We look forward to seeing you there. Drop by the clan tent when you arrive, and let us know if you plan to participate in the Parade of the Clans and attend our get-together.