

**Clan MacRae Society of Canada
2015 Annual Gathering and Meeting - Ottawa
Thursday, April 30 to Sunday, May 3**

Accommodation: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Lord Elgin Hotel, 100 Elgin Street, Ottawa, for April 30 to May 2, at a special rate of \$159.00/night. Call 1-800-267-4298, or e-mail reservations@lordelgin.ca and reference *Clan MacRae Family Reunion*.

Schedule

Please note that the timing and location of some activities is tentative. Confirmed information and more details will be sent to registrants in early April.

Sunday, March 22 - Deadline for Registration

Thursday, April 30

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - Welcome Reception

As in 2011, Anne Brand's son, Michael, has generously offered us the offices used by the Chicken Farmers of Canada. This will provide an initial opportunity for travellers and locals to meet and visit.

Location: 350 Sparks Street (1.2 km/16 min. walk from the Lord Elgin Hotel)

Friday, May 1

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Library and Archives Canada
Tour, Research, Genealogy Sharing,
How DNA testing can help

The tour will teach registrants how to use the services offered by Library and Archives Canada, after which they can conduct research and/or visit a room which has been reserved for 20 people at a time to discuss and share genealogy research. Participants will also have an opportunity to learn how DNA testing can be used to help discover family connections, as well as obtain information on the MacRae DNA Project. There will be time for discussion, so plan to bring along your family tree. You may spend a half or full day at the Library and Archives and take a break for lunch.

Location: 395 Wellington St. (1.4 km/18 min. walk from the Lord Elgin Hotel)

Alternate morning activity:

9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Canadian War Museum

Some folk may have visited this museum in 2011, but one visit cannot do justice to all the museum's exhibits. Moreover, a visit certainly aligns with our theme, the commemoration of WW1. <http://www.warmuseum.ca>

Location: 1 Vimy Place (2.3 km/29 min. walk from the Lord Elgin Hotel)

Noon - Lunch at Carmello's Italian Restaurant

This restaurant is in close proximity to the Library and Archives and the Canadian War Museum. We will make a group reservation, and you may order from the menu, which includes salads, thin crust pizzas and pasta; prices \$11 - \$16.

Location: 300 Sparks Street (350 m/5 min. walk from the Library and Archives, 1.2 km/17 min. walk from the War Museum, 1 km/14 min. walk from the Lord Elgin Hotel)

**Afternoon - National Gallery of Canada
(Time to be confirmed)**

We will have a group tour of the special exhibit of the renowned Canadian Artist, Alex Colville. The ticket price also provides access to the gallery's regular collections, which may be visited after the tour.

<http://www.gallery.ca> <http://www.alexcolville.ca>

Location: 380 Sussex Drive (1.8 km/22 min. walk from Carmello's, 1.2 km/15 min. walk from the Lord Elgin Hotel)

**Evening - The Earl of Sussex
5:00 p.m. or later**

We will gather at this pub for drinks and dinner. You may order from the menu, and timing is flexible.

Location: 431 Sussex Drive (1 km/13 min. walk from the Lord Elgin Hotel)

Saturday, May 2

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting and Lunch

All current and potential members of the Clan MacRae Society of Canada are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will discuss the future of the society and how best we can support the interests of our members.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. - Music and Poetry Presentation

Mathew Larkin, organist, and Eric Friesen, broadcaster and writer, will be presenting *War and Peace: The Music and Poetry of World War One*.

Location: Christ Church Cathedral, 414 Sparks Street (15 min. walk from Parliament Hill)

Please write cheques to: **Clan MacRae Society of Canada**

Send your registration form and cheque to:

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Deadline for Registration is March 22, 2015