



This month's Minnesota Scottish news and events.



Scottish News in Minnesota



January 2017

Happy New Year, friends!

EVENTS

January 1 | SAS First Footing

First Footing, the annual New Year's Day event, will be hosted by Deb and Greg Lance at their home in Eden Prairie. Deb and Greg have graciously offered us their hospitality as first time hosts of this event. Knowing them, they will do a wonderful job and it will be a great event and lots of fun on New Years Day!

The festivities will start at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 1, 2017 and continue until 5, or until the Lances kick us out!

The Lances are long time St. Andrew's members and are currently serving on our Board of Governors. Kilts and Scottish attire are welcome and entirely appropriate!

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 Lance threshold to bring them good luck. Blondes, redheads, and ladies will just need to wait!

Directions to the Lance home: Their address is 14980 Ironwood Court in Eden Prairie. Simplest directions - from Crosstown 62, take the Baker Road exit and go south on Baker Road. Go about 4/10 mile and take a right onto Edenvale Blvd. After a little over a mile you will come to Woodland Drive where you will go left onto Woodland. The 3rd left on Woodland will be Ironwood Court. Go left on Ironwood Court and 14980 will be just a short distance in on Ironwood Court. If you need help, their phone is 952-974-8060.

January 20 | The Historic LeDuc House Burns Celebration and Scotch Tasting

Friday, January 20th starting 7 p.m. - Taste great whiskys and toast our favorite poet as Dalwhinnie Scottish trio plays all our Robbie Burns favorite tunes! Reservations required and seating is limited. Call 651-438-8480 to reserve your spot. They fill up fast.

January 21 | Burns Night Ceilidh

Join us on Saturday, January 21 for our annual family oriented Burns Night Ceilidh celebration! Social starts at 6:30 p.m. with a cash bar and light tea and shortbread. The Minnesota Scottish Fair will have meat pies, bridies, Scotch Eggs, chicken fingers & chips, and soft drinks for purchase. The entertainment will start out with the traditional toasts then on the Highland and Country dancing followed by the ever popular ceilidh dancing taught by Chandi McCracken. Featuring the band Dalwhinnie, the fabulous Macalester Pipe Band, the Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association and the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society dancers.

[Early-bird online ticket prices](#)

\$21 - Adults

\$5 - Children 16 & under

Free - Children 5 & under

\$55 - Family cap (2 adults & children)

At the door

\$25 - Adults

\$6 - Children 16 & under

5 and under free

\$60 - Family cap (2 adults & children)

January 23 - February 13 | 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? Sign up for the RSCDS Twin Cities Branch's Scottish country dance mini-course! The class runs Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m, January 23rd through February 13th at Tapestry Folkdance Center in south Minneapolis and will be taught by Lara Friedman-Shedlov. 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 details and registration info, see <http://www.rscds-twincities.org/minicourse.html>.

January 27 | Gourmet Robert Burns Night with Chromatic Catering, Loon Liquors and Ross & MacKenzie

Chromatic Catering partners with Loon Liquors for the second (annual) Scottish Burns Night dinner on Friday, January 27th at the Loon Liquors Cocktail Room in Northfield! Laura MacKenzie and Ross Sutter grace the festivities with a program of Burns' poetry in musical settings. Their performance last year was absolute magic. The evening features a four-course dinner with Loon cocktail pairings, and once again, the opportunity to try some fresh haggis. (The menu is not finalized yet, but see http://www.chromatic-catering.com/burns_night_menu.pdf for last year's menu to whet your appetite.) This year, we encourage guests to bring a favorite Robert Burns reading to share, celebrating the participatory spirit of Burns Suppers the world over. There is a single seating for all guests at 6:00 p.m., reservations required. Tickets for the event are priced at \$70 per person, which includes food, beverages, music, tax, and gratuity. Read more about the Loon Liquors distillery at <http://loonliquors.com>, and Ross & MacKenzie at <http://lauramackenzie.com>. Details on making reservations for the dinner will be posted the second week of January on the Chromatic Catering website: <http://chromatic-catering.com/events.html>.

January 28 | SAS Burns Dinner

Invitations have gone out for the 2017 Burns Dinner, this year at the Sheraton Minneapolis West near Ridgedale Mall. Be sure to get your reservations in by the deadline of January 20. We must receive your reservations and check by then to give the Sheraton our attendance numbers and meal choices. The Sheraton has much more room so there are no attendance

limitations this year, but we still need you to get back to us as early as possible for the numbers. If you are not on the mailing list, you are still invited and welcome to attend. You can access the invitation at the St. Andrew's website:

www.standrewssocietyminnesota.org or you can contact Don Bruce

at bruce1051@comcast.net to email you the information. Don't miss this, the highlight of the Scottish winter season. It will be a great dinner and a wonderful time!

February 3 | Scottish Island Concert by Dunquin

The Scottish Island Concert by Dunquin and guests will take place Friday February 3rd at Olivet Congregational Church (1850 Iglehart Avenue, Saint Paul). Doors open 7:00 p.m; concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy "Roots and Flowerings: Scottish music from the Old Country to Appalachia". We've got Dunquin (Sherry, Don and Rosa) plus two fantastic guests: Anna Lee Roberts, cello and vocals, and John Wenstrom, vocals and mandolin. It will be amazing this year! And, all that AND Jim and Joy's complimentary Scottish tea at the interval. \$15 at the door includes the tea and a guaranteed wonderful time. Please invite your friends, too; there's room for everyone. More information at www.sherryladig.com.

April 8 | 2017 Minnesota Tartan Week TARTAN ROCKS!

Join us during [Minnesota Tartan Week](#) for a benefit concert for the MN [Scottish American Center](#) on Saturday, April 8th, 2017! Featuring [Tempest](#) and [The Tim Malloys](#).

"Celtic Rock is Tartan woven into music"

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

\$15 General Admission tickets are [on sale now!](#)

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Minnesota Tartan Week
April 1-9, 2017



Scottish American Center



Minnesota Scots

This concert benefits the **Scottish American Center of Minnesota** - a non-profit organization that promotes, educates, preserves connections, and celebrates Scottish, Scottish-Irish, and Scottish-American Culture.

St. Andrew's Society Burns Night Silent Auction

Thank you to those who have already donated to the 2017 auction. There is still time, call or email Liz soon to add treasures to the auction. Your gifts are most appreciated.

Once again, the St. Andrew's Society of Minnesota will have a silent auction fundraiser at its Burns Night dinner. If you have quality items of Scottish or Celtic interest to donate please contact Liz Michaelson at 952-994-8355 or liz@uncommongatherings.com. Pick up can be arranged if you have several items or ones of larger size. We prefer to have all items a week in advance of the January 28 gathering. Thanking you in advance for searching through your home for those items you no longer use or need.....the sporrán you've not worn in years, the books you read once and shelved, jewelry that just sits in a box. Purge and help the SAS scholarship fund at the same time. Your donation of auction items is greatly appreciated.

"Tartan Witch" by Greta Yorke

Greta Yorke is a Scottish retired primary teacher. She wrote "Witch Hitch", a great teaching aid with number, colour, rhyme and repetition followed by "The Woo in the Wild Woods", an Autumn setting about a little would-be-wizard on a quest. Both of these books are geared for under 7 years. The witches were so popular she had to write about them again...

Scots language is being promoted in Scottish schools so she decided to introduce "Tartan Witch". The story is aimed at 7/8 year olds, written in both Scots and English and is an amusing story about the Tartan Witch's experiences and journey to visit her witch friends. [Check it out on Amazon!](#)

Catching Up with Celtic Music Wizard, Laura MacKenzie

Our friend, Laura MacKenzie, is featured in the Dec 2016 [Entertainment Guide](#) for southern MN!



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