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# THE GREEN BANNER

## 2007 NEWS

Of the Canadian Branch

by June Macpherson, Secretary-Treasurer

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### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Clan Association welcomes to the Canadian Branch the following members: Jane Adamick of Prince George BC; Ken Gillis of Burlington ON; Calvin MacPherson of Stittsville ON; Donna L MacPherson of Orleans ON; Ken Macpherson of Port Hope ON; John W. MacPherson of Eastern Passage NS; Bruce Dan McPherson of Windsor ON; Rebecca McLeish of Sault Ste. Marie ON; and Eddy Pearson of Bouget ON; Tracy Sutton of Lasalle QC. As well, two junior members have joined this year, Megan Smith and Alex Smith of Waterloo ON. We now have five junior members—Hurrah!

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### 58<sup>TH</sup> CLAN RALLY IN COLLINGWOOD OCTOBER 12, 13, 14.

John C. Gillies has been working very hard to arrange a warm welcome for all members at the Blue Mountain Resort for our Rally in October. It is with pleasure that we can announce that Sir William of Cluny our Chief has accepted our invitation to join us on this occasion. It is hoped that many members will attend and join in the festivities. A notice of events and a registration form is enclosed with the Green Banner.

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### CHAIRMAN HAS BUSY SUMMER



*Part of Macpherson contingent in opening parade at Maxville.  
L to R: Peter Fish representing US Branch, June Macpherson, and Bob Archibald*

Our Chairman, Robert Archibald, and his wife Marlene, have been busy attending Highland Games this summer. One of their stops was at Maxville, ON, one of the largest clan gatherings in Canada. Through his efforts the Canadian Branch has been well represented at Highland Gatherings

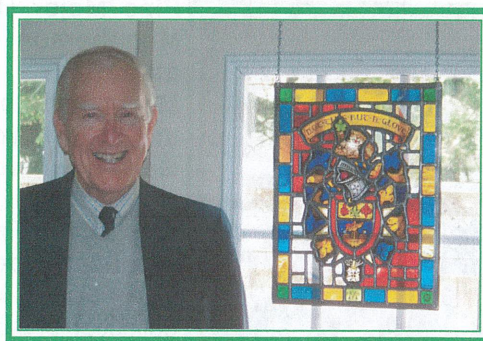
throughout Canada. As a result several individuals have submitted applications for membership.

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### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

To parents and grandparents: Why not give your children or grandchildren the gift of membership? I am sure that it will help them to identify their roots and give them a sense of pride in belonging to an extended family with a history. The cost of an annual membership for students under 18 is only \$10.00

### GORDON MACPHERSON HERALDIC ARTIST



*Gordon with his coat of arms in stained glass*

Most members have met Gordon Macpherson, whose interest in promoting and preserving the Clan Association in Canada is well-known, as is his love of his Scots heritage and ancestry. But how many know that Gordon is also Niagara Herald Extraordinary of the Canadian Heraldic Authority. Gordon has assisted many Canadians including clansmen in obtaining their coats of arms and his art work in designing the coats of arms is greatly admired.

Those of you who have visited the Clan Museum in Newtonmore found a heraldry wall with shields of all of the armigers of Clan Macpherson painted by Gordon.

A more thorough explanation of Gordon's work can be found in an article by R.D. Watt, in *Heraldry in Canada 2006 Edition* published by the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada of which Gordon is a member and Fellow.

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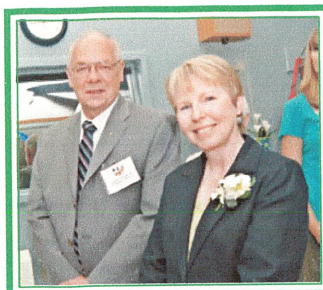
### SCOTTISH KNIGHTS IN MONTREAL

Visitors to Montreal might consider a tour of Mount Royal Cemetery. Twenty-three Scottish knights are buried there. Canadian history has been enriched by these men of Scottish ancestry. The names of these knights are available in *The Journal of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal*, January 2007.

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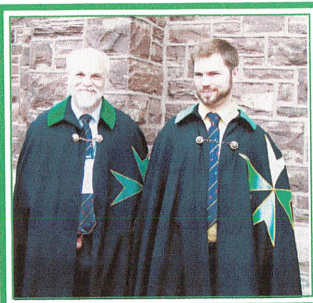
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*Dawn Smith receiving the Certificate of Achievement*

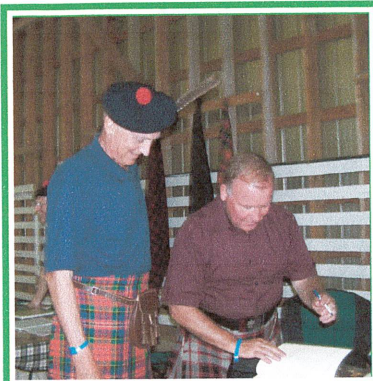
It is with pleasure that it has been announced that one of our members, Dawn Roussel Smith, wife of Rod Smith, a director of the Branch, has been recognized for teaching excellence by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and has been awarded a national certificate of achievement in early childhood education. She was presented with this award at the University of Waterloo where she is employed.

Further honors for this family occurred when Brendan Smith of Georgetown, ON, was invested as an officer and joined father Rod in the Order of St. Lazarus in June of this year.



*Proud Rod with Brendan following his investiture into the Order of St. Lazarus at Niagara Falls*

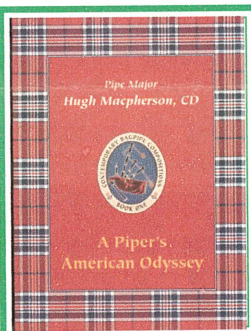
## BOOK SIGNING



*Pipe Major Hugh Macpherson CD signs a copy of his new book for LCol Mark Macpherson CD at Maxville*

Pipe Major Hugh Macpherson CD attended the Macpherson booth at the Maxville Games where he signed copies of his latest book *A Piper's American Odyssey*. The book is a collection of musical compositions for the bagpipe principally by the author with a short historical story giving the inspiration

for each number based on his knowledge of military history and personal experiences. One section of the book is devoted to American composers of pipe music with a short biographical sketch for each of them. The book includes a compact disc (CD) not to be confused with the author's postnominal, CD (Canadian Forces Decoration) awarded to Canadian Forces personnel after 12 years of exemplary service. The book is available from the author for \$35 and is a must for those interested in modern pipe music.



*Cover of Hugh's book, The Piper's American Odyssey, The centre element includes a picture of his 1897 Peter Henderson bagpipe*

**REMEMBER COLLINGWOOD**

**OCTOBER 12 TO 14**

**REGISTER EARLY - AVOID THE RUSH!**

## IN MEMORIAM.

The Clan Association notes with regret the passing of the following long time members:  
Thornhill Lees and James B. Wilson.

In July the Branch learned of the death of Betty MacPherson, wife of J. Donald MacPherson, Honorary Vice-President of the Canadian Branch.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families.

The Branch also learned recently that Alan, the eldest son of Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, our Chief, died in June in Scotland. Our deepest condolences to Cluny and his family on this sad occasion.

## NEWS!! NEWS!! NEWS!!

IF YOU HAVE SOME INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE CLAN MACPHERSON ASSOCIATION, AND THE GREEN BANNER CONTACT ME AT

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## MEMBERS WANTED

If you know someone who is interested in joining the Clan Association, contact me at the address above and I will gladly send out a brochure and application form