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Scottish News in Minnesota

DECEMBER 2011

EVENTS

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Katie McMahon's Christmas Shows 2011

Katie augments her considerable talent with harmonizing vocalists, rhythmic percussion, festive strings and the Corda Mor Irish Dance Troupe for these holiday performances.

This year Katie will incorporate many new carols and dances in a return to the roots of the Christmas season. The troupe performs your favorites as well as Irish and European carols and lullabies. Katie's commanding voice conquers forgotten songs of yore in Gaelic, English, French, German and Latin. Make Katie McMahon's Celtic Christmas part of your holiday tradition.

Friday, December 2nd, 2011 @ 7.30pm | Duluth, MN, Mitchell Auditorium, College of St. Scholastica
Tickets: 218-723-7000 or www.css.edu

Sunday, December 4th, 2011 @ 4pm | St. Michael, MN, St. Michael's Historic Church
Tickets: 763-497-2745
(Note: There are no dancers at this event.)

Friday, December 9th, 2011 @ 7.30pm | St. Paul, MN, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, College of St. Catherine
Tickets: 651-690-6700 or www.theoshaughnessy.com

Saturday, December 17th, 2011 @ 7.30pm | Cambridge, MN, Richard G. Hardy Performing Arts Center
Tickets: 763-689-6189 or www.hardycenter.com

http://www.katiemcmahon.com/Katie_McMahon_Official_Page/Shows.html

DECEMBER 3RD

MSF&HG & SAC Whisky Tasting at Claddagh



"Come have a wee dram with a Scotsman in an Irish Bar!"

The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games and the Scottish American Center would like to invite you to a whisky tasting sponsored and hosted by the Claddagh Irish Pub in Maple Grove. Join us Saturday, December 3rd, 7:00 pm Registration and Seating, 7:30 Tasting. \$25 per person, all net proceeds assist the MSF&HG and the SAC. All are welcome!

For tickets & reservations:
David Dooley (612) 670 0357
Email: TSLA1@AOL.COM
Darren O Dwyer at the Claddagh Pub

<http://www.mnscottishfair.org/documents/WhiskyTasting.pdf>

The Claddagh Irish Pub | 7890 Main Street N | Maple Grove, MN



Scottish American Center

15th Annual RSCDS Twin Cities Fàilte Ball



"Fàilte" means welcome and Scottish country dancers of all levels are welcome to the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's annual beginner-friendly ball* on Saturday, December 3rd, 6:30pm. The event features live music by Thistledown (Ken Steffenson on fiddle, Anne Benson on flute and hammer dulcimer, Pat O'Loughlin on concertina and Sherry Ladig on Piano) and a dessert buffet, all for the very affordable price of \$20/ticket (\$15 for those attending their first Scottish ball). Non-dancers are welcome to enjoy the spectacle, the music and the food for just \$10/ticket. This year's ball will be held at the Triune Masonic Hall, a beautiful ballroom located in western St. Paul.

Details, including dance instructions are available on our web site at <http://www.rscds-twincities.org/failte.html>

*Please note that while the ball is intended to be beginner-friendly, some previous exposure to/familiarity with the basics of Scottish country dancing is suggested for those who plan to dance.

Triune Masonic Lodge | 1898 Iglehart Avenue | Saint Paul, Minnesota

Expat's Ball

Just for the laugh few got together and organized an Expat's Christmas Ball. It's a dressy up kind of occasion, how dressed up you want to be is up to yourself. It will be held at The Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Avenue North, St. Paul, on Saturday evening, December 3rd. There's a great nine piece band (with horns) playing, cash bar, and food will also be available to purchase. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits (that's cookies, for our American friends) will be provided. Door prizes and maybe we'll have a few spot prizes too.

The tickets are \$24 each and are available by calling Rachel at the Celtic Junction at 612-722-7000 or at Irish on Grand. More information under events at <http://thecelticjunction.com>

Come on out in your glad rags for a great night of music, chat and all round good night. You'll be glad you did. Winter is long enough!

Celtic Junction | 836 Prior Avenue | St. Paul, MN, 55104

St. Andrew's Meat Raffles

St. Andrew's Meat Raffles continue through December with raffles on Saturday, December 3 and 17. Both days start at 1 pm and the raffles are held at the Glockenspiel Restaurant on West 7th in St. Paul. Neil Johnson and Mac McPherson can always use help, or just come in and buy some tickets to win some great meat prizes.

Glockenspiel Restaurant | 605 7th Street West | Saint Paul, MN 55102

DECEMBER 10th

TCSC Christmas Party



Saturday, December 10, 1pm – 5pm

A Scottish Christmas Party for all ages! Bring the children/grandchildren and friends! We'll start with at "PotLuck"- Bring a luncheon dish to share! Dessert will be provided We'll have our very own "Scottish Santa"...and Ross Sutter will entertain us. There will be games and crafts for all ages! *(If bringing a child, please make sure to bring a wrapped gift under \$20 with their name on it for Santa to distribute.)*

Macalester Plymouth United Church | 1658 Lincoln Avenue | St. Paul, MN 55105

DECEMBER 13th

Celtic Holiday with Laura MacKenzie and the Lads

Tuesday, December 13, 8pm

MPR calls Laura MacKenzie (flutes, whistles, concertina, pipes) the "High Priestess of Celtic Music" and the Minnesota State Arts Board has recognized her as Master Folk Artist. She will be joined by The Lads (Gary Rue, guitar and voice, and Michael Bissonnette, percussion) as well as Irish dancers in a holiday show combining traditional artistry with a modern twist. Tickets: \$20 (See ticket discounts)

JANUARY 1st

St. Andrew's First Footing

First Footing will be at the home of Jack and Barbara MacKinnon on Sunday, January 1, 2012 from 1 to 5 pm. Please join us to welcome in the New Year. Jack and Barbara reside at 153 Mill Road, Waconia. Directions: Take the 5/212 exit off 494 and take 5 west to the town of Waconia. Go left at the light at Main St. E (Cty 59) to 13th Street. Continue straight on to Sparrow Road, to Fountain Lane. Left on Fountain Lane to Mill Road. Right on Mill Road to their home. Jack's phone is 952-442-8836 in case you get lost. Please bring a dish or libation to share.

153 Mill Road | Waconia, MN

JANUARY 21st

St. Andrew's Burns Dinner

Invitations will be going out soon for the St. Andrew's Burns Dinner to be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club. A great dinner is planned, with some excellent entertainment from Gaelic Tribe. Please join us. If you are not a member, you are still invited and very welcome to attend. Information and a reservation form will soon be on the St. Andrew's website: www.mnst Andrewsociety.org.

Fort Snelling Officer's Club | 395 Highway 5 and Post Rd | Fort Snelling, MN 55111

JANUARY 28th

TCSC 42nd Annual Burns Night

Saturday, January 28, 2012, 5:00 pm



The Twin Cities Scottish Club's 42nd Annual Burns Night Supper will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at the Ramada Mall of America Airport Hotel in Bloomington, MN. Come join the TCSC in the celebration of Scotland's poet laureate Robert Burns' birthday, with Scottish food, great friends, and exceptional entertainment including ceilidh dancing with Gunn Slingers! Vendors Celtic Croft, Studio H Photography, and more will also be on site for your shopping pleasure. We will also have our famous silent auction, so don't miss it! There will be discounted tickets for TCSC members...so, why not join now??? For invitation/registration forms to the TCSC Burns Night Supper, please visit the TCSC's web site in December at www.twincitiesscottishclub.org.

Ramada Mall of America Airport Hotel | 2201 East 78th Street | Bloomington, MN

FEBRUARY 25th

Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games Whiskey Tasting

All proceeds will go directly to the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, thanks to our generous sponsors, 2 Gingers Whiskey and Cara Pubs.



Saturday, February 25, 2012
The Cooper Pub - St. Louis Park, MN

Don't miss this exclusive event!

This event will include various whiskey/scotch tasting (including 2 Gingers) and hors d'oeuvres generously supplied by 2 Gingers Whiskey and Cara Pubs, and will ONLY be open to the first 50 people that purchase tickets. Tickets will be on sale beginning December 1, 2011 and can be purchased by sending a check for \$40.00 per ticket to MSFHG Whiskey Tasting, C/O Norma Macdonald, 14 Mission Road West, Bloomington, MN 55420. Please make your check payable to the MSFHG (MN Scottish Fair & Highland Games).

The Cooper Pub | 1607 Park Place Boulevard | St. Louis Park, MN

Christmas is right around the corner, in need of some stocking stuffers?

We have the "BEST" Stocking stuffer idea for you, your friends, and family!

We have obtained some discount tickets for the MN Scottish Fair and Highland Games 2012! The event will be held on May 19, 2012 at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington , MN .

The normal price of adult admission is \$15.00 per person, however, we have tickets for you to purchase at \$12.00 each. THAT'S A \$3.00 SAVINGS PER PERSON!! In addition, this coming year the Fair has also added a Thrifty Scot Family Pack *, which allows 2 adults and up to 6 children (under the age of 16) admission to the Fair for only \$35.00! This ticket presale is for a "limited time", so get your tickets today!

Please make your checks payable to the "MSFHG" (Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games. The check should be sent to Scottish Fair Tickets, C/O Norma Macdonald, 14 Mission Road West , Bloomington, MN 55420. Please include \$12.00 for each adult and/or \$35.00 for each Thrifty Scot Family Pack ticket you wish to receive, along with your name and address to send the tickets to.

This ticket sale is open to all, so tell your family and friends! Don't miss out on this great discount ticket opportunity to attend the MN Scottish Fair and Highland Games 2012!

*available for presale tickets only

Scottish American Center – 2012 Operations Fund Drive

Dear Friends and Supporters,

First and foremost, a very big and very grateful "thank you" goes out for all your support over the past year. Because of the efforts of so many, we were able to sponsor guest speaker, geologist Scott Wolter, who gave an update to the mystery of the Kensington Rune Stone. This was a free event and, hopefully, you were able to attend.

John McKeen's work with the MN Genealogy Society and the Scottish Interest Group has been ongoing throughout 2011 and is a great success. Looking into 2012, it seems the group is hoping to recruit additional members from our Scottish community. Thanks, John, for all your work.

Also looking into 2012, the board has made a very difficult decision – the decision to close the library/heritage center. After looking at a continued budget of \$4000+ for 2012, the decision was made to reduce the budget to approximately \$1500. The Center's mission will continue, however. As in the past, the Center will provide updates to our website, Facebook page, and the SNIM. We'll continue, too, with cultural displays and informational handouts at various events throughout the Twin Cities with the intent to reach out to Scots and non-Scots alike. Our relationship with Danebo will continue and the books that had been donated to the Center as a part of a permanent collection will be stored at Danebo and will be available for check out.

As for funding for 2012, we were fiscally conservative in 2011 and are able to carry forward monies into 2012. With additional funding from two generous donors we will be able to meet our \$1500 budget. This budget, however, contains a nominal amount for speakers' fees and event registration and the Center is dependent upon additional fundraising efforts to support educational programming. We look forward to seeing you at future events. Thank you for your continued support.

We hope you have very joyous holidays as we enter the busiest time of the year. Peace and good health to you all in 2012.

The SAC Board

MacMillan Gathering

The 2012 Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) Gathering is to be held in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota June 21-26, 2012. Those MacMillans from out-of-town who choose to do so may board at Macalester College. Scheduled Gathering events and activities include trips to Mall of America, Minneapolis Art Institute (including a traveling Rembrandt exhibit and sports photo exhibit), St. Croix riverboat tour and onboard meal and more. Chief George MacMillan and Clan historian and genealogist Graeme Mackenzie, MA will be attending.

Current schedule, registration forms and more details are on the Gathering website at:
<http://www.mcmillen-design.com/clan/pages/gathering.html>

The SNIM is sponsored by the Scottish American Center. We welcome news from all variety of Celts. Please send news, announcements, questions and concerns to scottishamericancenter@yahoo.com.

Thank you!
Tiffany Esau-McCracken
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