



The Green Banner Newsletter

Canadian Branch of Clan Macpherson Association

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Greetings,

This year's Gathering was attended by 21 members. The food was wonderful, the accommodation was very comfortable, the walks were stunning and our presenters were outstanding. Many thanks go to Carol Macpherson Butler, Gwen MacRobbie and Lynn Crow. We learned of Macpherson history in Scotland, paid our respects to the first Macphersons to the Puslinch area and were amazed by the skills of our ancestors stone masons.



I wish you all a Happy St. Andrew's Day

As this is the last Green Banner for 2022, Mike and I would like to you wish a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed Healthy and New Year!

Denise

Denise Lagundzin, FSAScot
Chairman



For those who were not able to attend the 2022 Canadian Gathering, I am including Cluny's welcome message for you to enjoy.

Cluny's Welcome

Hello and Welcome to Puslinch Creiff Hills Retreat at Puslinch, Ontario!

Fellow Clan Members, Cousins, and Friends, I bring you warm greetings from Scotland and our apologies for not being with you this year. One day, when the children can fend for themselves and the diary clashes disappear, we will endeavour to make the trip across to see you. As many of you know I went to college in the US and one of my big regrets was never visiting Canada, so I promise it is on the list!

Word will no doubt have trickled back about the most successful gathering in Newtonmore in August with just under 200 attendees, admirably organised by CMA Chairman Bonnie and our association secretary Andy McPherson. It was a very poignant one, as it was my first proper gathering as your Chief, and the over-riding memory I have is of it being a very happy occasion. We do hope to see those that could not make it, attend in the coming years.

With regard to the Canadian Branch and to those people who have passed, we pray; to those people who have joined, we welcome you; and to those that do so much for your branch of the association, we give you thanks.

I much look forward to catching up with various news in the Green Banner and I enjoy being drip-fed various snippets of the goings on across Canada, so keep up the good work of 'fostering relationships' and keep in touch with me if you can. Social media is such a great tool and one that allows everyone across the world to see what fellow Clansmen are doing. So keep posting!

My wife Annie, William, Lucy, Angus and I send much love to you all.

Have a lovely weekend. Our thoughts will be with you.

Slainte

Cluny





Beverly McPherson Letford Registrar's Report

One of the greatest pleasures as Registrar is meeting and registering new members or renewing past members into the Clan Macpherson Association. It appears that the trend is still continuing now for 2023 memberships with adding 5 new annual memberships and 2 renewals in the month of November 2022!

It is an absolutely rewarding and fun time finding/meeting Macphersons or others with associated family names. It seems like wherever I go I found those who were curious about our clan or who have never registered into our clan. Through lengthy conversations and discovering that their family name match one of the 64 different associated family names of Clan Macpherson, I then act on this and give them the good news that they too can very easily belong to the Clan Macpherson Association in Canada. And, of course, I explain all the benefits of belonging to this growing and vibrant clan.

Everywhere I go I find them!! The Fergus Scottish Festival was another inspiring event meeting so many people interested in the Macpherson Clan at the Clan tent, sharing duties with our Chair and Secretary. A great time we had meeting so many visitors interested in our Clan. I even met a movie star; only his name was not one of ours--Duncan Lacroix from the Outlander series!!

I recently discovered that a female neighbour, recently moved in at the end of our road, whose maiden name was McPherson. I have yet to visit her.....lol

While I am on the topic of memberships, please don't forget January, 2023 will soon be here. It is time to renew your membership for the 2023 calendar year. Our organizing committee is already hard at work planning a year of exciting events —one as early as January 2023. We hope that you will renew your 2023 membership early so we can plan attending the events together. Also, please let us know if your contact information has changed. We will update the Registry if there are changes when we receive your renewal form. We don't want to lose touch with you.

I saved my best experience for last. It truly was the planning and organizing stages for the Gathering at Crieff Hills, Puslinch, Ontario that takes top spot.

Just think of a warm fire burning in the fireplace in the general meeting room, with cousins surrounding the room, greeting and meeting and sharing stories with one another! Then, glancing outside of the building, seeing rolling hills with 250 acres of forested walking paths for all of us to feel a peaceful comfortable experience and to be so close to nature! What an absolutely perfect spot to gather safely all our Scottish cousins together! You might even feel, for a minute, that you are back in the hills of Scotland and without the travel cost!

The two guest speakers were so factual and interesting--one speaker, Lynn Crow, gave us the local history and one of our clan members, Don Macpherson, who lives on Macpherson Lane, joined us and also added his personal perspective of local facts.

The second speaker, Carol Macpherson Butler, is a clan member who gave her personal life's journey and pride of her family's croft which is in Scotland and located a distance below the Macpherson official cairn. Carol's brother, Robert James Macpherson, was the building architect of the cairn and was there to unveil his work of the cairn in 1996. Here is the photo that Carol shared with us.



Please know that all planning does not go perfectly as planned each time. One very important item that was missing from the 2022 Gathering was--**YOU!**

Duart and I would like to wish you all a very Blessed Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year!

I would like to welcome my sister Diane McPherson Reed, my cousins Jayne Zarecky and Melissa Wright and Scott McPherson. A special welcome back to Ken and Darla Foote.

Thank you, cousins, for the fine welcome you extended to us when we attended the Clan Macpherson Association retreat recently. We learned so much and were happy to meet many cousins! And tried haggis for the first time! It was so special to be piped into supper and see all of the wonderful tartans. Our heritage is coming alive for us! We won several of the door prizes and have enjoyed reading about Scotland and Jayne loves wearing her standing stones necklace as a reminder of the weekend and of our new-found Scottish heritage.

Melissa has been doing some family ancestry over the last few years. She has traced our McPherson roots back to Scotland discovering that our ancestors emigrated to the New World in 1698! I think my Grandpa Burnice McPherson would be proud that we are investigating and celebrating our Scottish heritage.

About Jayne

My husband, David and I were born and raised in Niagara and recently moved back to the area after spending 18 years in Calgary, Alberta. We enjoy a quiet life with family, friends and our cat Simon. It's been wonderful to re-connect with family and friends!

About Melissa

My husband, Jim and I have been living in rural Niagara for all of our lives. We are just a few miles away from where Burnice and Lena McPherson raised their family of 11 children, including our mother. We have raised 2 fine sons, (including a red haired one. Now we know where that came from!) Jim tends his bees, and I tend my garden.



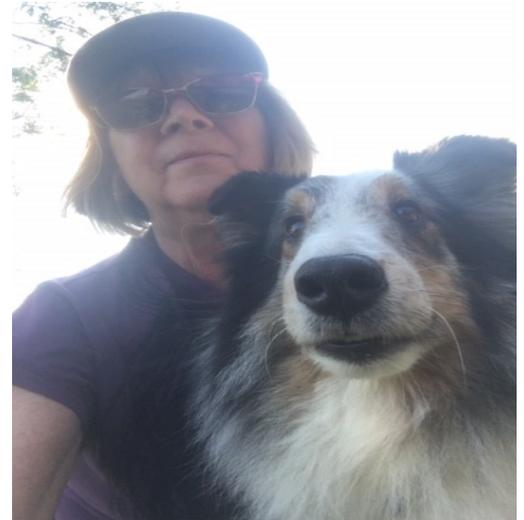
Jayne Zarecky
and
Melissa Wright

Diane McPherson Reed

I was born a McPherson from the family of McPhersons who settled in the Gainsborough Ontario area. I am retired but busy keeping in touch with my two children and my four grandchildren. My work career took me through Office Manager for 10 years at Prudential Life Insurance, Administrative Assistant for 30 years at Lincoln and Grimsby Community Living Organization looking after the disabled, and since retirement volunteer at the Pelham Food Bank in my community.

I continue to stay active with weekly Clogging, Pilates, Yoga, and always happy visiting or going out on day trips or short excursions with my friends. A lot of my time is busy caring for my pet sheltie dog "Little T" with miles of walking with him in the country and enjoying all that nature shows us.

It was a great experience attending my first Macpherson gathering this year meeting our McPherson cousins. I look forward to meeting more cousins at other events scheduled in future.



Scott McPherson, son of Keith and Deborah McPherson, grandson of (Ranald and Edna McPherson) happily joins the clan. Along with his wife, Chelsey, Scott recently moved to Maxville, Ontario, a cultural center for Scottish traditions, where he recently rediscovered his interest in his Scottish roots.

Chelsey and Scott McPherson





A great big Welcome back to the
clan
Ken and Darla Foote



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IS FEBRUARY 15, 2023**



British Columbia Report
D'Arcy McPherson

Regional Report – British Columbia

As winter approaches, I am happy to report that even those of us in Victoria have already seen some flurries and flakes. This will lead us nicely into upcoming St. Andrew's Day events and offerings.

The Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society has an active membership and (depending when this is circulated) there may still be time to register for the St. Andrew's Social on Saturday, November 19 at 2 p.m. which will highlight an afternoon of country dancing. Of particular note, the closing reel will be *Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran*. More information can be found at <https://viscds.ca/>.

All are welcome at the upcoming Ceilidh Dance on Friday, November 25, at the Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson Street, in Vancouver. They'll teach you the dances at 7 p.m. and the fun starts at 8 and runs until 10:30 p.m. No experience or partner required. The website with information on this event and their regular schedule can be found here <https://www.vancouverceilidh.org/>.

For something more cerebral and accessible – in person or through Zoom – consider the upcoming lecture on Saturday, December 3, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. PST, given through the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. Professor Vicky Coltman, from the University of Edinburgh, will be discussing images, objects and textiles associated with Prince Charles Edward Stuart. If you're interested, please follow this link <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-andrews-and-caledonian-society-lecture-tickets-461103782827>.

Wishing everyone a Happy St. Andrew's Day – or Latha naomh Anndra sona dhuibh – from the B.C. region.

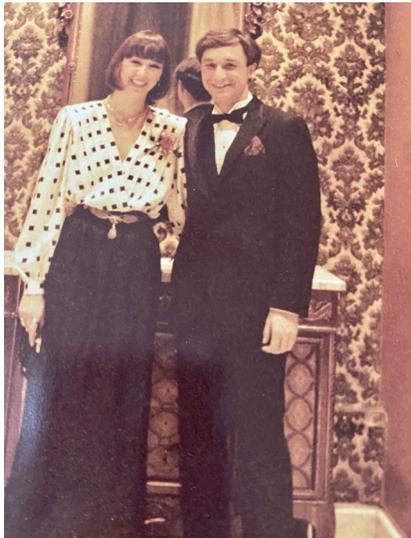
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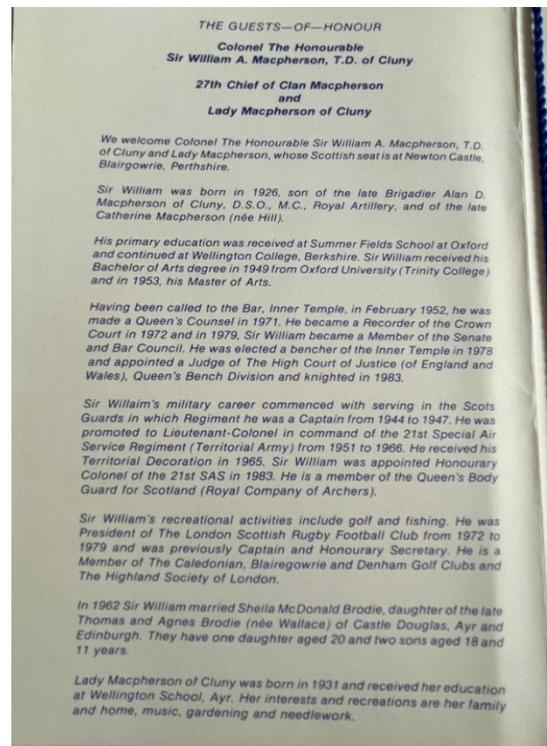
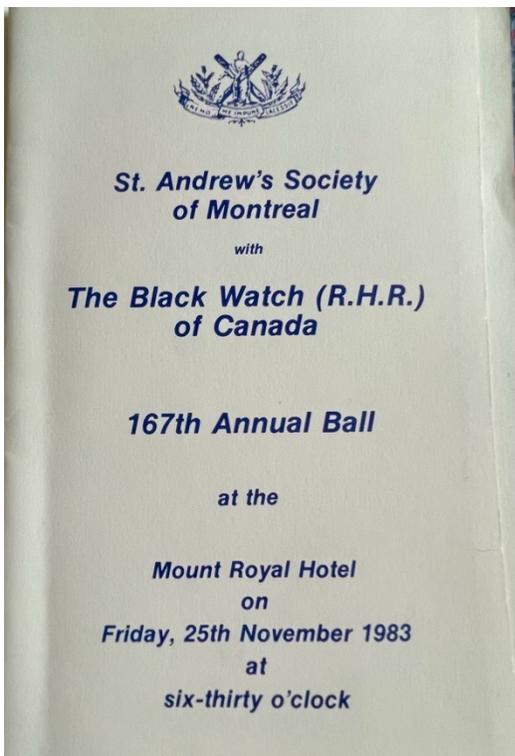
Ontario East and Quebec Report by Chantal McPherson

As the first snow gently falls in the Laurentian mountains of Quebec, I would like to wish you all a Happy St-Andrews!

I will be attending the Montreal St-Andrew's Ball this Friday November 18 and perhaps meet some of our members at the event. I remember attending the 167th St-Andrew's ball in Montreal when Clan Macpherson was honoured in 1983. All the Macphersons in the Montreal phone book (remember those ha ha!) were called. Luckily, I answered, accepted the invitation and attended with my brother Gordon. After the debutantes were presented to Society, we were introduced to Sir William and that was the start of my journey of discovery with Clan Macpherson! I am including a picture of my brother Gordon and myself from the ball.



I will make sure to capture the event on photo so I can share and tell you all about this fabulous evening in our next newsletter.





Central Ontario Report Jacqueline Murdoch

Hello Cousins!

Greetings from Toronto.

At this time of year, I become introspective, thinking over what took place in the current year, and start planning out things for the coming year.

2023 saw the resumption of some “in person” activities that had been put on pause during COVID. Of note, in August, several cousins met at the Fergus Scottish Festival, and then at the end of September, we had our first Gathering in three years. While I was unlucky and could not attend either event, in talking to several members over the course of the year, a few people expressed a desire to have more frequent chances to get together.

So in 2023 we are planning to have informal meetups every other month, starting in January. For our first meeting, we will have a free tour of historic Spadina House. This historic house sits atop a ravine overlooking Toronto and is located beside Casa Loma. This beautiful mansion provides a glimpse into Toronto from 1900-1930. After the tour, weather permitting, we can stroll through Casa Loma grounds, and follow it up with a coffee or tea and a snack nearby. So please put this hold in your calendar:

Saturday, January 14th – 1pm

Spadina House - Toronto

285 Spadina Rd, Toronto, ON M5R 2V5 [Google Maps](#)

For more information on the museum, visit their website [Spadina Museum](#)

We will follow up with an email with more details and to get planned attendance numbers in December. At that time, we can discuss other ideas you have for places to visit and meet up across Central Ontario. We look forward to connecting regularly with you moving forward. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions for ideas.

In the meantime, my family and I wish you all a wonderful Christmas, and all the best for the coming year.

Jacqueline Murdoch

Councillor, Central Ontario





Ontario West Report By Bruce McPherson

I am pleased to once again bring you greetings from Ontario's Western Region.

As in other regions, the activity level drops as we march into the shorter, colder days of mid-late fall and into the winter season. I know that many will be looking forward to celebrating St. Andrews Day on November 30th and then turning their minds to Christmas, Hogmanay and then Robbie Burns Night in January. I know that there will be many gatherings of kin and family for all of these events and lots of opportunities to raise a wee dram of whisky or just take in the Pipes and drums and some highland dancing. Putting together a list of all the events in this region would be difficult as it encompasses many communities of Scots origin.

If anyone is hosting an event which they wish to make known to our membership, please feel free to email me with the details at brucedmcperson9@gmail.com and I will send out an email to members who reside nearby.

Wishing you well as we enter into the last months of 2022!



Looking for Family

For members who are working on their Clan Genealogy, I received an email shared below.

My name is David Charles. My mother is Tanya MacPherson, born in Montreal to Glen A. MacPherson, who was born in PEI .birthday was October 18, 1913 My mother has an older half sister that we have lost touch with and are trying to locate. Her name is Winifred MacPherson, and last we spoke to her, she lived in Kingston, ON.

If David fits into anyone's family tree and would like to contact him, please email me.



Treasurer's Report
Ken Gillis

The clan association is in good shape financially as of the middle of October. We have \$9,637 in our current account and \$11,131 in our Life Membership Fund. We are showing a gain of \$498 year to date. The gain is largely because our Gathering did well.

The annual membership funds have been forwarded to the association and I am not expecting any major expenses until the new year.

Our clan gathering at the end of September was very enjoyable with some interesting presentations and a chance to gather with our cousins and celebrate our Scottish heritage.

Help Wanted

The position of Vice Chairman is open.

I attended the Clan Gathering at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre in Puslinch from September 30 to October 2.

It was a small gathering of 22 people. The centre lent itself to an informal atmosphere that allowed everyone to socialize easily. We had three guest speakers who gave very informative presentations on the Macpherson family.

I look forward to attending next year's Gathering and hoping that more members will attend too.
Ella Gillis
Guest Columnist
October 2022



Carol Macpherson Butler And Bill Macpherson holding a painting of Carol's Family croft in Newtonmore, Scotland



Randy and Paula Macpherson



Creiff Hill Knox
Presbyterian Church



Gwen MacRabbie beside Angus the Elder McPherson Head Stone



Denise Lagundzin presenting a Thank you gift to Gwen MacRabbie.



Ken McPherson, Kenzie, Duart Letford, Ewan Macpherson, Ken and Ella Gillis and Gwen MacRabbie.



Front row –Ken Gillis, Janet McCredie, Duart Letford, Beverly McPherson Letford, Diane McPherson Reed, Ewan Macpherson.

Back Row– John McCredie, Chris Cain, Gina Cain, Ella Gillis, Ed Smith, Carol Macpherson Butler, Bill Macpherson, Ken McPherson, Denise Lagundzin, Donald Macpherson and Mike Lagundzin

Ed Smith, Jayne Zarecky and Bill Macpherson



John and Janet McCredie and Ewan Macpherson



Ewan Macpherson
and
Beverly Letford McPherson

The Clan was piped into our Highland Dinner by the handsome and talented Ewan Macpherson.



Views from both ends of the table



*Thank you from the Planning Committee.
See you in 2023!*

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MACPHERSONS COUSINS!



Cyrus Calum, 6 months old, is the son of Stuart and MJ Macpherson and grandson of Bill Macpherson



Congratulations to
Scott and Chelsey McPherson
Who were married October 7, 2022



Happy Birthday Alex ! We hope you had a great day!
Alex is the son of Bruce and Kelly McPherson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, SPECIAL EVENTS,
YOUR STORIES OR POEMS
IS
FEBRUARY 15, 2023**



2023 Upcoming Clan Events Janet McCredie

We have two events coming up in January 2023 and more to follow:

Spadina House Tour, January 14, 2023 1 PM

Thank you to Jacqueline Murdock for organizing a visit to Spadina House. On Saturday, January 14th at 1pm Macphersons will be visiting Spadina House, 285 Spadina Road, Toronto, ON M5R 2V5 (Google Maps). Entrance to the Spadina Museum is free. This historic house sits atop a ravine overlooking Toronto and is located beside Casa Loma. This beautiful mansion provides a glimpse into Toronto from 1900-1930. After the tour, weather permitting, we can stroll through Casa Loma grounds, and follow it up with a coffee or tea and a snack nearby. So please put this on hold in your calendar:

For more information on the **free tour** of historic Spadina House museum, visit their website [Spadina Museum](https://www.spadinamuseum.com/).

Robbie Burns Dinner, Saturday, January 21, 2023 after 4 PM Crieff Retreat Centre

We thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the Crieff Retreat Centre for the 2022 Gathering (especially the chef's haggis) and have made preliminary plans to celebrate Robbie Burns Day on Saturday January 21, 2023. **To reserve all of Luke Hall a minimum number of registrations is needed so be sure to register before January 6, 2023.** Festivities will begin by the fireplace in Luke Hall after 4:00 PM on Saturday with a social before the banquet and games and singing afterwards. We are hoping to hold a Burns Raffle so bring an item if you wish and be prepared to win!

Please bring your own snacks and liquid refreshments and a raffle item for the social time at Luke Hall as we are permitted alcohol in our lodge. You will find the Registration form under the News tab on the Clan website.

There are two options for attending:

1. Overnight option

A three course Highland dinner, lodging in the Luke Lodge and Sunday morning breakfast buffet. Vegetarian options are available.

2. Banquet and social only option

A three course Highland dinner. Vegetarian options are available.

The following morning at 10:30 am you may also wish to attend the church service at Creiff Hill Knox Presbyterian Church. It is just down the road and was the site of our Macpherson History Cemetery tour this past fall.

We are doing this as a group reservation and a registration form will be posted on our website. For further information you may contact Denise Lagundzin, 519-507-4465 or denise.lagundzin@gmail.com.

CMA Canadian Branch Gathering June 17, 2023

Plans for the 2023 Gathering are aligning with the **Cobourg Highland Games** in eastern Ontario this year. The Macphersons will be manning a booth at the Games, participating in all the festivities and marching with the Clans on the 16th and 17th.

The Highland Banquet will be held at the Best Western Cobourg Inn & Convention Centre. Special group rates will apply and the registration form and details will be posted on the website in January and shared in the February issue of the Green Banner.

On Sunday, June 18th at 10:30 am the CMA Canadian Branch will attend St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

For further information you may contact Denise Lagundzin, 519-507-4465 or denise.lagundzin@gmail.com

Clan Macpherson Gathering in Scotland Friday August 4-Monday August 7, 2023

See the CMA website for event details

<https://www.clan-macpherson.org/gathering/>

Summer Picnic

A CMA picnic will be held later in the summer on the west side of Ontario, details to follow.

Annual Council and General Meeting September 30, 2023 at 11 AM

The attendance at the Zoom council and general meetings have allowed Macphersons from coast to coast to attend. The practice will continue this year.

Please watch the Clan website for the online Registration Forms and payment options.

Dear all,

Please join our **'Gathering Stories – Recollections of a Clan'**

The **Clan Macpherson Museum** invites you to a digital round-table on **Zoom** on **Sunday 23rd October at 7pm** (UK time), where members of the clan from all over the world will discuss the meaning of clanship and their sense of belonging with you.

The story of the Clan Macpherson is a story of land and landscape, family and belonging, loyalty and rebellion. It takes place across the world, from the clan homeland in Badenoch, across the Highlands and British Isles to the former British Empire and beyond to a global diaspora.

Members of the clan, who are brought together as a diverse, worldwide family of Macphersons, will share their stories and personal accounts, to offer exceptional glimpses into past gatherings and further the understanding of 'dùthchas', a Gaelic term that refers to the deep-rooted connection between a land and its people.

The result will be a conversation of great emotion that captures the importance of place and the resilience of culture through the spoken word and memories.

This event is part of a project that aims at recording clan heritage and culture in a series of personal interviews and has been funded through MGS (Museums and Galleries Scotland) as part of Scotland's Year of Stories 2022.

Tickets are free of charge and can be booked through [Eventbrite here](#).

We also have a variety of other exciting in-person and online events coming up throughout the 'off-season' (event calendar attached).

Please find our regularly updated **collection of events and ticket availability [here](#)**. Should you have any questions, or difficulties booking, please get in touch with museum@clan-macpherson.org

Our newly introduced **Clan Macpherson Museum Newsletter**, the **Wildcat Gazette** also regularly updates on everything going on in and around the museum. This month's issue offers a lovely review of last month, an exciting preview of upcoming events, behind the scenes insights and an article on the importance of Storytelling. If you are interested to receive the Wildcat Gazette, or would even like to contribute yourself, please get in touch with museum@clan-macpherson.org

Best wishes,

Your Clan Macpherson Museum Team

EVENTS

CLAN MACPHERSON MUSEUM



- 12/11 @ 11:00 'Tales & Treasures of Ossian' workshop w/ Eileen Budd
(Being Human Festival)
- 13/11 @ 11:00 'Ossianic Art - Drawing Legends' workshop w/ Eileen Budd
(Being Human Festival)
- 19/11 @ 10:00 'Ossianic Landscapes & Photography' walk w/ Aila Schaefer
(Being Human Festival)
- 19/11 @ 19:00 **[ONLINE]** 'Highland Archive Resources for Family Historians'
w/ Anne Fraser
(History & Heritage)
- 03/12 @ 19:00 **[ONLINE]** 'The Stories of Ardverikie' w/ Richard Sidgwick
(History & Heritage)
- 10/12 @ 11:00 & 13:00 'Folklore for the Fireside' workshop w/ Eileen Budd
(A Time Traveller's Guide to Newtonmore)
- 10/12 @ 19:00 **[ONLINE]** 'A Highland Christmas' - Christmas Ceilidh
- 11/12 @ 14:00 'Kilts & Christmas Ornaments' embroidery workshop w/ Lexy Sellar
(A Time Traveller's Guide to Newtonmore)
- 17/12 @ 09:30 'Making a Storymap of Newtonmore' walk w/ Sarah Hobbs
(A Time Traveller's Guide to Newtonmore)
- 18/12 @ 11:00 Christmas Market with Local Arts & Crafts at the Museum
(A Time Traveller's Guide to Newtonmore)
- 18/12 @ 14:00 'Sgian-Dubh Woodcarving' workshop w/ Michael Lightbody
(A Time Traveller's Guide to Newtonmore)
- 28/01 @ 19:00 **[ONLINE]** 'The Memoirs of a Jacobite Exile' w/ Margaret McKenna
(History & Heritage)
- 25/02 @ 19:00 **[ONLINE]** 'The '45 in 75: Memories of Jacobitism & the Rebellious
Turn in the American Revolution' w/ Tanner Olge
(History & Heritage)
- 25/03 @ 19:00 **[ONLINE]** 'Officers, Scholars & Nabobs: The Clan Macpherson in India'
w/ Thomas Archambaud
(History & Heritage)



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Flowers of the Forest



Catherine Alix Delahaye
1926–2022
Retired R.N., Graduate of the Ottawa Civic
Hospital School of Nursing Class of 51B

Alix Delahaye of Pembroke, daughter of the late Charles and Alexina (nee Cattanach) Delahaye and step-daughter of the late Freda (nee Doberman) Delahaye. Dear cousin of Heather Glen (Cameron), their son Rob, Roselle Green and family, Brian McEwing, Colin McEwing, Dave McEwing and Sandra McEwing. Alix was known as “Aunt Alix” to many, including Clark Anderson, Leslie Anderson, Sandra Black, Sue Joly, Darcy MacLeod, Douglas MacLeod, Elizabeth MacLeod, Janice MacLeod, John MacLeod, Mark MacLeod and Paul MacLeod. She was a dear friend of Jo’ and Bob Andrews, Donald and Wanda Lafleur, Mike and Joyce Montaigne and Carol and Doug Wilcox.

Born November 16, 1926, in Brandon, Manitoba, Alix graduated from Ottawa Civic Hospital in the class of 1951B and became a Public Health Nurse in Pembroke. An active member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church Pembroke, she was a delegate to Synod; travelled to Matagalpa, Nicaragua, to help with a medical centre there; prepared Christmas puddings and Christmas boxes; sang in the choir and much more. Alix made many friends thanks to her numerous activities, including creating stained glass windows, gourmet cooking, photography, quilting and many other crafts. In 2015, she moved to the Pinewood Retirement Residence in Pembroke.

Many thanks to the staff at The Pinewood and Pembroke Regional Hospital.

Friends are invited to share their memories of Alix during visitation at the Murphy Funeral Home, 296 Isabella Street, Pembroke, on Wednesday April 6th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. A service to celebrate Alix’s life will take place at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 68 Renfrew Street, Pembroke, on Thursday April 7th at 1:00 p.m. Interment in the United Church Cemetery, Alexandria.

In memory of Alix, please make donations to Holy Trinity Church, Pembroke or St. Andrews United Church (the Round Church), Dalhousie Mills, Ontario.



MACPHERSON, JANET ANN

Just after midnight on Friday, September 30th, Janet Ann MacPherson passed away peacefully, in St. Michael's Hospital after a brief illness. Janet is survived by her long-time friend and wife, Dr. Miriam Skey; and their three honorary grandchildren, Nathan, Gavin and Alison.

Also lovingly remembered by cousins, special nieces and many close friends. Janet had a tremendously full life, both in her ministry and with her circle of friends, in many parts of Canada and Japan. Traveling was a passion. Janet's extended family live in New Brunswick, where she was born.

A celebration of life was held at St. Andrew's United Church (117 Bloor St East) on Wednesday, October 5th, at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Emmanuel College at Victoria University would be appreciated.



The quiet of a new day.

It's in the quiet of a new day.
When I can think and plan.
All my dreams I gather.
Roll them tightly in my hand.

The silence washes over me.
It cleans and heals.
The sadness from yesterday gone.
Well that's how it feels.

It wipes the slate clean.
Allows me to start again.
To rise with the morning sun.
My daylight friend.

In the hush of the gentle breeze.
I see the world come alive.
A day to be explored.

The wrongs can be righted.
The good enjoyed.
Friendships formed.
To avoid that void.

The silence of the morn.
Promises a future so bright.
As I await the sun.
In the dead of night.

Pauline McCreadie
Stewarton, Scotland
November 21, 2021

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