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## Loch & Found

While this time of year may draw our attention to Highland Festivals / Celtic Games, it is important to recognize the significant impact CMW is making in connecting the present to the past. While many individual members actively chip away at the metaphorical genealogical “walls” they’ve encountered, others are digging in the dirt...literally!



Archaeologists at the site of 17th Century almshouses at the western shore of Loch Lomond. PIC: Heather James/Calluna Archaeology.



Archaeologists at a deserted settlement overlooking Loch Lomond. PIC: Heather James/Calluna Archaeology.

Alison Campsie of *The Scotsman* recently highlighted an archaeological dig of Loch Lomond by Dr. Heather James of Calluna Archaeology. Dr. James was commissioned by Clan MacFarlane Worldwide to chart the changes of the territory over the centuries, during and since the zenith of the Clan in their ancestral lands.

While minimal information regarding the inhabitation of the area existed until this point, Dr. James intends to change that! Perhaps the overarching vision of this project was summed up best by Dr. James: “We are bringing these sites back into common knowledge. These lochs and glens were not empty. There were lots of people out there farming and using the landscape... This area certainly was a busy place. It strikes you as you walk through this landscape, there would have been lots of people and animals wandering about.”



Loch Lomond viewed from Ben Lomond with the lost settlements found west of the water, from the shoreline through Arrochar. PIC: Creative Commons

Please take the time to read the full article by Ms. Campsie: [Lost settlements of Loch Lomond traced by archaeologists](#)



CMW tent at the Alma, Michigan games. Hosted by Steve and Marie Robb.

## Have Tent. Will Travel.

There is an old proverb that says, “With great weather comes great Celtic Games!” Perhaps I am completely misquoting the proverb, but it is true nonetheless. With festivals and games in full swing, Clan MacFarlane Worldwide is being well represented. Steve and Marie Robb hosted a tent at the Alma Highland Festival in Alma, Michigan (May 26-27), and were met with friendly faces and hands willing to help. We offer a sincere thank you to the Andrew McFarlane family, as they have volunteered to host a tent at future gatherings in the area.

Volunteers are currently needed to host Clan MacFarlane tents in Canada. Perhaps a dozen of Tim Horton’s finest could be thrown in to...um...sweeten the pot!

All members and friends of CMW are encouraged to attend as many games as possible to meet MacFarlanes, Weavers, Weirs, Robbs, Galloways and more.

We hope that we will see you at a game sometime this year!

## ***June Schedule of Games/Festivals***

[Utah Games and Scottish Festival](#) Friday 08 June 2018 - Sunday 10 June 2018

[Georgetown Highland Games](#) Saturday 09 June 2018 08:00am - 08:00pm

[The 55th Cobourg Scottish Festival & Highland games](#) Friday 15 June 2018 - Sunday 17 June 2018 06:00pm - 11:00pm

[18th Annual Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival](#) Saturday 16 June 2018 09:00am - 08:00pm

[Ohio Scottish Games](#) Friday 22 June 2018 - Saturday 23 June 2018

For a full list, check out our online Games Calendar [here](#), or at <http://clanmacfarlane.org/>

# Ancient MacFarlane Island Stronghold in Loch Lomond?

The unexplored old foundations of a building on a secluded point of land in the head of Loch Lomond has been noticed and talked about for over three hundred years. It is located in the original arrochar of land given by a 1225 charter to Gilchrist, the 1<sup>st</sup> Baron of Arrochar. His great grandson, the Baron Parlan became the 1<sup>st</sup> Chief of MacFarlane in the 1300's.

This point of land is often an island when the Loch is high and it was clearly referred to by the 1600's historian and chief, Walter MacFarlane. In a transcription of his notes he is quoted; "...hard upon the head of the Loch is Ylen Eunlich of a flight shot long, with a dwelling upon it, it is a half mile





distant from Dow-vysk...the mouth thereof." The 'island' (Ylen) size and described location confirms it is this northerly point of land in the Loch.

## WHAT WAS THIS DWELLING???

A walkover in 2013 by Professor Chris Dalgleish suggested to him the exposed

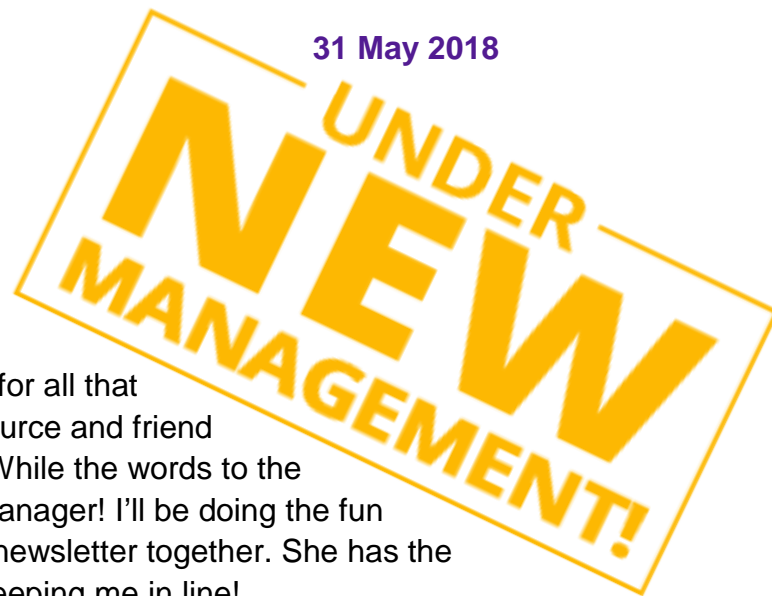
foundation's use was for a Victorian fisherman's bothy, but which may have been built over older stonework.

The Clan MacFarlane Worldwide (CMW) continuing archaeological studies of their ancient Clan's arrochar of land now has taken the opportunity to professionally explore this last of the four 'MacFarlane Island Strongholds' in Loch Lomond. In the fall of 2018, a two-week archaeology dig of the site, funded by CMW will be carefully done by Dr Heather James of Calluna Archaeology, with all needed permissions.

As CMW has done for its previous studies, a final report will be made of the dig with all the findings. This will be published in appropriate places in Scotland, plus CMW's Facebook site and it's website at [http://www.clanmacfarlane.org/public\\_html/](http://www.clanmacfarlane.org/public_html/)

- ***Peter F McFarlin, CMW past president and current Advisor to CMW Board***

## A Note From Ryan



In a case that just might prove once and for all that “newer isn’t always better”, Marie has asked me to come on board to give her a hand with the monthly newsletter.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Marie Robb for all that she does for CMW! She has been an incredible resource and friend to me. I am glad to be able to lighten the load a bit. While the words to the right read “Under New Management”, Marie is the manager! I’ll be doing the fun job of putting the newsletter together. She has the onerous task of keeping me in line!



### *A little bit about my family:*

We have been blessed with two beautiful little girls. They keep us on our toes and laughing every day! Arami loves playing piano and is enjoying her first season of T-Ball.

Our youngest, Liliana, loves to play with...and harass her big sister! Though Liliana looks most like her mother, she has proven to have

McFarland and MacGregor blood coursing through her veins. On a full moon, she has been known to make off with her sister’s stuffed cow!

Abilehi works from home as an English teacher online. This has been an incredible blessing to our family, as it allows her to stay home with our girls each day.

I am a full-time student, working towards my Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing. Ultimately, I will pursue a Doctorate of Nursing Practice, and serve as an Emergency Nurse Practitioner.



I look forward to getting to know y’all and working together to provide the best newsletter possible!

Upcoming Tidbits: (yes... we repeat sometimes)

1. Watch for upcoming announcements about the **2020 CMW trip to Ireland and Scotland**. Laurie McFarland Jackson is working diligently with our travel group to get the plans pulled together. So start saving those pennies!
2. **Where do you want to hold the Annual Members' Meeting in 2019?** Because we will delay our trip to Scotland and Ireland until 2020, we will need to select a new location for our meeting for next year. Find a great Highland Game near you, and when we email you for your input next month, make sure to make your suggestion. Then the members will all vote on the location.
3. Remember - the **Annual Members' Meeting (the "AMM") for 2018** will be held at the **Long's Peak Highland Games, Estes Park, Colorado. 6-9 September, 2018**. An agenda will be provided in a forthcoming newsletter. **ALERT!! CMW will be honored during the Thursday evening Tattoo at the games. If you are in the area and can attend Thursday night, you can sit with other CMW members and enjoy the evening.**
4. Nomination period for the upcoming election has come to a close. We will soon hear from our Election Director, Neal McFarland, regarding who the candidates are.



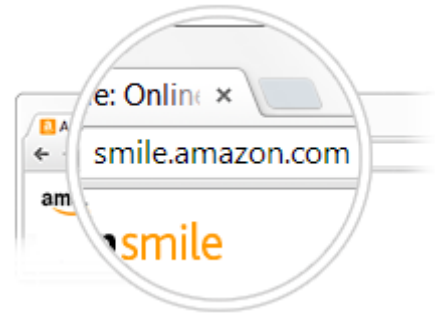
Dad deserves a shirt!



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Until next month.... !