We are once again deep into the holidays and this is the season when we not only look back over the past year, but we also look forward in anticipation to the new year! As we look back, Clan MacRae and our Society had a stellar year! We’ve experienced new Officers, Directors and Commissioners coming on board and we had a presence at over 20 Scottish festivals where our members hosted Clan MacRae tents. New members joined our Society in every age group. In my lifetime, I’ve never seen young people so interested in their ancestry, to know where they came from. It is an extraordinary time and opportunity to bring these young people into the fold, so we will be looking for more of our members to host Clan MacRae booths at their local festivals. Judy and I still remember our excitement many years ago when we found a Clan MacRae booth at a festival! There is just no substitute for that human presence and connection when you are hoping to discover something on your family history. Next year we hope to bring in even more new members, more MacRaes young and old embracing their Scottish heritage and excited about being involved with new ideas and concepts that will add much to our Society!

The other big news is that we are organizing a Clan MacRae Family Gathering in Colorado in September 2017. You will find an article detailing this gathering in this newsletter. We will start in Denver and then move to Estes Park for an awesome time of experiencing our Clan MacRae “family.” For those who have been on our tours or for those who want to experience the beauty of Colorado while meeting other MacRaes, this is the trip for you! We’ve also received word that Mrs. Marigold MacRae Jervis, the President of Clan MacRae of Scotland, and her daughter Baroness Miranda Van Lynden will be joining us. For those who do not know, they are the owners of Eilean Donan Castle. So all in all, this gathering will be a once in a lifetime event, so plan on joining us in Colorado in September next year.

Judy and I are looking forward to spending time with friends and family this holiday season. As the youngest of five siblings, Christmas was a time when my older siblings came home and we came together as family. We in Clan MacRae are “family” as well for we share the common bond of our ancestry and as Americans, we are just one facet of our family for the “scattered children of Kintail” are all over the world. So to all our Scottish cousins here and abroad, Judy and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Enjoy this Christmas season with family and friends and may your New Year be a prosperous one! And we hope to see many of you in Colorado next September!

— Bruce McRae
Notes and Correspondence

Upcoming Events

- Central Florida Scottish Highland Games, January 14 – 15, 2017, Winter Springs, FL. Contact Dan McRae, dgmcrae@comcast.net.
- Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games and Festival, February 25, 2017, Green Cove Springs, FL. Contact John Wayne McRae, jwwmc@comcast.net.
- Sonora Celtic Faire, March 10 – 12, 2017, Mother Lode Campgronds, Sonora, California. For information see sonoracelticfaire.com.
- Scottish Heritage Days Encampment, Fort King George, Darien, Georgia, March 11 – 12, 2017. For information see gastateparks.org/FortKingGeorge and click on “Scottish Heritage Day Encampment” or contact Leon Folsom, leon.folsom@prodigy.net. Plans for a MacRae tent are uncertain at the moment.
- The San Antonio Games & Celtic Music Festival, April 1 – 2, 2017, Helotes Festival Grounds, Helotes, TX. Contact Ebby Darden, ebbydarden@msn.com.
- National Tartan Day, April 6, 2017. Check for local events in your area.
- Loch Norman Highland Games, April 7 – 9, 2017, near Charlotte, NC. Contact Leon Folsom, leon.folsom@prodigy.net.
- Sacramento Valley Scottish Games, 140th Anniversary, April 29 – 30, 2017, Woodland, California. For information see saccallie.org/games.
- Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games, May 5 – 7, 2017, Maverick Stadium, University of Texas Arlington, Arlington, TX. Contact Ebby Darden, ebbydarden@msn.com.
- Bethabara Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival, May 13, 2017, Bethabara Park, Winston-Salem, NC. Contact Larry McRae, mcraelt@gmail.com.
- Clan MacRae in Canada Gathering, June 13 – 20, 2017, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Contact Owen MacRae, omarcr@att.net.
- Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July 6 – 9, 2017, Linville, NC. We anticipate having an informal Clan MacRae get-together on Friday, July 7. Contact Larry McRae, mcraelt@gmail.com.

If you will be hosting a tent at any games, festival, fair or other venue, PLEASE let us know, so that we can note it in the newsletter. A one-sentence e-mail to mcraelt@gmail.com will do. Also, if you’ve hosted or attended any games, festivals, dinners, etc. and have photos, please share them with us.

Calling all Cooks! We Want Your Recipes!

Peg McCraw has volunteered to assemble a Clan MacRae cookbook to be embellished with family histories and historic photos. She sent the following announcement:

While you still have your recipes and cookbooks out for the holidays, we want you to send us your very best recipes for a new Clan MacRae Cookbook! Your tasty Scottish recipes are greatly desired, but we want your best recipes for any dish. And not just your recipes, for we also want any stories, pictures and interesting Clan MacRae history behind your recipes. Peg McCraw, one of our members from Illinois, has offered to collect and assemble these recipes, pictures and stories into a wonderful cookbook for our membership. We will also be including the history of Clan MacRae with beautiful photos of past events and tours. If any of you would like to help with this project, please contact Peg for that too. We hope to have this cookbook available for sale at our Clan MacRae Family Gathering in September 2017, and all proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will benefit the non-profit educational activities of our Society. Thank you Peg for your willingness to take on this awesome project! Please send your recipes and stories with pictures to Peg McCraw at revpro20510@att.net or you can call her at 815-465-2504.
Free online Genealogy course from a Scottish University

This is not an advertisement nor a recommendation from Sgurr Uaran or the Clan MacRae Society. We know nothing about the quality of this course, but one of our members saw their site, and it’s zero price, so we thought some of you might be interested. The course starts January 16, 2017.

Learn how to find and store information on your family tree

This free online course will help you develop an understanding of basic genealogy techniques and how to communicate your family history. We will consider how to effectively find and analyse sources and explore the potential of DNA testing as applied to genealogy. We’ll help you add historical context to your family history and discuss how to record and communicate research findings in a clear fashion. The course is primarily designed for people at beginner to intermediate level.

We’ll get you to define what you want to research, and consider the best ways to go about finding and storing information on your family tree. A key challenge of genealogy – finding the right person among a number of possible candidates, with ever-changing spellings of surnames – will be considered.

We’ll conclude by introducing the main types of tools genealogists use to communicate their research finds, including creating a family tree and look at how to write a meaningful family history. The knowledge you gain from this course may prompt you to explore family history research more deeply or consider a career as a professional genealogist.

You may even wish to take your learning further, with the University of Strathclyde’s online MSc in Genealogical Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies.

Requirements

No special knowledge or previous experience of studying is required. This course will be suitable if you:

- have no experience with genealogy or family history research;
- have some experience with genealogical research but want to develop your skills and knowledge further;
- are a more experienced genealogical researcher but want to learn new searching, analytical or communication techniques
- find it difficult to access opportunities for training and development.

You can find registration information at futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy

Course starts January 16, 2017.

A BBC Slideshow on Eilean Donan

The BBC has a neat little slideshow on the castle at bbc.com/travel/gallery/20161107-the-scottish-castle-first-designed-in-a-dream

With regards to the castle’s name, the BBC offers the following:

Otter island

The stories of how Eilean Donan came to be are as romantic as the castle itself. One legend holds that both the island and the castle got their name from the 7th-century Christian saint St Donnan, who established a following in the area. (He was later beheaded, along with 52 of his followers, by pirates while saying Mass).

Another story is connected to the wildlife of the lochs, where visitors often get glimpses of otters and even dolphins. According to the tale, the name Eilean Donan came from the Gaelic word for brown dog – cu-donn – which was the name of the king of the otters. When the otter king died, he was buried on the isle and the castle’s foundations were later laid over his tomb.
At the Games, at the Games...

MacRaes have been well represented at Games and Festivals around the country this last year. Here’s a sampling.

The Niagara Celtic Festival and Highland Games was mid-September in Olcott, New York. Our Canadian cousin Barb Duff crossed the border to do double duty by hosting a Clan MacRae tent as well as a Clan MacFarlane tent. Barb loves helping out our Society, but are there any U.S. MacRaes out there who would like to take over hosting a Clan MacRae tent at these games?

Our Man in Virginia, Patrick MacRae, hosted a Clan MacRae tent at the Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games in Richmond, Virginia in late October. From left to right are Don (MacCraw) Reeks, Patrick and Joe Rea Muller.

Dave and Maggie McRae Matthewes were welcome visitors to the MacRae tent at Stone Mountain in October.
Above: Society Treasurer Sheila Schmidt with husband Doug in Vancouver in June.

Below: the MacRae tent at Long’s Peak; left to right are Rebecca Farrell, Mike Golec, Judy McRae, Bruce McRae, Jeanette Cote, Sheila Schmidt, Jan McRae and Doug Schmidt.

Left above: a young lass with the Grandfather Mountain Highlanders drums before the Clan MacRae dinner at Linville, NC, in July.

Left: Patrick MacRae and Marion MacRae represented Clan MacRae in the clan march at the Virginia Scottish Games in September.

Left below: a heavy athlete throws the hammer at Grandfather Mountain.
Our Society’s President, Bruce McRae, and his lovely wife Judy are organizing a first-ever National Gathering for the Clan MacRae Society in 2017. They sent the following invitation.

2017 Clan MacRae Family Gathering
September 5th - 10th, 2017
Golden and Estes Park, Colorado

Make plans now to join us in Colorado next year for our Clan MacRae Family Gathering! Grab your calendar, mark the dates of September 5th through 10th, 2017, and get ready to have a first class experience in one of the most scenic areas in the USA. Our theme for this gathering is “Family” and there’s no better place to experience our MacRae family than in the mountains of Colorado. This will be a wonderful time of making new friends as well as renewing old friendships in a beautiful part of our country.

Two Days in Golden, Colorado
The gathering begins with two days in Golden (Denver metro area) before heading into the mountains. Unless you are planning on doing some touring prior to our gathering, we suggest you fly into Denver International Airport on Tuesday, September 5th. We have a block of discounted rooms reserved at the Denver Marriott West, close to many attractions including Red Rocks Amphitheater, the Coors Brewery, the Denver Mint and Lookout Mountain. You can visit “Buffalo Bill” Cody’s museum and grave. You can take a day trip to one of the mining towns of Idaho Springs or Georgetown that are just west of Golden. You can also drive the Lariat Loop through the towns of Golden, Morrison and Evergreen; it’s the only National Scenic Byway close to an urban area. Wednesday, Sept 6th is free and open for touring, but on Wednesday evening we will enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Three Days in Estes Park, Colorado
Thursday we will gather for a group breakfast and then head north to the resort town of Estes Park which sits in a beautiful valley at the gateway of Rocky Mountain National Park.

Estes Park is surrounded by mountains with the most famous being Longs Peak which stands 14,259 feet above sea level. The 90 minute drive to Estes Park is incredibly scenic. We have reserved discounted lodging with Bugle Pointe Condos where you have a choice of one or two bedroom units with or without a private hot tub. These condos front on the beautiful Fall River and are tucked into a grove of majestic old-growth pine and spruce trees, surrounded by mountains on all sides and frequently visited by elk, deer, moose, black bear, fox, marmot, bobcat and bighorn sheep. We searched high and low and felt these condos were the best accommodation for both price and location. The condos are located three miles outside Estes Park and just one mile from the entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park. Why not share a condo with family or friends?

While in Estes Park, you will have your choice of activities to fill your day. September is a wonderful time to visit, for the aspen leaves are
turning color and the elk are in their bugling (mating) season, so you may see elk even in the town. There are hiking trails and even horseback riding. There will be much to see and do in addition to our scheduled Clan MacRae activities.

**Rocky Mountain National Park**

Rocky Mountain National Park is 415 square miles of pure mountain joy! One of the highlights of the park is Trail Ridge Road which is the highest continuous road in the US. Eleven miles of Trail Ridge Road travel above treeline as it winds across the tundra's vastness to its high point at 12,183 feet. You will experience thrilling views and see amazing wildlife all from the comfort of your car. As you climb in elevation, “the changes that occur en route are fascinating to observe. A drive that may begin in montane forests of aspen and ponderosa pine soon enters thick subalpine forests of fir and spruce. At treeline, the last stunted, wind-battered trees yield to the alpine tundra.”

At the many scenic overlooks and trailheads, you will feel awe at the beauty and vastness of the Rocky Mountains, and you can tramp across over 300 miles of hiking trails in the park including the scenic and easy Bear Lake and Sprague Lake trails. There are wildflowers, wildlife and spectacular starry nights to behold. Our three days in Estes Park give you free time to plan your outing into the park to enjoy the natural beauty of the mountains. For more information on Rocky Mountain National Park, go to nps.gov/romo.

**The Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival**

We chose this time for our gathering to coincide with the Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park. We believe it is the largest festival of its kind in the United States. 2017 will be special in that Clan MacRae will be one of the “Honored Clans” of the festival. We will have a larger tent and will be in a more prominent location because of this honor. The festival runs from 9 am to 5 pm for three days on September 8th through 10th and includes over 50 events, over 1,000 dancers and over 100 Celtic vendors on the grounds of the Stanley Park Fairgrounds. You will find all the normal activities — the athletics, the dancing, the piping, the dogs, the Strongman competition, but also some more unusual activities such as medieval jousting. Both weekend passes and one-day tickets are available. For those who want to shop, this festival has an amazing number of vendors, providing some of the best Scottish shopping around. For more information on the festival, please go to scotfest.com.

On Thursday night, we will attend the 2017 Tattoo Estes, a smaller, but equally entertaining version, of the Edinburgh Tattoo. This festival is renowned for the performances at the Tattoo of military bands from both the US and the British Commonwealth. We have greatly enjoyed this in past years, and Clan MacRae will have special seating for the evening.

On Saturday morning, we will march as a clan in the parade through downtown Estes Park. This spectacular event shuts down the town, with all the bands and clans participating. Because we are an “Honored Clan” for 2017, we will be
marching at the front of the parade, so we want everyone marching together in our best MacRae tartan as we showcase Clan MacRae!

We will also be looking for volunteers to help man the tent over the three day festival weekend. We’ll need help setting up the tent on Thursday afternoon and then will need people working the tent during the festival itself. It will be a gathering place and at this festival, we always have people coming by to find out more about their MacRae heritage!

**Mrs. Marigold MacRae and Baroness Miranda Van Lynden**

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs. Marigold MacRae Jervis, the head of Clan MacRae in Scotland, and her daughter Baroness Miranda Van Lynden will be joining us both in Golden and in Estes Park for our Clan MacRae Family Gathering. We are thrilled that the matriarchs of our clan and the owners of Eilean Donan Castle are willing to hop the pond to be with us for this festive occasion. On both Saturday and Sunday, Marigold and Miranda will be introduced and will have a minute to say a few words. The Longs Peak Festival does a very good job of honoring dignitaries, so we know you will be blessed to see both Marigold and Miranda honored and Clan MacRae highlighted over the weekend.

**Even More Clan MacRae Activities!**

On Friday night we will be heading to one of the best restaurants in Estes Park for a Clan MacRae Dinner. The Twin Owls Steakhouse is known for its rustic setting and for its excellent food. We will enjoy a buffet dinner as a clan on Friday night.

Sunday morning will be a real treat for we will enjoy a lovely brunch at the historic Stanley Hotel. This 1909 hotel, known for its architecture and magnificent setting, was built by F.O. Stanley, creator of the Stanley Steamer automobile. Even though the hotel is known from Stephen King’s novel The Shining and is said to be one of the most haunted hotels in America, nothing will interfere with our lavish brunch in the beautiful Music Room with stunning views of Longs Peak and the Rocky Mountains. The Annual General Meeting of the Society will follow breakfast and will be our last group event. The remainder of the day is free.

**Our Clan Gathering Itinerary:**

Here is a more detailed itinerary for our gathering. Please note that transportation is **not** provided. You may want to reserve a rental vehicle to allow flexibility of touring in each location.

**Tuesday Sept 5th**
- Fly into Denver International Airport (DIA)
- Overnight at Denver Marriott West

**Wednesday Sept 6th**
- 8:30 Breakfast at Denver Marriott West (reserved seating)
- Tour Golden/Denver area
- Welcome Dinner at Abrusci’s Italian Restaurant**
- Overnight at Denver Marriott West

**Thursday Sept 7th**
- 8:30 Breakfast at Denver Marriott West (reserved seating)
- Drive to Estes Park
- 7:30 pm TATTOO Estes 2017**
- Overnight at Bugle Pointe Condos on Fall River

**Friday Sept 8th**
- 9 am - 5 pm Longs Peak Scottish Festival
- Tour Rocky Mountain National Park
- 6:00 pm Buffet Dinner at Twin Owls Restaurant**
- Overnight at Bugle Pointe Condos on Fall River

**Saturday Sept 9th**
- 9:30 am Clan Parade through Estes Park
- 9 am - 5 pm Longs Peak Scottish Festival
- Tour Rocky Mountain National Park
- Evening free
- Overnight at Bugle Pointe Condos on Fall River

**Sunday Sept 10th**
- 8:30 am Brunch/AGM (Annual General Meeting) at Stanley Hotel**
- 9 am - 5 pm Longs Peak Scottish Festival
- Tour Rocky Mountain National Park
- Fly out of DIA or continue touring Colorado
** These events are included in the Gathering registration fee. This fee will include three meals, the entrance cost to the Tattoo as well as a gift bag for all attending. We need a better feel for the numbers attending before finalizing the price of the registration fee.

**Please Join Us Next Year!**

We truly hope you come and join us for a spectacular event next year! More details will be forthcoming as we finalize our plans. We know some who are already planning an extended trip to Colorado either before or after the Gathering. If you are interested in attending, please contact either Bruce or Judy McRae at 303-670-9611 or email Judy at judymcrae@aol.com. We will be happy to send you more information on the Gathering and all the details on how to reserve lodging. Please note that all blocked rooms are first come first served and we have a limited number of rooms. We will also be inviting our MacRae cousins from the UK, Canada, Australia and other countries to join us as well. We hope to see you all in Colorado next September!

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**A Continuing Story of the Arctic**

Several years ago, this newsletter reported on the poignant story of Dr. John Rae, the 19th century Arctic explorer, and his experiences with the fate of the Franklin Expedition. Franklin had been dispatched by the Royal Navy to discover a Northwest Passage, that is, an ice-free route around the north end of Canada and Alaska. The expedition vanished and was never heard from again. Dr. Rae, exploring the Arctic on foot, actually discovered the last link in the passage, but he also heard from the native peoples about the fate of the Franklin expedition. The ships had been trapped in the ice, and the crew had descended into cannibalism. Honest to a fault, Rae relayed this information to his superiors in the Hudson’s Bay Company in London whence it unfortunately became public. Franklin’s widow undertook a crusade against Rae’s reputation, and, in spite of his towering accomplishments in Arctic exploration, he never received his deserved acclaim and, indeed, was not welcome in polite Victorian society. The remains of Franklin’s men have never been found, and the lost vessels only in the last few years. The Erebus was found in 2014, and the Terror just last September.

According to the Associated Press “Historians believe that the ships got trapped in thick ice in 1846 off Prince William Island, and Franklin and some other crew members died in the ensuing months. The survivors apparently abandoned the two ships in April 1848 in a hopeless bid to reach safety overland. Inuit lore tells of

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Flowers of the Forest:
Laura Belle Macrae

It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of Laura Belle Macrae, a long-time stalwart of the Clan MacRae Society of North America, our Chancellor and former Treasurer. Laura Belle died September 2, 2016. She was born July 4, 1919 in Takoma Park, MD to the late Walter and Sara Almira “Allie” Graves Wyatt; she moved with her family to the District of Columbia in 1930, where her father took a position on the staff of the Supreme Court of the United States. Laura Belle herself worked for the Department of the Treasury and the Administration Office of the United States Court system. In 1952 she married Bruce Farquhar Macrae, whose family had immigrated to the United States from Canada, where they had but recently immigrated from Scotland. Bruce and Laura Belle lived for many years in Jacksonville, Florida, and in 1970 moved to Savannah, Georgia, where Laura Belle spent the rest of her life.

Although not founders of the Clan MacRae Society, Laura Belle and Bruce were early members and helped build the Society. Bruce became President in 1994 and served in that capacity until his death in 1998. Laura Belle continued her active participation and served as Treasurer for many years. She was a fixture at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, where she served as Convener of the clan tents for many, many years and where she was always welcomed by the Grandfather Mountain Highlanders. She loved the pipe band, helped support it financially and delighted in their successes. The affection was mutual.

Laura Belle is survived by her son Stuart, a Vice President of our Society, by a sister, Jane Wyatt DeFreitas of Charlottesville, Virginia, and by a nephew. Laura Belle was active in many other organizations, including the Savannah Symphony guild, the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Georgia Daughters of Colonial Wars, the Navy League and Alpha Delta Sorority. She was also a member of the First Families of Virginia and loved to tell the story of her earliest ancestor in America, a seaman who made several trans-Atlantic trips and eventually settled in Virginia in the early 17th century. She was for many years a member of the choir and a Deacon of the Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church in Savannah.

Laura Belle with Stuart (left) and Bruce at Grandfather Mountain in 1995.

Laura Belle had been ill for several years and unable to attend the Grandfather Mountain Games. Her presence and spirit were greatly missed, and we will always be grateful for the contributions she made to our society.

Serenaded by the Grandfather Mountain Highlanders in 2006.
Ceud Mile Fàilte: 100,000 Welcomes to Our New Members

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New Life Members

We welcome you to the Clan MacRae Society of North America. I encourage all present members to note those new members who may live in your communities. Call them and welcome them aboard.

—Bruce W. McRae

‘white men who were starving’ as late as the winter of 1850 . . . . Dozens of searches by the British and Americans in the 1800s failed to locate the wrecks, and some of those expeditions also ended in tragedy. But they opened up parts of the Canadian Arctic to discovery and ultimately found a Northwest Passage, though it proved inhospitable to shipping because of ice and treacherous weather.”

The discovery of the wreck of Terror was accidental. Again according to an AP article:
“Sammy Kogvik, an Inuk and Canadian Ranger from Gjoa Haven, started talking about something he had seen seven years ago while snowmobiling across the sea ice of Terror Bay. Kogvik recalled how he had looked behind him to check on his hunting partner when he spotted a large pole sticking up out of the ice. The two Inuit stopped and took pictures of what looked like a ship's mast. But when Kogvik got home to Gjoa Haven, he found he had dropped his camera and lost the shots. Reportedly, ‘He kept the story secret because he didn't want people not to believe him.’”

There is an odd footnote to this story:
The Terror was originally a bomb vessel. She took part in the barrage of Fort McHenry in the War of 1812, and the “bombs bursting in air” that helped inspire Francis Scott Key to write The Star Spangled Banner may well have been launched from the Terror.

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Notice: Moving soon or recently moved? Please send change of address to:

Clan MacRae Society of North America
3350 Braun Court
Golden, CO 80401

We need your surface mail address even if you get Sgurr Uaran by email.

Below left: A Rocky Mountain elk issues an invitation to the 2017 Clan MacRae Gathering in Colorado. Story on page 6.

Below right: Autumn aspens in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Bottom: A stunning image of a fog bow, taken on Rannoch Moor northeast of Glen Coe by photographer Melvin Nicholson in November 2016.