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Scottish News in Minnesota



JANUARY 2014 - Happy New Year!

EVENTS

JANUARY 1

St. Andrew's First Footing *UPDATED*

What better way to welcome in the New Year than at St. Andrew's First Footing. First Footing, another traditional Scottish and St. Andrew's event will take place on, yes, January 1, 2014, beginning at 1 p.m. The setting this year was to be the home of JoAnne and Roger Wahl in Prior Lake. But JoAnne had an unfortunate fall in Florida and they are unable to host. Fortunately, Lindie and Terry Wessling have stepped up and agreed to open their home to us for First Footing in 2014. Thank you Lindie and Terry.

As usual, this gathering will be a potluck and we ask all attendees to bring a dish or a drink to share. Good Scottish recipes or distilled beverages are appreciated, but good old American food or drink is just fine too. Make sure that a dark-haired male is the first to cross the Wessling threshold to bring them good luck. Blondes, redheads, and ladies will just need to wait!

Directions to the Wesslings: From Hwy. 100 in Robbinsdale take the 36th Ave North exit; go east about 4-5 blocks to Orchard Avenue; take a left and go 1 1/2 blocks north. Very easy to find. Their phone is 763-464-3333 in case you need it.

JANUARY 18

St. Andrew's Robert Burns Dinner

Remember January 18, 2014 is the date for the 38th Annual St. Andrew's Robert Burns Dinner at the Fort Snelling Officers Club. Invitations are out, so get your reservations in early as space is limited and last year was a sell-out! If you did not receive an invitation, information can be found at the [St. Andrew's website](#).

We are also looking for quality donations for the Silent Auction that night. Contact Sandy MacDougall at highlandlassy52@yahoo.com about donating.

Fort Snelling Officers Club | 395 Minnesota 5 | St. Paul, MN

JANUARY 25

MSF&HG & MSCDA Robert Burns Celebration

January 25th, 2014

Social hour starts at 7:00pm, program begins at 8:00pm.

The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games and the Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association invite you to join us in celebration of Scotland's favorite bard on January 25th. We are featuring the Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association, the Macalester College Pipe Band and Don and Sherry Ladig, of the band Dalwhinnie will be playing for the Scottish social dancing in the program, with dances taught by Chandii McCracken. Join us for tea, shortbread, a sample of haggis and a wee dram for the toasts. Scottish meat pies and bridies will be available for purchase during the night and beer and wine will be available at a cash bar.

Limited seating available.

Visit the Minnesota Scottish Fair website to order advance tickets: mnsctishfair.org/burnsevent.html

Advanced tickets available until January 19th, 2014.

Please print and bring your PayPal receipt to the door for admittance.

\$20.00 for adults
\$10.00 for children under 12
Free for children under 5
\$50 family maximum

\$25.00 at the door

All proceeds to go to the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games.

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

DSHA Burns Dinner

Join the DSHA for their Burns Dinner on January 25th, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Kitchi Gammi Club (reservations required).

<http://www.duluthscots.com>

Kitchi Gammi Club | 831 E Superior St. | Duluth, MN

FEBRUARY 7

Twelfth Annual Scottish Island Concert

Friday, February 7, 2014

Time: 7:30 pm

We're playing the dozens this year! Warm up a cold winter's night with fabulous Scottish entertainment. Join Dunquin, Audrey McCellan and special musical guests Lisa Soltermann and Rosa Wells as we present "Roots and Branches: Scottish Music in the New World". We've got some great fiddle tunes from Scotland, Appalachia and Cape Breton, as well as the melting airs and songs we all love. There will be the famous tea at the interval--no extra charge! Admission is \$15 at the door (no advance sales). Doors open at 7 p.m. and concert is at 7:30. Come out and have a great time, Scottish style!

Olivet Congregational Church Hall | 1850 Iglehart Avenue | St. Paul, MN

FEBRUARY 16

Scottish Ramble

Sunday, February 16, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

75 West 5th Street, St Paul

Tickets at the door only - cash or check: \$4, \$6

After 20+ years as a two day event Scottish Ramble in 2014 it will be held on only one day, Sunday, February 16. This change will mean more music than ever before on the first floor cortille stage. The day will begin with the Macalester College Pipe Band and end with the Minnesota Police Pipe Band. In between, bring a piece of tartan to be blessed at the Kirkin' of the Tartans, sit back and watch the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and Fligmagaerie dance to the music of Thistledown, enjoy traditional songs performed by Laura MacKenzie & Ross Sutter. Neil Gunn & the Gunn Slingers will provide ceilidh music for dancing.

Educational presentations on an array of topics, children's participatory storytelling, Scottish merchandise vendors, clan exhibits and Clann Tartan will add to the festive air of the day.

The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games will have meat pies and other tasties for your enjoyment. A silent auction will raise funds for the fair. If you have goods or services to donate contact Andy McCracken- andrewmcc@izoom.net. Our goal is to raise \$1000+.

Remember to like Scottish Ramble on Facebook. The complete performance schedule & list of exhibitors/vendors will be posted in the latter part of January on our website www.scottishramble.org.

If you have an interest in exhibiting & have not received an exhibitor packet contact producer Liz Michaelson - liz@uncommongatherings.com

On Saturday, as our exhibitors are setting up, attend the MN Scottish Celtic Dance Association Highland dance competition & (the first ever at Scottish Ramble) solo bagpipe competition. Hours for the competitions will be posted on Facebook and the website as they are finalized. You are welcome to attend the competitions FREE. The Scottish Fair will be selling meat pies, tea, soda, etc. Merchandise vendors will not be selling goods on Saturday. This is their set up day. We ask that you not disturb them.

Come join us on Sunday, February 16th as we, once again, show that "Nothing's Cooler than Kilts In February".

Landmark Center | 75 5th St | St. Paul, MN

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