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Scottish News in Minnesota



JANUARY 2012

EVENTS

JANUARY 1st

St. Andrew's First Footing in Waconia

The New Year's First Footing will be held in 2012 at the home of Jack and Barbara MacKinnon in Waconia. Jack and Barb have graciously offered their home for this traditional event, open from 1 pm to 5 pm on January 1 for all visitors who want to ring in the New Year in a Scottish way. Please bring a dish or liquid refreshment to share. Good Scottish recipes or distilled beverages are appreciated, but good old American food or drink is just fine too. The MacKinnon's home is 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.

153 Mill Road | Waconia, MN

JANUARY 13th

Hanneke Cassel and Dave Wiesler in Concert, January 13

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Twin Cities Branch is extremely excited to announce a very special series of events scheduled for the weekend of January 13-15, 2012, all featuring two special guest musicians from the east coast, fiddler HANNEKE CASSEL (<http://www.hannekēcassel.com/>) and pianist DAVE WIESLER (<http://www.azaleacityrecordings.com/davewiesler/>).

Boston-based Cassel was the 1997 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion and is a rising star in the international Celtic music scene. Wiesler, who makes his home in the Philadelphia area, is one of the nation's premier pianists for country and ballroom dance, as well as a prolific composer of tunes and songs.

The weekend will include

- Concert by Hanneke and Dave on Friday night, 8pm @ Celtic Junction in St. Paul
- Scottish music workshop on Saturday and Sunday @ Celtic Junction in St. Paul
- Scottish country dance on Saturday night, 7:30pm @ St John the Evangelist Church in St. Paul

Read on for the basics, then go to <http://bit.ly/scot-music> for the full details and ticket/registration instructions

We will be hosting our first ever SCOTTISH MUSIC WORKSHOP on January 14-15. Learn from two of the best in the country! Any musician with at least a basic knowledge of their instrument is enthusiastically encouraged to participate. No previous experience in Scottish music is required, though an interest is key. The focus will be on Scottish dance music. There will also be a class open to non-musicians with an interest in learning about Scottish music. Classes will be held Saturday from 9am to 4pm and Sunday from 10am to 12:30pm. Partial registration available. See <http://bit.ly/scot-music> for details.

Hanneke and Dave will perform a CONCERT on Friday night at the Celtic Junction, 8pm. Tickets are available from the Celtic Junction (<http://www.thecelticjunction.com/tickets>) for just \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door (a ticket is included with registration for the full workshop).

Hanneke and Dave will also play for an informal SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE on Saturday night. There will also be some guest appearances by workshop participants. The program with links to dance cribs is available at <http://bit.ly/scot-music>. Please note that experience with SCD is assumed (it is not a beginner's program).

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

JANUARY 14th-15th

A Scottish Music Workshop, January 14-15

Learn the basics of Scottish country dancing at our 4-week mini-course in Scottish country dancing. Join us on Monday nights, February 27th through March 19th at Tapestry Folkdance Center, 3748 Minnehaha Avenue South in Minneapolis. Cost is just \$12 for the 4-week course (\$10 for Tapestry members). To register, please email us at info@rscds-twincities.org with your name and contact information. See <http://www.rscds-twincities.org/minicourse.html> for more information.

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

JANUARY 21st

St. Andrew's - Memorable Burns Night Planned for Saturday, January 21, 2012

Burns Night planning has been underway for some time now and it looks like we will have another great evening of celebration of the beloved Bard's birthday. Plan now to attend. Invitations are out and the reservation form is also available on the SAS website: mnstandrewssociety.org

This year's dinner will again be at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club, but this year we are back to a Saturday night, instead of Friday. We will have a great menu to choose from again, along with the traditional haggis, tatties and neeps. During the Social Hour, we will be entertained with pipe and fiddle music. We will have all the usual trappings of the evening that you would expect: the Address to the Haggis; the Toast to the Immortal Memory, this year done by Bill Watkins; the Toasts to the Lads and Lassies; and of course our silent auction.

After dinner, prepare yourselves for some great entertainment. We have lined up a wonderful Celtic band from Rochester, Gaelic Tribe. This 6-piece band specializes in Irish, Scottish and Welsh music and they play a lively mixture of original and classic tunes, including jigs, reels, and airs. They will regale us with a mini-concert, and dancing will not only be tolerated, but encouraged! Please join us!

We will also be having 2 meat raffles in January, on Saturday, January 7 and Saturday, January 21. As always they will be at The Glockenspiel Restaurant on West 7th Street in St. Paul, beginning at 1 pm. Please join us ther for a great time and a chance to win some really nice meat prizes.

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

Celtic Open Mic Night, January 28

7pm, \$5 Calling all Irish trad musicians, dancers, story tellers and the gathered masses...

Celtic Open Mic sponsored by the IMDA and the GNIPC. Bring out your stories, songs, jokes, bands, and instruments!

<http://www.thecelticjunction.com/home/celtic-open-mic-night-january-28/>

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

FEBRUARY 25th

Whiskey and Green Ox Provisions Tasting



2 Gingers' and Cara Irish Pubs are proud to sponsor a "Whiskey and Green Ox provisions tasting" to benefit the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games.

Join us for an evening of enjoyment at the Cooper Pub and Restaurant.

7:00 pm, February 25th, 2012

Cost \$40.00/person

A sampling of flavors featuring the new 2 Gingers and all Cooley's whiskey varieties also a few other whiskies and scotches. Green Ox meats will be featured to enjoy as an accompaniment to your tasting.

Make reservations to come early and enjoy dinner before the tasting or stay and have a late dinner with friends afterwards!

Send your check today, tickets are limited! To secure your ticket, please send a \$40.00 check (per person attending) payable to MSFHG (Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games)

2 Gingers Whiskey Tasting

14 Mission Road West

Bloomington, MN 55420

For more information please call 952-888-2800.

<http://www.mnscottishfair.org/>

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

NEWS

Lessons offered by Laura MacKenzie

Traditional Irish and Scottish Techniques and Repertoire on Whistle, Flute and Scottish Smallpipes. From January 2012, at Laura's new studio/office space at The Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave N., St. Paul.

Inquiries: laura@lauramackenzie.com, or 651-398-5055

Lessons offered to all ages - Beginners welcome!

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>

Happy Hogmanay and a Happy New Year!

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind ?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and auld lang syne ?

For auld lang syne, my jo (or my dear),
for auld lang syne,
we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp !
and surely I'll be mine !
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

We twa hae run about the braes,
and pu'd the gowans fine ;
But we've wander'd mony a weary fit,
sin auld lang syne.

We twa hae paidl'd i' the burn,
frae morning sun till dine ;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
sin auld lang syne.

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere !
and gie's a hand o' thine !
And we'll tak a right gude-willy waught,
for auld lang syne.

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Thank you!
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