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Scottish News in Minnesota



FEBRUARY 2012

EVENTS

FEBRUARY 3rd

Tenth Annual Scottish Island Concert

DUNQUIN presents the TENTH annual Scottish Island Concert, THE DARK ISLAND DAWN

February 3, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. (doors open 7 p.m.)

Olivet Congregational Church* 1850 Iglehart Ave. Saint Paul (one block north of Marshall and one block west of Fairview)

Admission \$12 at the door (no advance tickets) includes a complimentary Scottish Tea at the intermission

Come warm a cold winter's night with a special evening of Scottish music! Dunquin will be revisiting a few favorite tunes of concerts over the last nine years, as well as new and wonderful selections. We've got everything from lively reels and strathspeys to tender songs and airs. And Jim and Joy's Scottish Tea at the Interval is legendary! Dunquin welcomes our new fiddler Kathleen Green, returning guest singer and drummer Lisa Soltermann, with Scottish Island readings by author Audrey McClellan. Hope to see you and your friends!

Cheers,
Sherry, Don, Kathleen, Lisa and Audrey

Olivet Congregational Church | 1850 Iglehart Ave. | Saint Paul, MN

FEBRUARY 4th and 18th

St. Andrew's Meat Raffles

St. Andrew's Meat Raffles will now start at 3:00 and run until 6:00 on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays starting in February. 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

FEBRUARY 11th

Highland Dance Workshop

Feb. 11; 1-3pm - Rochester International Dance Studio

Originating in the Highlands of Scotland; Scottish dance is the most ancient of Celtic dancing. Flings and Sword dances and Reels are the most well known of these dances but the variety of steps, music and dances seem endless.

This workshop will teach students the basic Highland Fling and explore the unique movements required by highland dancers. You don't have to be Scottish to enjoy a good Fling!

Bring a water bottle and clothes you can move in. It is recommended that dancers wear a soft ballet shoe for added support. This is a cardio intense class, if special accommodations need to be made please contact Rochester International Dance.

Kristy Van Hoven has been Highland dancing for nearly 20yrs. Throughout her career she has competed nationally and in Scotland, including the world championships in Cowal, Scotland. Currently she is the director of the Guthrie School of Dance in St. Paul and competes for fun at local highland games.

<http://www.rochesterinternationaldance.com/sadiya/classes-workshops/workshops/highland-dance-workshop-feb-11-1-3pm/>

Rochester International Dance Studio | 1751 Hwy 52 N | Rochester, MN 55901

The Minnesota Bagpipe and Drum Society Bagpipe Competition

The Minnesota Bagpipe and Drum Society is holding its first solo bagpipe competition at The Celtic Junction! Admission is free for spectators. Competition begins at 10am and awards are at 3:30pm.

Solo Bagpipe Competition

When: Saturday February 11th

Where: Celtic Junction

What: Solo Bagpipe Competition for grades 4,3,2,1 and open!

Judge: Iain Macey

Free to attend as a spectator

Deadline for entries is January 31st 2012, NO field entries

<http://www.mnbads.com/events.html>

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

FEBRUARY 18th

Upcoming Concert ~ A Rare Local Appearance of Dáithí Sproule & Laura MacKenzie!

The Riverview Showcase Series

Saturday February 18th, 8 PM

In Concert with Dáithí Sproule, part of the Showcase Series at the Riverview.

Reservations recommended.

Check the phone number and website below for advance tickets.

Tickets are \$15, available at the door. Come Early!

The Riverview Cafe and Wine Bar

3753 42nd Ave S.

Minneapolis, MN

612-722-7234

www.theriverview.net

www.sprouleandmackenzie.com

We hope to see you there!

The Riverview Cafe and Wine Bar | 3753 42nd Ave S. | Minneapolis, MN

FEBRUARY 18th-19th

A Scottish Ramble

Once again, it's time to prove that "Nothing's Cooler Than Kilts in February"

Join us at Landmark Center, 75 West 5th Street, St. Paul
 February 18 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm) & February 19 (Noon – 5:00 pm)
 \$5 at the door This year featuring:

New Cultural Presentations:

Wool Waulking with Clann Tartan
 Real Men Wear Kilts – Scottish Dress & tartan History with Layton Traver of St. Croix Weaving
 The Once & Future Poet, Hugh MacDiarmid (a 20th Century Scot) with Michael Kincaid

Music by:

Minnesota Police Pipe Band (Saturday)
 Brian Boru Pipe Band (Sunday)
 Ross Sutter (Saturday)
 Willowbrae ~ Laura MacKenzie & Andrea Stern (Sunday)
 The Gunn Slingers (Saturday)
 Thistledown (Sunday)

Celtic Marketplace including:

Celtic Croft
 Notting Hill Books
 Celtique Creations
 Patty's Pottery
 St. Croix Weaving
 3 Celts & Company
 Ren Blades

Other Performances & Activities:

Highland Dance Competition (Saturday)
 Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Assn. (Sunday)
 Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (Sunday)
 Kirkin' o the Tartans (Sunday)
 Presentation of Scottish American Center volunteer recognition awards (Sunday)

Food & Beverage:

Scottish Meat Pies – offered by MN Scottish Fair & Highland Games
 Tasty Scottish Sweets – offered by Twin Cities Scottish Club

Don't let the merriment end ~ join us at The Celtic Junction (836 Prior Avenue, St. Paul) on Saturday evening (7:00 pm) for a traditional ceilidh dance with The Gunn Slingers. \$10

Complete schedule will be posted approximately February 1 ~ www.scottishramble.org

Questions? Call 952-470-6300

Landmark Center | 75 West 5th Street | St. Paul

FEBRUARY 24th

Laura MacKenzie

Friday, February 24, 2012:
 St. Matthew's Episcopal Church 6:15 & 7:30 pm

Music in the Parks Family Series, with Ross Sutter and dancer/fiddler Danielle Enblom (our trio "Northern Gael")
www.rossandmackenzie.com

www.schubert.org/musicinthepark/family/

St. Anthony Park | St. Paul, MN | 651-645-5699

FEBRUARY 25th

Whisky in Popular Culture



Scottish American Center

The Scottish American Center's next tasting will be Saturday February 25th. We have a new location, the Minnesota Transportation Museum, located at 193 Pennsylvania Ave. East in St. Paul. The event will start at 6:00 and we encourage all of you to get there early to tour the facility. This is the old round house located on Pennsylvania just east of Jackson Street. This is a tremendous facility, right under our noses, and we feel that you will enjoy the site. We have made a long term commitment to the museum and all of our tastings will be there this year.

Once again our Whisky Wench, Fiona MacNeill will be leading us on a tour. This event will deal with Whisky in Popular Culture and Fiona has selected four Scotches that have appeared prominently in print and movies over the years. This is a different kind of tour, it should prove very entertaining and informative, and Tasty!

We are also happy to announce that we are expanding the tasting to include a professional cigar roller. Maria Caram Ibarra will be joining us to show us how hand-rolled cigars are created. She will be demonstrating both before the tasting starts and during our break during the event. All of the cigars rolled that night will be for sale at \$10.00 per cigar.

Cost will be \$30.00 for the event. Once again, all proceeds benefit the Scottish American Center and the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games so please mark your calendars and contact one of our sellers for tickets. Jack MacMillan, John Peterson, John McKeen, Lyaman MacPherson, and Don Cogswell all have tickets.

As always, you can contact me as well for reservations at johnson_neil@comcast.net or at 651 260-0306.

Minnesota Transportation Museum | 193 Pennsylvania Ave. East | St. Paul, MN

All proceeds benefiting the Scottish American Center and the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games

Whisky in Popular Culture

With the Whisky Wench
Fiona MacNeill

And special guest:
Maria Caram Ibarra,
professional cigar roller.

At the Minnesota
Transportation
Museum
193 Pennsylvania Ave., East in St.
Paul.

February 25th, 2012
starting at
6:00pm
(get here early to see the museum's exhibits)

\$30.00 Per person

Contact Neil Johnson for reservations
johnson_neil@comcast.net
651 260-0306

Éigse 2012



Saturday, February 25th, 5:30-10:30pm at The Celtic Junction

The Center for Irish Music and Kieran Folliard, Honorary Event Chair and local founder of 2 Gingers Whiskey, invite you to dress up in your finest, bring your friends and join us at The Celtic Junction for Éigse CIM, A Gaela Event.

Éigse [eg-shuh] is an Irish word used for festivals celebrating traditional Irish arts and culture. It is in this spirit that we gather for an evening to raise funds for The Center for Irish Music and the mission of handing down traditional Irish music.

This semi-formal event includes two ticket options for attendees: come early to share a meal provided by Cara Irish Pubs, or join us later in the evening for the silent auction and concert featuring the stellar traditional Irish music of the CIM Instructors who boast recording, award winning, and world touring artists among their number.

Schedule:

5:00 p.m. Doors open
 5:30 p.m. Dinner provided by Cara Irish Pubs
 6:30 p.m. Silent auction reception
 7:00 p.m. Concert featuring our acclaimed CIM Instructors

Ticket prices:

\$50.00 - guests arriving at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, silent auction reception and concert
 \$20.00 - guests arriving at 6:30 p.m. for silent auction reception and concert

For complete information regarding tickets, donations, volunteering, and sponsorship, please visit the Eígse CIM site. Thank you!

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

FEBRUARY-MARCH

Scottish Country Dancing Mini-Course



Interested in getting a taste of Scottish country dancing without a long-term commitment? Looking for an opportunity to review the basics? Then sign up for the RSCDS Twin Cities Branch's 4-week mini-course! The class runs Monday nights from 7:30 to 9pm, February 27th through March 19th at Tapestry Folkdance Center in south Minneapolis. During the 4-week course, you will be introduced to the basic steps and formations used in Scottish country dancing and learn a number of easy and "classic" dances. For more information, see <http://www.rscds-twincities.org/minicourse.html>

MARCH 3RD

Whiskey and Green Ox Provisions Tasting ****Please note date change****



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. All proceeds will go directly to the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, thanks to our generous sponsors.

Join us for an evening of enjoyment at the Cooper Pub and Restaurant.
 7:00 pm, **Saturday, March 3, 2012**
 Cost \$40.00/person

A sampling of flavors featuring the new 2 Gingers and all Cooley's whiskey varieties also a few other whiskeys 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

Altan

Saturday, March 3, 2012 - 8:00pm

Doors Open: 7:00pm

Advance: \$25.00

Day of show: \$30.00

Seated show

At The Cedar

The Cedar warmly welcomes back Irish traditional folk group Altan, featuring Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh (vocals / fiddle), Dermot Byrne (accordion), Ciarán Tourish (fiddle / whistles), Ciarán Curran (bouzouki), and local representative Dáithí Sproule (guitar). Altan are fired up about their new album *Gleann Nimhe - The Poison Glen* (due out February 28 on Compass Records), so expect lots of new tunes, as well as a generous smattering of the old favorites. *The Poison Glen* recalls earlier classic albums such as *The Red Crow* and *Horse with a Heart*, and features instrumental sets of sprightly jigs, driving reels and gorgeous airs, interwoven with Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh's ethereal vocals.

<http://www.thecedar.org/events/2012/03/03/altan>

Cedar Cultural Center | 416 Cedar Ave S | Minneapolis MN | 612-338-2674

NEWS

Scottish American Center Volunteers Award Event



Scottish American Center

Dear friends of the Scottish American Center,

On Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. immediately following the Kirkin' O' the Tartans at the Scottish Ramble, the Scottish American Center (SAC) will present our most valued volunteers a simple Certificate of Appreciation. As you know, the direction of the SAC is changing somewhat, and this is the perfect opportunity to let all of you know how much your contributions have meant to the success of this endeavor.

Below is a list of these volunteers. We apologize if we may have inadvertently missed any of those who have been great volunteers. Please report any omissions to babsfayth@aol.com.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

All the Best,
Barbara Humphrey

Hugh David Allan
Joseph Ralph Bigelow
David Sinclair Bouschor
Nancy Cameron Breems
Mike Breidenbach
Don Bruce
Michelle (Mickey) Cameron
The Celtic Croft
Debra Crane-Lance
Greg Crawford
Clan Donald Collection
Tiffany Esau-McCracken
John Fairbairn
Mark Hamilton
Albert Holk
Barbara Humphrey
Carolyn Jackson
Michelle Johnson
R. Neil Johnson
Denny Johnston
Jackie Johnston
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Steve Kincaid
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Don Luther
Jo Luther
Sandy (Poole) MacDougall
Tommy (King) MacDougall

Doug Stewart
Eileen Stewart
Phil Sutherland
Kristy Van Hoven
Gary Webb
Terry Wessling

Lessons offered by Laura MacKenzie

Good News ~ We (New Music Arts and Laura MacKenzie) are finally returning to our studio/office at the Celtic Junction in St. Paul! It has been over a year since we lost our studio space, as it underwent post-fire remodeling and renovation. We are so glad to be back. It means Laura is able to offer lessons again in St. Paul!

Lessons offered by Laura MacKenzie... Traditional Irish and Scottish Techniques, Style and Repertoire On Flute, Whistle, Scottish Smallpipes and Song/Voice All ages - Beginners Welcome!

Two Locations:

Private Studio (New Music Arts), at The Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave North, St. Paul.
Home Studio in Northfield, MN

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

"Wielding an array of whistles, pipes and concertina, she balances prodigious abilities with a maturity and overall expertise"
--fROOTS (U.K.)

For additional information, please visit: www.lauramackenzie.com

News from St. Andrew's

Our Burns Dinner was a great event and enjoyed by all the attendees. Now it is on to February. We will have Meat Raffles on Saturday, February 4 and 18. New time, starting in February of 3 to 6 pm. Why not stop by after a day at the Ramble on the 18th. As always, the raffles are at the Glockenspiel Restaurant on West 7th in St. Paul. We will see you at the Ramble. Look for us at the table along with SAC and the Coalition.

A reminder to all members who haven't paid their 2012 dues to please get them in. We count on our members for support for the organization. Thanks!

News from the Minnesota Police Pipe Band



Two Minnesota Police Pipe Band bass drummers, Sally Gordon and Sheila Loucks, were medal winners at the 2012 Winter Storm Intermediate Bass contest. Sally won first place and Sheila third. Congratulations to both soloists.

Upcoming MPPB performances include A Scottish Ramble on Saturday, February 18, 2012 and Kieran's Pub on Saturday, February 25, 2010.

Thanks!

Sally Gordon
Band Manager
Minnesota Police Pipe Band

Discount tickets for the MN Scottish Fair & Highland Games



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. 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 pre-sale 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 pre-sale tickets only

MacMillan Gathering

The 2012 Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) Gathering is to be held in Minneapolis/Saint 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.

Sign up to receive the SNIM via e-mail on the Scottish American Center website: <http://scottishamericancentermn.org/SNIM.php>

Thank you!
Tiffany Esau-McCracken
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