



THE GREEN BANNER

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Association is very pleased to welcome the following life members: Marlene Archibald, wife of Robert Archibald, past Chairman, of Port Hope ON; and James and Kim Macpherson of Ajax ON. And also a warm welcome to the following annual member: Sandra J. MacPherson of Ottawa ON. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the Association, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Summer has arrived and I note the weather across the country has been rather good so far. June and I have completed our plans to fly to Scotland for the Clan Rally in Badenoch at the end of July. We look forward to meeting some of you there

Your Executive has been busy using Skype to keep in touch and help John Gillies with planning for the Branch AGM at Collingwood in October. You have received the notice and the registration forms with this newsletter. We have found Skype to be an effective way to run long-distance conferences using our computers.

I look forward to meeting many clansmen and clanswomen in Collingwood at our Canadian rally this year. If you were not there last year you really missed something - don't miss this year! John and his team are cooking up a great rally for all of us with an excellent program for the weekend.

Once again I thank those who contributed to the Green Banner for this issue. I sincerely hope that more members will bring us their news, photographs, and items of interest. It is important to make the Green Banner your newsletter. I know all about writer's cramp, but if you start thinking about an article of general interest or some news about yourself or other clansmen, the rest is easy. Our editor can help with the style if you feel that is your problem.

We are still looking for new members. Bring a prospect to one of the games on the list shown in this issue or encourage someone to attend our rally in Collingwood. This is a good opportunity for them to meet our members and see what a good lot we are and our enthusiasm about Clan Macpherson.

In the meantime have a fine summer – see you in the fall.

Mark F Macpherson

ANNUAL DUES

At the Annual General Meeting in Scotland in August 2008 a proposal for an increase in the remittance sent to Scotland each year is to be discussed and voted upon. If this increase is adopted it will mean that the dues for Canadian annual membership, associate membership, and junior membership will have to increase as well. There will be no increase for Life Membership that is \$300, a one-time fee. After remitting money to Scotland, the remainder pays for the stationery, postage, printing of the newsletter and notices, as well as the purchase of inventory for sale at the games. Also if the costs of the Branch Annual General Meeting are in deficit these are covered by general revenue.

CANADIAN RALLY 2009

Your Executive is always looking for ideas with regard to the next clan rally. Last year's rally at Collingwood was most successful and that is why it was chosen as the site for this year's rally. An item for discussion at this year's annual general meeting will be the location for the 2009 rally. One suggestion has already been received. The 78th Fraser Highlanders are holding a re-enactment of the Battle of the Plains of Abraham at Quebec City as it will 150 years since the battle took place. It will be in September, probably the 13th, and it might be interesting to be associated with this event. Let us know what you think by emailing markmacpherson009@sympatico. Also please mention any other suggestions you might have.

CLAN MACPHERSON AND THE 78TH FRASER HIGHLANDERS

Rod Smith, Director Canadian Branch



Pipes and drums of the 78th Frasers at Fort St Helen Montréal

When Simon Fraser, Master of Lovat, and Chief of Clan Fraser, was asked to raise a regiment in the Highlands for service in Canada he did so with the help of his “gentlemen friends”. His sister, Janet, had married

into Clan Macpherson and both Clans had fought on the Jacobean side at Culloden. Consequently, the more than a hundred men of Badenoch came to Canada to fight under General Wolf. Several served as officers including a “brother of Cluny”, John who was a Lt, and many stayed marrying into French families.

Today, the regiment, having been re-raised by the Queen in 1967 serves as a non-profit charitable organization. The modern Frasers raise money in various ways across the country in support of scholarship in Canadian military history, the restoration of monuments and grave sites overseas and also in support of several active and reserve regiments in a variety of ways. There are garrisons throughout the country with several members of our clan as officers. One may be assured that the traditions of a highland regiment are carefully maintained as well.

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PROFILE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER – JUNE MACPHERSON



June at work in her garden

June was born and raised in Winnipeg. In 1956 she married Mark when he completed his Engineering Degree and they moved to Montreal. She has a BA from Sir George Williams University; a BEd from McGill; and a MA and DIA from Concordia University. She taught for the Montreal English School Board for several years. She was the Vice-President of the Montreal Teachers' Association and a Director of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers. After retirement she served for a brief time on the Superior Council of Education of Quebec. It was at this time that Mark and June moved to Hemmingford. They have three sons and three granddaughters, all members of the Association. June spends a great deal of her time volunteering in the community as Secretary for the Library. She enjoys attending the theatre, the opera, and the ballet. But her passion is gardening and golf, not necessarily in that order.

KUDOS FOR GORDON MACPHERSON

Once again our clansman, Gordon Macpherson, has distinguished himself by having an Armorial Bookplates Exhibit at the John M. Kelly Library of the University of Toronto St. Michael's College. This exhibit was presented by the Toronto Branch of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada (RHSC). Gordon who is Niagara Herald Extraordinary is also Canada's most well known and respected heraldic artist. Although the exhibit is now over, some of his bookplates are on display on the Society's website, in addition many of the coats of arms designed by Gordon can be viewed on the Society's Roll of Arms. After the opening ceremonies, Gordon was made Chair of the newly-formed Heraldic Arts Committee of the RHSC and received a standing ovation.


Source: RHSC Blog and "Hogtown Herald" Newsletter of the Toronto Branch RHSC

CANADIAN BRANCH CLAN RALLY AND AGM

October 3 to 5, 2008 at Collingwood
Ontario


Mark your calendars!

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE HIGHLAND SUMMER GAMES IN CANADA

elp support your Clan Association by attending one or more of the many Highland Games which are taking place in Canada this summer. Bob and Marlene Archibald would welcome your presence at the Clan Macpherson booth on the following dates. Drop by for a chat or if you have the time volunteer to spend some time encouraging those who exhibit an interest in our Clan to become members. Bob and Marlene can be found at the Games on the following dates:

June 14	Fairgrounds,	GEORGETOWN ON
June 28	Donegan Park,	COBURG ON
July 25	Elgin Park,	UXBRIDGE ON
August 2	Fairgrounds,	MAXVILLE ON
August 3	George Springate Sports Centre,	PIERREFONDS QC
August 9 & 10	Centre Wellington Community Sportplex,	FERGUS ON
August 29 to 31	St. Andrews Kirk Hall,	QUEBEC CITY QC

GATHERING OF THE CLANS 2009

his very special event that is to take place July 25 and 26, 2009, will attract many people from all over the world. The International Chairman of CMA, William McPherson (Tokyo Bill), has recommended that those who plan to attend make their arrangements as soon as possible so as not to be disappointed. As well a pledge page has been developed for the website, clan-macpherson.org, which would enable members to indicate their plans. This will give a rough estimate of numbers of attendees so that other events can be planned during late July as a lead-in to the Clan Macpherson Association Rally which will take place July 31 and August 1 to 3. Information concerning the Gathering of the Clans can be found on the website clangathering.org.

SOME VIEWS OF THE HIGHLANDS



Badenoch near Cluny Castle



Kayaking near Grantown on Spey

