

Neil D. McCallum

President 2006-9, Vice President 2004-2006 & 2013, Secretary Treasurer 2015 -?, Convener, Order of Merit Recipient

Upon his election to the presidency of the Society at the Stone Mountain Games in 2006, Neil suggested that the Society look toward having a future Annual General Meeting in Scotland. This vision came true when Neil lead 50+ Clans people from US, Canada, Australia & New Zealand to the 2009 "Gathering" in Edinburgh and then to Kilmartin for the Annual General Meeting. This was a truly amazing experience for all involved.

Another highlight of Neil's Presidency was his visit to Australia and meeting with the leadership of their Clan Society. This meeting opened up the dialogue between the societies with regard to the Argent Castle and genealogy.



Neil & Shirley McCallum at Longs Peak Highland Games, Estes Park, CO 2008

Neil first became involved with the Society as a convener in the Washington DC area. At time, he even shared the tent with the Clan Lamont Society as his mother's ancestry was Lamont.

During his tenure as President, Neil initiated the effort for the Clan Society to become incorporated and recognized as a Charitable Organization. Many thanks to Lon McCollum and his son Thad for navigating the process and accomplishing the goal.

Neil has always been interested in his ancestry. As such, he became the Society's Family History Coordinator, and took over the role of Clan Genealogist from Oscar McCollum and Eleanor McCallum. In addition, Neil is the co-administrator of the FamilyTreeDNA MacCallum/Malcolm project. Neil is very active as a volunteer for Findagrave.com and has received the "Making a Difference" award from a local television station in Madison, WI. The video of the newscast may be viewed at http://www.nbc15.com/content/news/Volunteers-help-loved-ones-Find-A-Grave-381457101.html

Many thanks go to Shirley, Neil's wife, for her support of the Neil and the Society over the years. They make a good team!