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Laura MacKenzie's March Schedule

Saturday, March 10, 2012

St. Paul Central Library

11:15 am

Saturday Live! Series for kids and families.

Featuring "Northern Gael" - Ross Sutter, L MacKenzie and Danielle Enblom (fiddle/dance)

90 West 4th St.

St. Paul, MN

651-266-7000

www.sppl.org/

Saturday, March 10, 2012

Duluth-Superior Friends Meeting House

7:30 PM

Northern Gael (see above date) in Concert!

1802 East 1st Street

Duluth, MN

Friday, March 16, 2012

The Phipps Center

7:30 pm

In Concert with the Lads (Gary Rue, guitar and Michael Bissonnette, percussion), plus Irish dancers, in Celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Corner of First and Locust Streets

Hudson, WI

www.thehipps.org

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Hjemkomst Center

10 am - 4 pm

Annual Celtic Festival celebrating the history, arts and traditions of the seven Celtic Nations.

"Northern Gael" (Laura with Ross Sutter and Danielle Enblom) will be performing and presenting workshops.

202 1st Ave N.

Moorhead, MN

www.fargoparks.com/se_celticfest.html

Sunday, March 18, 2012**Landmark Center**

11 am - 5 pm

The Irish Music and Dance Association's annual Day of Irish Dance, celebrating dance, music, food, with exhibits and vendors.

"Northern Gael" (Laura with Ross Sutter and Danielle Enblom) will be performing in Weyerhaeuser Auditorium, time tba.

75 W. 5th St.

St. Paul, MN

www.irishmusicanddanceassociation.org/stpatricksday/318dayofirishdance.html**Sunday, March 25, 2012****The Celtic Junction**

3 PM

"A Ross Sutter Bananaversary": A concert and party celebrating twenty years of the recording "Mama Will You Buy Me a Banana?" There will be a \$5.00 cover charge to defray expenses. Free banana splits for everyone! Featured performers will be Laura MacKenzie and Daithi Sproule who were instrumental in making the recording twenty years ago. There will also be dancing by Danielle Enblom and singing, dancing and games for everyone.

836 Prior Ave N.

St. Paul, MN

www.rosssutter.comwww.lauramackenzie.com**Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band March 2012 Schedule**

Thursday March 1st - Finnegans Irish Amber Blonde Minneapolis Pub Crawl

Friday March 9th - Finnegans Irish Amber Blonde Brainerd Pub Crawl

Saturday March 10th - Finnegans Irish Amber Blonde Walker Pub Crawl

Saturday March 10th - Finnegans Irish Amber Blonde Duluth Pub Crawl

Saturday March 10th - Ne'er Do Wells at Keegans Irish Pub in Minneapolis

Thursday March 15th - St. Pat's Association's Miss Shamrock Crowning, O'Gara's, St. Paul

Saturday March 17th, 2012 - St. Patrick's Day - see www.brianborupipeband.com for full schedule

Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St Paul, MN (a 501c3 non-profit association)

www.BrianBoruPipeBand.com - www.BrianBoruPipesAndDrums.com**MARCH 3rd****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. 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 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

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

MARCH 3rd, 17th

St. Andrew's Meat Raffles

Our Meat Raffles continue at the Glockenspiel. In March the dates are Saturday, March 3, and Saturday, March 17, which is also of course St. Patrick's Day. Come and join us on both dates from 3:00-6:00 and enter the raffle for some great meat prizes from Deutschland Meats. The event on St. Patrick's Day promises to be a real fun time, with all the German "Irish" coming out to celebrate. Should be a great day so come to the Glock and join the fun!

MARCH 9th

Duluth Spring Concert

"Highland Thistles & Emerald Shamrocks" is the Duluth Scottish Heritage Association's 2nd annual Spring Concert. There is also a theme to the concert this year of "History". In the program there will be historical facts on the instruments and other types of music and Highland & Irish dancing that will be performed that evening.

Performing that evening will be:

Duluth Scottish Heritage Association Pipes & Drums Band
 DSHA Highland Dancers
 Irish Jig Dancers
 Award winning harpist, Kathryn Elmer
 Steve Hand on the tin whistle
 Iain Macgillivray on Scottish Fiddle
 Wind Chill Brass
 & Much More!!

Ticket Prices

\$15 General Admission
 \$8 Students
 \$3 Children 10 & Under

The concert will be held Friday March 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
 Mitchell Auditorium, St Scholastica

<http://www.facebook.com/events/213963028697607/>

MARCH 17th

Thistledown & Dunquin Performances

St Patrick's Day celebration, March 17th, St Olaf's Catholic Church in downtown Minneapolis, noon to 2 p.m.---Thistledown plays Irish favorites after mass, in the church social hall. Free green lemonade and corned beef sandwiches (and corrier Irish songs!)

Saturday, March 17th---Landmark Center in Saint Paul, all day long---HUGE Irish St. Pat's celebration all day long; multiple acts all over the Landmark Center! Dunquin will play quieter, sit-down-and-have-a-cuppa type music in the Tearoom (Courtroom 317) from 3:15 until 4 p.m. that day.

Hope to see you on St Pat's!
 Sherry Ladig

Minnesota Police Pipe Band



Check our web site, www.mppb.org, for our St. Patrick's Day schedule. The band will be performing in the St. Paul Parade, Minneapolis Parade and various Twin Cities locations.

21th Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Ceili Dance

St. Patrick's Day Irish Ceili Dance
 Saturday, March 17, 2012
 The dance starts at 7 p.m. - the doors open at 6:30.

CSPS Hall - St. Paul, MN
 383 Michigan Avenue, St. Paul, MN
 (near St. Clair Avenue just off of West 7th Street - Upstairs from the Glockenspiel Restaurant)

Music: Barra - Minnesota's Best Loved Ceili Band
Dance Instruction: Ann Wilberg

Tickets:

\$10 at the Door. Seniors, 62+ and children aged 6 and up are \$5.00. Children under 5 are free.
Advance tickets are \$9.50 for adults and 4.75 for seniors 62+ and children 6+.

The annual Irish dance for St. Patrick's Day and a great family event. This is considered to be the largest Irish dance that takes place throughout the year and it's at the CSPS Hall, a historic vaudeville hall built around the turn of the century with a wonderful wood dance floor. CSPS stands for Czech-Slovakian Preservation Society and they've done a wonderful job of taking care of this great building.

All the dances are taught and beginners are welcome. Beverages (soda, water, Summit beer) and desserts will be available.

Sponsored by the Minnesota Traditional Arts Alliance- with kind support from the Summit Brewing Company

Additional Information on Barra:

Barra, a traditional 4-piece ensemble has been thrilling the Midwest concert and festival circuit for years with high energy, sensitivity and dedication to the tradition. Considered Minnesota's foremost as well as longest playing Minnesota traditional Irish band, they have been bringing strains of the Emerald Isle to stages across the Midwest, sharing the sheer fun and vitality of a music loved the world over.

Enjoying the distinction of being the longest playing Irish band in Minnesota, they have a focus of bringing new interest to a traditional music of high energy, dynamism and lyrical complexity. They play the old favorite traditional dance tunes as well as rare pieces collected on trips to Ireland.

The band features Paul Garding (guitar and vocals), John McCormick (accordion and vocals), Amy Shaw (Irish flute) and Dave Cammack (bodhran and accordion).

"A talented quintet whose new CD, 'Traditional Irish Music,' is full of spirited performances." --Rick Mason - Minneapolis Star Tribune

Minnesota's best-loved ceili band" --St. Paul Pioneer Press

"...The group clearly knows its way around the genre, especially the ceili band tradition. Deborah Martin's fiddling is assured, John McCormick is accomplished on accordion..." -- Jon Bream – Minneapolis Star Tribune

For more information call 651-357-0400.

CSPS Hall | 383 Michigan Avenue | St. Paul, MN

MARCH 24th

TCSC Pies, Chips and Whist!



Come TCSC members of ALL ages and join us for a few hands of the card game WHIST, and during the break enjoy Meat Pies and Chips! Cost is : \$8.00 a person for TCSC members, \$10.00 per person for Guests and \$6.00 for children 12 and under. (See TCSC website (shortly) for more details and registration form)

Saturday, March 24th, 1pm – 5pm

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

MARCH 31st

Music and fun to be theme of this year's Tartan Day celebration!

This is the year you and your family members want to be sure to plan to take part in the Tartan Day celebration planned for the steps of the state capitol Saturday, March 31 starting at 3:00 p.m. If you've never been with us before, THIS IS THE YEAR! ! !

Music and dancing and more music and more dancing will make your hearts leap up and get your toes to tapping. The Minnesota Tartan Day Cooperative is taking a whole new approach to the TD celebration this year and we hope you will be there to enjoy it with the rest of your friends and family.

Some of the fun in the planning include invitations to the Minnesota Celtic and Scottish Dance Association and the Guthrie School of Dance to provide lots of Highland Dancing. An invitation has gone out to the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society to bring their dynamic country dancers to the capitol steps. Your favorite singers and musicians will be there to thrill you with your favorite songs from Scotland. All we need to complete this exciting afternoon is YOU. Remember CLAN means FAMILY. Join us at the state capitol on Saturday, March 31 starting at 3:00 p.m. and become a part of CLAN MINNESOTA.

And don't forget: the 10th Annual Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Don Cogswell. You don't want to miss that. Be there to cheer for Don.

After all that singing and dancing, you will have worked up an appetite so join us at O'Gara's at the intersection of Selby and Snelling in St. Paul, starting at 4:30 p.m. for a FAMILY DINNER that you can order off the menu. Anything you like. Special music surprises will be offered to delight you throughout the evening.

Then it's a couple of blocks down the Avenue, Snelling Avenue that is, to the beautiful campus of Macalester College where the Internationally recognized Macalester Pipe Band will offer their Spring Concert at the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. WOW! Need we say more! What a day, what a celebration.

But, wait a minute! Isn't Tartan Day April 6? Indeed it is, but this year, 2012, it is also Good Friday. So out of respect to those who honor that day, our major celebration will be on March 31. But on April 6, for those who are interested, we will gather at Merlin's Rest, 36th and Lake Street in Minneapolis, for a robust evening that will feature an entree of Haggis, tatties and neeps. No reservations are necessary for this happy time, but Merlin's would like an "idea" of how many might be wanting the Haggis special. Please send an email to Liz Michaelson at liz@uncommongatherings.com by April 2 to put your name on a "probably there and I want Haggis" list. A sign up list will also be available at O'Gara's on March 31.

And wait a minute - we are working on something else for Saturday evening, April 7, 2012. Stay tuned and be sure to check the April 1 issue of the SNIM for details. More surprises, just for you.

Join us! ! !

St. Andrew's will also be at the celebration of Tartan Day on March 31. Come and march with us at the State Capitol and then over to O'Gara's for the big celebration!

NEWS

Don Cogswell to be given 10th Annual Tartan Day Lifetime Achievement Award

By a near unanimous vote, members of the Minnesota Tartan Day Cooperative planning group chose Don Cogswell to receive the tenth annual Lifetime Achievement Award. The award will be presented during the Tartan Day celebration on the steps of the state capitol on Saturday, March 31 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Don Cogswell is perhaps best known as the person who single-handedly saved the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games for the Scottish community of Minnesota. The number of hours to say nothing of personal dollars Don has poured into the MSFHG is incalculable, his devotion has been unwavering. Our debt to Don is beyond measure because without him and his dedication, there simply would be no Scottish Fair in Minnesota.

Don's involvement in the Scottish community did not begin with the Scottish Fair. He served for many years as president of the Minnesota Celtic and Scottish Dance Association. He made sure we had Highland Dancers for several of the early years of our Tartan Day celebrations. In some circles he is better known as Kira Cogswell's dad. Kira was for many years a champion Highland Dancer and is now the proud mom of Don and his wife Karyl's grandchildren.

For those looking for a way to thank Don for his contributions to the Scottish community may we suggest a donation to the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games. You may send your check made out to MSFHG to Liz Michaelson, 4827 Acorn Ridge Road, Minnetonka, MN 55345. In the memo line put - Don Cogswell and you will receive a receipt.

Past recipients of the Tartan Day Lifetime Achievement Award include: George McCracken, Florence Hart, John and Ardis Ivory, David Sinclair Bouschor, Barbara Fayth Humphrey, Elizabeth Rose Michaelson, Macalester Pipe Band, Barbara Reylets, and Johan Hart.

Calling all Singers, Dancers, Musicians! ! !

You may have caught the rumor that this year's Tartan Day Celebration on the steps of our State Capitol is going to be less talk, talk, talk, and more music, music, music. And so we are looking for musician to make that music.

Are you a singer??? - solo, duets, trios and more, we need you. Dancer??? we need you. Musician??? we need you. In particular we are looking for someone (or group) to sing "A Man's A Man for A'that," or "Scots Wha Hae," or "Over the Sea to Skye," we want you. Help us fill the air with Scottish Music Instrumental or Vocal And Dancing, lots of dancing.

Please contact Liz Michaelson liz@uncommongatherings.com and let her know what you want to do to add to the music of the 14th Annual Tartan Day Celebration, Saturday, March 31, 2012, 3:00 p.m. We would love to have your participation.

Music lessons with the Minnesota Polic Pipe Band



If it's finally time for you to learn how to play the Great Highland Bagpipes or Highland snare, tenor or bass, our next music school session begins on Thursday, March 22, 2012. If you need more information please email instruction@mppb.org.

Sally Gordon
Band Manager

Minnesota Police Pipe Band
PO Box 19067
Minneapolis MN 55419

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

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Thank you!
Tiffany Esau-McCracken
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