



*The Green Banner*



*Newsletter of the  
Canadian Branch  
of  
Clan Macpherson Association  
May 2024*

*Summer Highland Games Issue*

The Chief of the Clan Macpherson and The Honourary President  
James Brodie Macpherson of Cluny and Blairgowrie

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## *Chairman's Corner*



Dear Cousins,

I hope that everyone is well.

As you will see from the articles and pictures on the following pages, we have been busy.

This Green Banner is going to be used at the Highland Games we are attending to encourage all Macphersons to celebrate our heritage and clan.

I would like to welcome Chris Cain as the Social Media Coordinator. Chris has set up a new Facebook page for Canadian Macphersons, no matter how your name is spelt, focusing on upcoming Clan and Scottish events.

There is also a new feature, “The Maple Colour & Activity Corner for Kids”. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please help make this an interesting communication tool for everyone.

We have a busy schedule visiting Highland Games ahead of us. Please try to enjoy one of these games and stop by to say hello. If you are able, why not join us in the Clan March which happens at every game. The March time is posted for each games.

Next year is the Joint Gathering with our American cousins. This event happens every five years and alternates country. This year it will be in here in Canada. The American team of Graham and Debby Gillespie and I are searching for the perfect location. Usually, we hold our AGM at the same time as the Gathering but we are now holding it by Zoom so everyone can attend. Please watch for more details. Even you are not a member of the Association, you can still attend events.

I am always a phone call away if you would like to chat.

Yours aye,  
Denise

Denise Lagundzin FSAScot  
Canadian Branch Chairman  
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# Our 75th Branch Gathering and Robert Burns Evening January 27-28, 2024 Crieff Hills Retreat



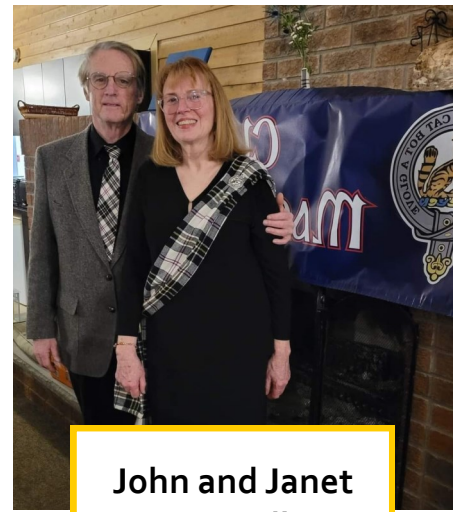
For the predinner entertainment, Bill Macpherson acted out the Tam O’Shanter poem with the help of several clan members. Pictured from the left—Ken and Ella Gillis, Bill Macpherson (standing) Aaron Macpherson, Jessica Macpherson (kneeling) , Denise Lagundzin, Ewan Macpherson and Beverly McPherson Letford.



**Ken and Ella  
Gillis**



**Gina and Chris**



**John and Janet  
McCredie**





**John McCredie playing the piano for Beverly Letford McPherson**



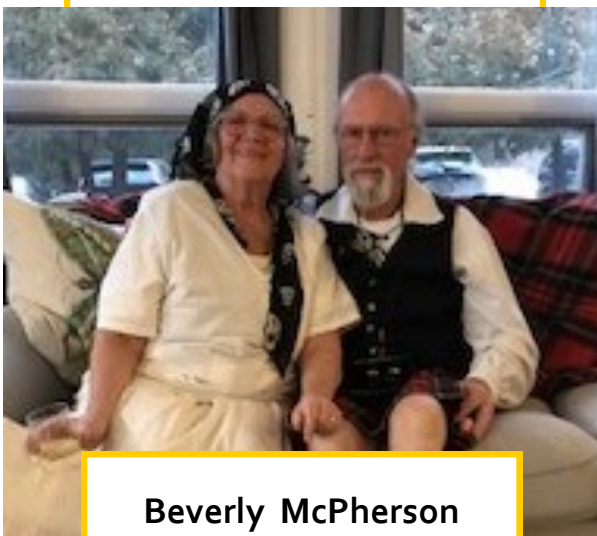
**We always share lots of laughs when we get together!**



**Jim Place, Bill Macpherson, Chris Cain and Janet**



**Nancy Davis, Ewan Macpherson**

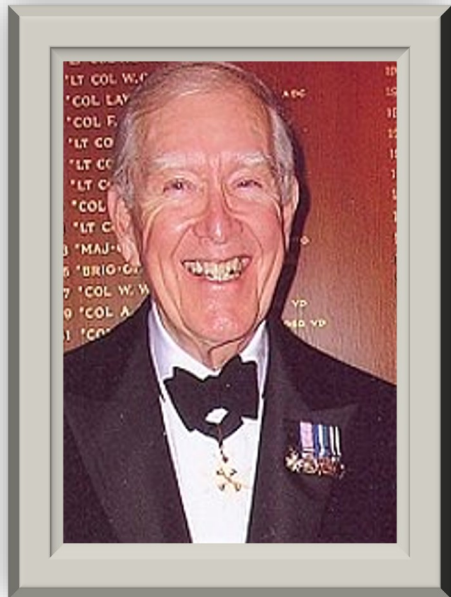


**Beverly McPherson Letford and Duart**



**Hello from the Canadian Branch!**

# REMEMBERING GORDON MACPHERSON



The Canadian Branch is  
honouring our past  
Honourary Chairman  
R Gordon M Macpherson  
CM, KStJ, FRHSC, FRSA,  
FSAScot  
on Saturday April 13 ,2024  
from 1-4 in  
Burlington, Ontario.



**Ewan Macpherson playing  
Macpherson's Lament**

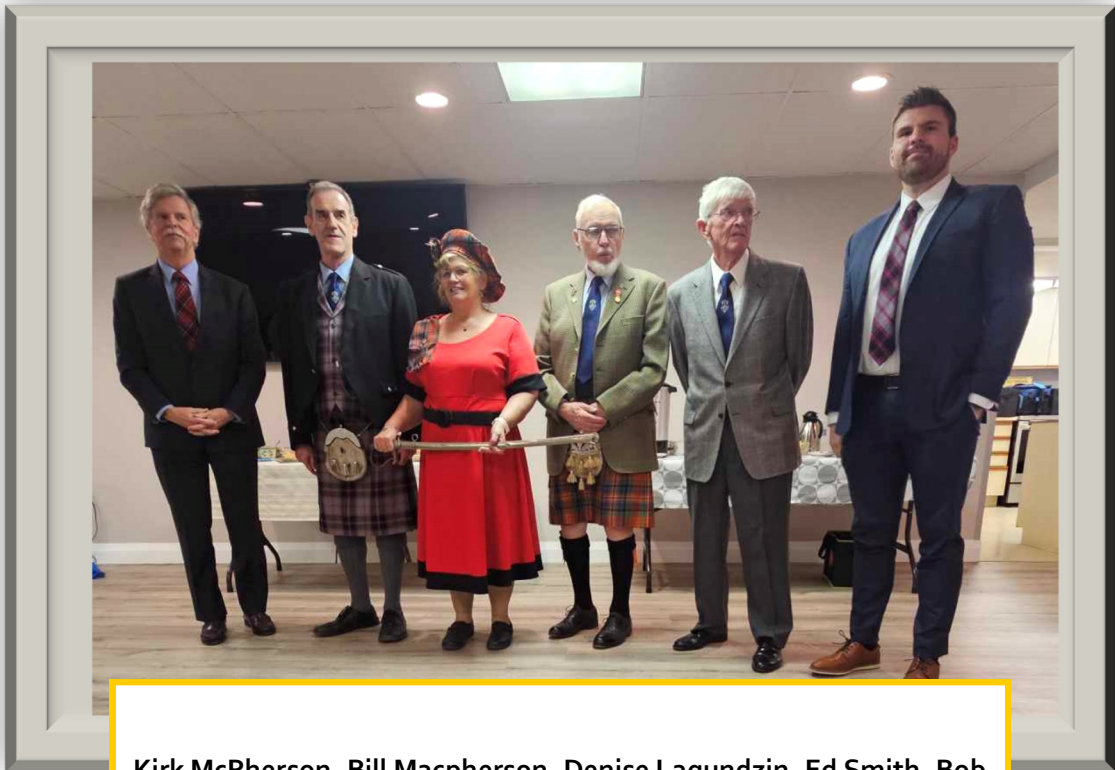


**Marek Zawadzki,  
Cluny MacPherson Zawadzki  
Kirk McPherson**



**Gordon's Sword and  
stand  
Donated by Pam and Kirk  
McPherson and Sandy  
McPherson**





**Kirk McPherson, Bill Macpherson, Denise Lagundzin, Ed Smith, Bob Archibald and James McPherson**



**Marek Zawadzki, Janet McCredie, Cluny MacPherson-Zawadzki, Kirk McPherson, John McCredie, Denise Lagundzin, James McPherson, Bill Macpherson, Ed Smith, Jacqueline Murdock, Ken Gillis, Bob Archibald and Ewan Macpherson.  
Missing from photo are Ella Gillis and Mike Lagundzin**

## **2024 Highland Games**

The Canadian Branch has registered for the following Highland Games in Ontario and Alberta.

Tickets can often be purchased in advance for a discounted price (no refunds); check games' websites for details and schedules.

### **Ontario**

[Georgetown Highland Games](#): Saturday June 8, 2024

[Northumberland \(formerly Cobourg\) Scottish Festival and Highland Games](#): Saturday June 15, 2024

[Kingsville-Essex Highland Games](#): Saturday June 22nd, 2024  
The Grade One 78th Highlanders Pipe Band are coming to these games!

[Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games](#): Saturday July 6th, 2024

[Cambridge Scottish Festival](#): Saturday July 20, 2024

Our Chairman, Denise, has been asked to be “Clan Chieftain of the Cambridge Scottish Festival”, and will be Opening and Closing the Games in addition to presenting Trophies to the Pipe Band Competitors.

[Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games](#): Saturday August 10, 2024

### **Alberta**

Thank you to Bob and Sylvia Macpherson for representing our clan in Alberta!

[Red Deer Highland Games](#): Saturday June 22nd, 2024

[The Gathering of the Clans Festival](#), Sedgwick: Saturday Aug 24, 2024

[Canmore Highland Games](#): Saturday September 1st, 2024.

**To join in the Clan March at any of the Games, please gather at our Clan Tent.**





If you are reading The Green Banner for the first time, welcome!

Whether your surname is Macpherson, MacPherson or McPherson or any other variation—it matters not for we are all cousins, as our late Cluny, said.

Smaller clans would band together for protection so we have Associated Families who are also part of the Clan Macpherson. A list of Associated families and more about the Clan Macpherson are included towards the end of the newsletter.

The Clan Macpherson Association has branches in Africa, Australia, Canada, England & Wales, Europe, New Zealand, Scotland & Northern Ireland, and the US.

If you are interested in joining or renewing your membership in the Canadian Branch, a Membership form is attached later in this newsletter and we can accept payment by e-transfer, PayPal or cheque today!

**The Deadline for the next Green Banner  
Is Monday July 22, 2024**

**Please send your articles, pictures and news to  
[denise.lagundzin@gmail.com](mailto:denise.lagundzin@gmail.com)**



**Clan Macpherson Association  
Canadian Branch  
New or Renewal Membership Application Form**  
I wish to apply for a membership in the following category:  
(check one only)

Single Payment		Check
Life Member	\$1,050	
Annual Payment		
One-year annual Membership	\$43	
Ten-year annual Membership	\$430	
Young Adult annual Membership (18 – 25 years)	\$22	
Junior (under 18)	\$10	

Name	
Facebook Name	

Spouse's Name	
Street Address	
City	
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Please provide your date of birth in dd/mm/yyyy format. This data is held in confidence and only used for demographic purposes only.      /      /	

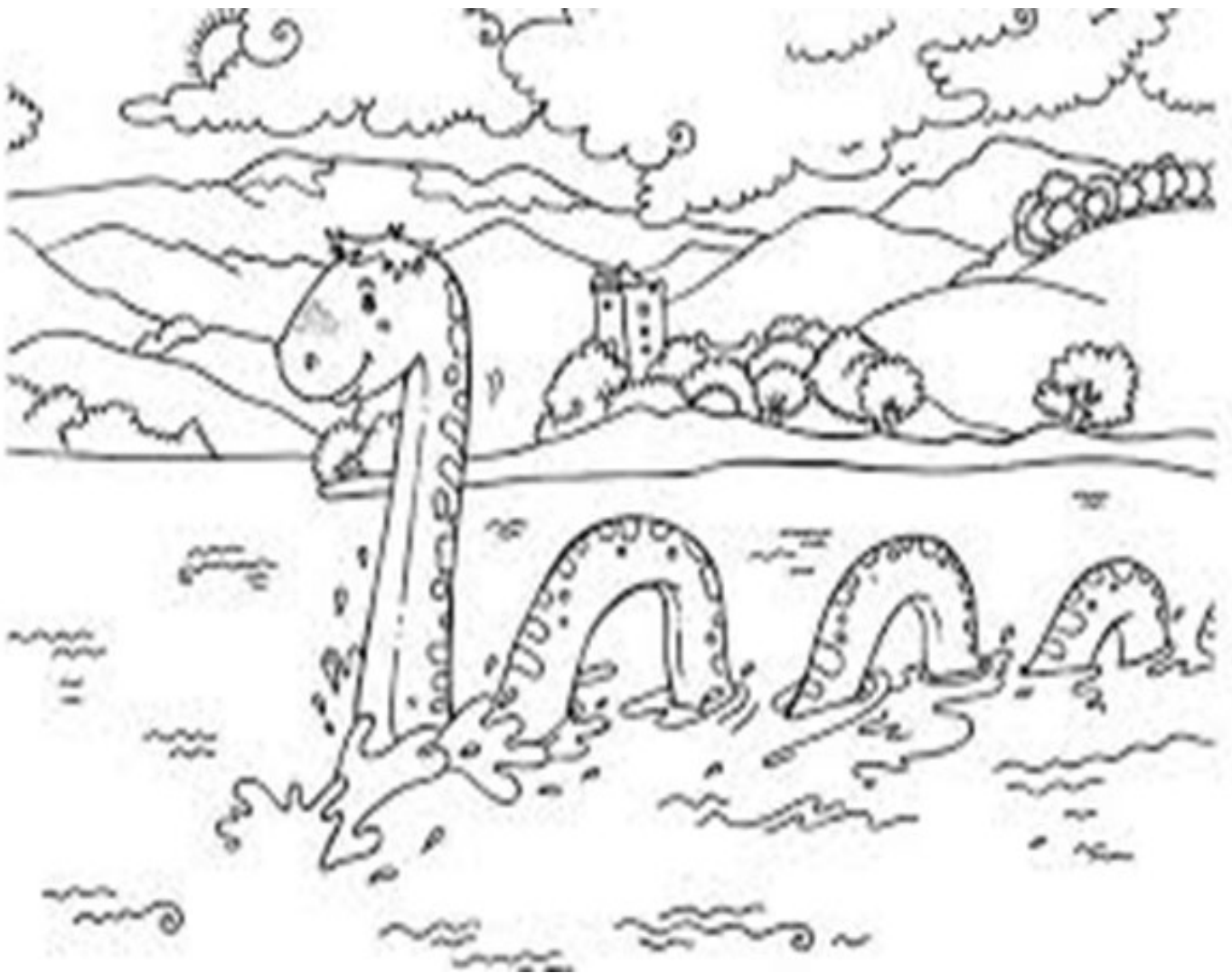
I agree to receive Newsletters or updates regarding CMA or related events via email, mail and/or telephone messages. CMA will not provide your contact information to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties but only to CMA officers for the purpose of membership communication.

Date:	Signature:
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Please make your cheque payable to Clan Macpherson Association, Canadian Branch, and mail to  
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Clan Macpherson Association, Canadian Branch  
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# Scotland Word Search

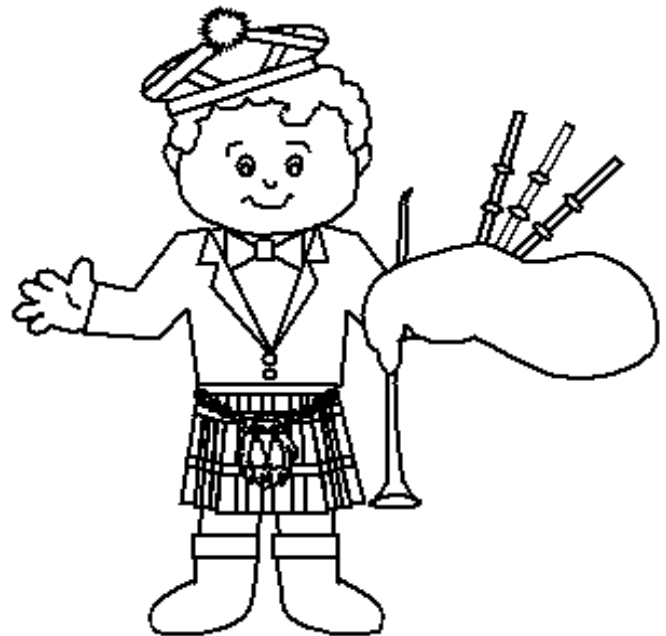
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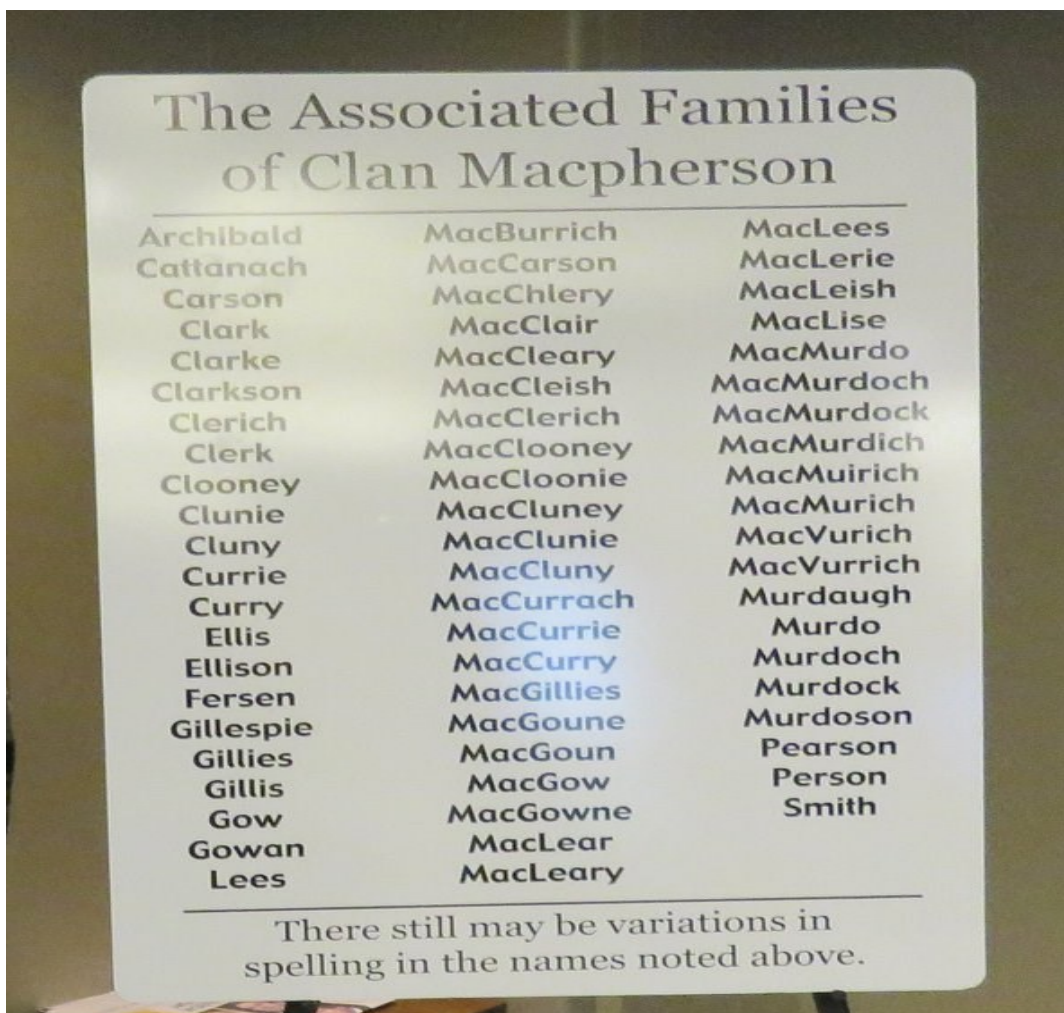
# The Associated Families of Clan Macpherson

The names of the families that have long been associated with, and supported, the Clan Macpherson are shown below. If you find yours (or that of one of your ancestors) among them, we invite you to join us in continuing that support and enjoying the privileges and fellowship that clanship provides. The procedures for joining vary slightly for each of the Branches. Click on the flag of your nation to find out what is needed for you to become a member.

Please note that we use the term "Cousins" or "Associated Families" and not Sept. The word "sept" was borrowed from the Irish culture in the nineteenth century in a mistaken attempt to explain the different surnames that can be found in a clan. The word "sept" is almost synonymous with the word "clan". A Scot would speak of Cluny and his Clan, while an Irishman would speak of O'Neill and his Sept.

Perhaps the only true use of "sept" in Scotland would be found in Clan Donald, where there are sub-clans. "Macdonald of Glencoe", for example, could be called a sept of Clan Donald. Still all the other surnames in Clan Donald are just that, families of the clan. As the Macphersons have no sub-clans there are no septs in the clan, only families with different surnames from that of the core family.

The Chief of Clan Macpherson, Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, approved the following names as surnames and families associated with the Clan.



## **Other Interests and References**

Learn Scottish Gaelic with other Canadians Macphersons at  
<https://www.duolingo.com/learn>

LearnGaelic.scot is another option to learn Gaelic.

Comunn Gàidhlig Toronto

Interested in Scottish History? Consider joining the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. We have several members of the Fellowship in our Association and would be happy to discuss sponsoring you.

### **Newsletters from other Scottish Clubs**

The Tartan Thistle by St. Andrew's Society of Toronto

The Scottish Connection

Scottish Scran

Saving Wildcats

Celtic Life International Newsletter

63% Scottish Podcast

The Sounds of Scotland Radio Program

**If you enjoy other Scottish Entertainment, please share them with your cousins.**



# CLAN MACPHERSON or CLANN MHUIRICH



- Chief:** James Brodie Macpherson of Cluny
- His Heir:** William Thomas (younger of Cluny)
- Clan Country:** Badenoch, the upper reaches of Strathearn and Strathnairn, and parts of old lands of Inverness, and the Lordship of Pettie. Castle-
- Slogan (war-cry):** CREAG DHUBH CHLANN CHATAIN!  
The Black Rock of Clanchattan!  
(A reference to Creag Dhubh, a 2,350-foot hill that marks the boundary between upper and lower Badenoch.)
- Followers:** The Cattanachs, MacGilchynichs, (MacKenzies)\*, Clarks, Davidsons, Gillies, Macintyres, and MacGregors in Badenoch, and certain families called MacVurich, MacMurrich, Macurrach or other variants of MacMhurich  
(\*Not to be confused with the Clan MacKenzie of Northern Scotland)
- Plant Badge:** Sprig of white heather, boxwood, or whortelberry.
- Crest Badge:** The wildcat which forms the crest of the chief's coat of arms, within a strap and buckle bearing his motto: "Touch not the cat but a glove" (in Gaelic, "Na bean do'n chat gun lamhainn").
- Tartans:**
1. "Clan Macpherson" (red).
  2. "Hunting Macpherson" (grey).
  3. "Dress Cluny (white).
  4. A variant of "Clan Chattan" or Cattanach".
- Clan Pipe Music:**
- Gathering:** "Creag Dhubh Chlann Chatain" (The Black Rock of Clanchattan)
- March:** "Stheudar dhomhthinn a bhifaldhdhach aidh direach"(I must myself be going home directly) more familiar in the Lowlands of Scotland as "Macpherson's Rant".
- Salute:** "Faille Loch Duthaich" (Welcome to Loch Duich)
- Lament:** "Cumha Chlunaigh\* (Lament for Cluny Macpherson)