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Scottish News in Minnesota

MARCH 2013

EVENTS

MARCH 2nd

MSF&HG | Lone Oak Grill Scotch and Wine Tasting



Please join us for a MSF&HG fundraising Wine and Scotch Tasting at the Lone Oak Grill on Saturday, March 2nd at 7:30pm.

\$30 for either the wine or Scotch tasting.

Join the Lone Oak Grill eClub and stay informed about the happenings at the Lone Oak Grill. <http://www.lone-oakgrill.com/pages/home>

Lone Oak Grill | 3010 Eagandale Place | Eagan, MN

Macalester College Pipe Band performs at the MN Roller Derby
Join the Macalester College Pipe Band in cheerign on the Garda Belts!

Minnesota Roller Girls
Roy Wilkins Auditorium-Around 7:00pm
March 2nd and April 6th

<http://www.macpb.org/upcoming-events.html>

The New Pearl Buttons

Saturday, March 2nd from noon-4 p.m.

Check out the New Pearl Buttons (American Civil War-era music) at the MN History Center's "Minnesota in the Civil War" kickoff celebration. There will be lots of presentations and exhibits about our state's role in the Civil War. Modest admission charged for nonmembers; MNHS members free. See www.mmhs.org for more information on this and related events.

All of Sherry Ladig's band's appearances may be seen at <http://www.sherryladig.com>

MN History Center | 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. | St. Paul, MN

MARCH 15th

Saffron and Tartan



From the stirring sounds of the bagpipes to the haunting sounds of the Celtic harp the Duluth Scottish Heritage Association invites you to our 3rd annual St. Patrick's Day celebration concert at The College of St. Scholastica's Mitchell Auditorium.

This year's "Saffron and Tartan" concert features Duluth Scottish Heritage Pipes and Drums & Duluth Scottish Heritage Highland Dance troupe.

The evening will include the skirl of the pipes and the swirl of the kilt along with Scottish and Irish ballads and the Highland fiddle.

Join us on March 15th at 7 p-m.

Tickets can be purchased by calling (218) 723-7000, online or at the door
<http://www.css.edu/About/Spotlight-Arts-and-Lectures/Calendar.html#/?i=3>

\$15 General Admission
\$8 Students
\$3 for kids 10 & under

[The College of St. Scholastica](#) | 1200 Kenwood Avenue | Duluth, MN

MARCH 16th

Dunquin plays at IMDA's St. Patrick's weekend

Saturday March 16 at 3:15-3:55 p.m.

Irish Music in the Tearoom (Courtroom 317)

The Dunquin trio plays in Landmark Center's IMDA St. Patrick's Weekend. Come down for some quieter music in the middle of the hustle and bustle!

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

MARCH 17th

Thistledown plays at the St. Olaf's Church

Sunday March 17th, 5-6 p.m.

St Olaf's Church in downtown Minneapolis. Thistledown plays their post-mass St Patrick's Day social hour. Expect corned beef sandwiches and cornier Irish songs and tunes.

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St. Olaf Church | 215 S 8th St. | Minneapolis, MN

Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band St. Patrick's Day schedule

St. Patrick's 2013

Boru's Parade & Pub Tour!

St. Paul Schedule:

10:45 a.m. O’Gara’s Traditional Early Morning Quick Play Thru www.ogaras.com
Noon – St. Paul Parade www.stpatsassoc.org **Boru is unit #16 in the parade!**
12:30 Landmark Center (IMDA Celebration), St. Paul
<http://www.irishmusicanddanceassociation.org/stpatricksday.html>
1 p.m. The Liffey, St. Paul www.theliffey.com
2 p.m. The Lowertown Bulldog, St. Paul www.thebulldoglowertown.com
3 p.m. O’Gara’s World’s Shortest Parade, St. Paul www.ogaras.com
4:45 p.m. Dunham’s, West St. Paul
6:15 p.m. Shamrock’s, St. Paul shamrocks.rfsportal.com

Minneapolis Schedule:

7:30 p.m. O'Donovan's Irish Pub, downtown Minneapolis www.odonovans.com
8:30 p.m. The Local, Minneapolis www.the-local.com
9:15 p.m. Gluek’s Minneapolis www.glueks.com Play in/out (Kieran’s is right across the street)
9:30 p.m. Kieran’s –BLOCK E LOCATION, Minneapolis www.kierans.com
10 p.m. Triple Rock Social Club, Minneapolis www.triplerocksocialclub.com
10:45 p.m Return to O'Gara's for final play thru, St. Paul www.ogaras.com

www.brianborupipeband.com/schedule

Check the websites of the other Minnesota pipe bands closer to St. Patrick's Day for their schedules!

MARCH 21st - MARCH 22nd

Battlefield Band in concert

Battlefield Band, Scots Trad Music Awards 'Scottish Folk Band of the Year 2011- 2012' in concert!

March 21st

Crossings - Zumbrota, MN

www.crossingsatcarnegie.com

(507) 732-7616

March 22nd

College of St. Scholastica, The Mitchell Auditorium - Duluth, MN

www.css.edu/or or (218) 723-700

Check out a preview from the Philadelphia Folk Festival here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vn7vKDjOq1s

www.battlefieldband.co.uk

'...the cutting edge of modern Scottish folk music ...authentic and refreshing...Battlefield Band's melody driven instincts are technically flawless and fabulously entertaining.' - Piping Today, Celtic Connections review, Feb 2013

MARCH 30th

DunQ in the Milk

Saturday March 30th, 6-8 p.m.

Trotter's Café, corner of Cleveland and Marshall Aves. in Saint Paul. Join Rosa Wells from Trout in the Milk and Sherry and Don from Dunquin: viola! DunQ in the Milk! playing Scottish and Irish music for your dining pleasure. All tips go to the Merriam Park Food Shelf, AND Trotter's doubles our tips for this cause! Eat well AND do good!

Sherry Ladig's band's appearances may be seen at www.sherryladig.com

Trotter's Café | 232 Cleveland Ave N | St Paul, MN

APRIL 6th

Tartan Day 2013



MINNESOTA CELEBRATES TARTAN DAY FOR THE 15TH TIME

Minnesotans with a love of Scotland will gather in Saint Paul on Saturday, April 6, 2013 to celebrate Tartan Day for the 15th consecutive time. Beginning with a small ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda on April 6, 1999 and continuing each year, Minnesotans have shown their pride in their heritage and their dedication to preserving their Scottish culture by coming together on the the steps of our state capitol to celebrate.

This year we have taken the theme, "Golden Oldies." We have gone back into the files and are bringing back those performers and presenters that have filled our hearts in past years. From Duluth,

the Celtic songbird of the North, Heidi Lyle will be back to thrill us again with her gorgeous rendition of *Flower of Scotland*. Every pipe band in Minnesota who have appeared with us during our past celebrations has been invited back in the hope we can recreate the amazing version of *Amazing Grace* that piper Bob Lies led the massed bands in those many years ago. It was magical and we are hoping it will happen again.

Andy McCracken will lead the Royal Scottish Country Dancers through our beloved favorites from their repertoire and will gather all the dancers from among the audience to break last year's *Gay Gordon* record. Can he do it??? He'll need your help.

The Lifetime Achievement Award will be given for the 11th year and all previous recipients have been invited to return for special honors and recognition. These are individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to our Tartan Day celebrations over these 15 years and by honoring them we honor the importance of this event and the preservation of our heritage and culture.

Join us along with all the members of our great Scottish organizations with flags and banner flying in the (balmy, we hope) April breezes. If you wish to walk in the Parade of Scots, join the marchers at the foot of the Capitol Mall starting at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2013 for the parade step off at noon. Or, if you prefer, join us on the Capitol steps. Rain or shine, we will be there and we hope you will be, too.

Minnesota State Capitol | 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard | St Paul, MN

THE RETURN OF THE TARTAN DAY BALL

Ceildh's are tons o' fun. No one is disputing that. We have had some dandies associated with Tartan Day in the past. But there are a few of us, well, more than a few really, who have missed the fun and the elegance we remember from the Tartan Day Balls of a few years ago.

It's back!

On Tartan Day 2013, Saturday, April 6, after a rousing day on the steps of our State Capitol, the celebration continues at the Minnesota Tartan Day Ball at Edinburgh USA.

Here are all the particulars:

Where: Edinburgh USA, Sutherland Ballroom, 8700 Edinbrook Crossing, Brooklyn Park, MN

Directions: www.edinburghusa.org/directions/

When: Social Hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. - Cash Bar, no plastic but there is an ATM in the building

Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. with these choices:

Grilled Salmon, Gran Marnier Chicken, Spring Vegetables and Pasta

All options include: Garden Salad, Artisan Breads, Coffee/Tea, Dessert & chocolate

Cost: \$42.50 each guest.

Raffle: Scottish Themed Gift Baskets will be raffled throughout the evening. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$25. (Cash or Checks only for raffle tickets, please.)

Following dinner, a Kilt Christening ceremony will be held for those with kilts, kilt skirts or other tartan accessories that have never been christened. This ceremony was brought from North Carolina in 1997 and has proven very popular over the years.

And then comes the dancing. With music by the Night Scotsmen and dances led by Andy and Chandi McCracken, 'twill be a grand way to enjoy the rest of our Scottish evening in this beautiful setting.

For reservations please download this [reservation form](#) and mail with your check.

Edinburgh USA | Sutherland Ballroom | 8700 Edinbrook Crossing | Brooklyn Park, MN

NEWS

Welcome New Subscribers

A very special SNIM welcome to the 34 good folks who signed up for the SNIM at the Tartan Day table at the most recent Scottish Ramble. Hope you enjoy this, your first issue and will come to realize that the SNIM is the very best place to go for all the news of the Scottish community in Minnesota. Welcome!

In Memory of Russ Melton



It is with sincere sadness that we announce the death of Russ Melton. Russ through his legal group, Meagher & Geer had been a staunch supporter and sponsor of the Pipe Band Competition at the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games.

Russell D. Melton Age 67, of White Bear Lake, passed away on February 21, 2013, after a long and arduous battle with cancer. Preceded in death by parents Dean and Marian, and younger brother Mark. Russ grew up in Alexandria and graduated from the University of MN's Institute of Technology and William Mitchell College of Law. As a [US Navy](#) submariner, Russ served from 1963-1969 as Reactor Operator aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln and USS John Marshall ballistic missile nuclear submarines. Russ began his legal career as a founding partner of the Foley & Mansfield law firm. In 2008, he moved to Meagher & Geer where he led the Catastrophic Loss Practice Group responding to large fires, explosions, chemical releases and other disasters on behalf of his insurance company clients. He organized a team of technically-trained lawyers, specifically young attorneys who also had engineering degrees and created the concept of "the convergence of science and law." Self-nicknamed "The Man in Black," Russ was born in North Carolina and considered himself a Southern Gentleman with a love of fried chicken, grits, collard greens, peach cobbler and introduced many to the concept of the six-egg omelet. Russ' Scottish heritage was very special to him and he made several trips to Scotland. Dressed in a Clan Clark tartan kilt he hosted many Scottish-themed parties at his home where bagpipers would perform with gusto, marching up the driveway and into the house Russ called "Castle Muldoon." Though he gave up his dream of being a rock star saying it was easier to make money as a lawyer, Russ idolized the Rolling Stones and almost every business or personal conversation included some reference to Keith Richards. He was an avid reader and sought out people with whom he could discuss the latest books. Russ' passion for literature is evident by his vast library that includes books on history, technology, military, mysteries, detective stories, westerns and science fiction. Russ loved motorcycles, vintage hot-rods and his classic '65 Corvette Stingray. Survived by son Cameron, daughter Mackenzie, fiancée Christine Barrows and brother Neil (Sally Bongard). Funeral service Saturday, March 9th, 2 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1200 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403. Reception to follow; details pending. Russ' children request in lieu of flowers memorials to The National Math and Science Initiative. Donation site: www.nms.org/custom/donate.aspx



BUTTON, BUTTON WHOSE GOT THE BUTTONS!

Omigosh! What?? You say you didn't get by the Tartan Day table at the Scottish Ramble and so you didn't get your 2013 Tartan Day button?? Oh, NO!

Well, lucky you, we can fix that, because we have buttons. The members of the Minnesota Tartan Day Cooperative Planning Committee, aka the Peeps, have buttons, lots of buttons. We will be out and about at many of our community functions in the coming weeks and will have on our persons Tartan Day buttons for you for the teensy price of just \$2 bucks.

So, when you see Liz Michaelson, Jonathan Palmer, Jack MacMillan or Babs, let them know you need to get your button and they will magically produce one just for you. For \$2 bucks, of course.

Failing that, you have a couple of other options: email Babs at babsfayth@aol.com and we'll figure out a way to get button(s) to you, or at the very least we will have 2013 Tartan Day buttons at all the Tartan Day events on April 6, 2013 starting at our state capitol in Saint Paul at noon.

We have buttons, you can have buttons. \$2 buck, \$2 bucks!

MINNESOTA TARTAN DAY COOPERATIVE OFFERS HELP WITH SPRING CLEANING

Yup, Spring Cleaning is just a few weeks away and if we are to believe the Groundhog, so is SPRING! We here in the hallowed offices of the Minnesota Tartan Day Cooperative want to offer our humble help in whatever limited way we can.

As you begin your yearly sort through the piles of treasures collected on past trips to Scotland, gifts from well-meaning loved ones, dusty bottles of Scotch, Drambuie, and other Scottish potables, may we suggest that in addition to those piles labeled - TOSS, GOODWILL, KEEP, you add one called, MINNESOTA TARTAN DAY COOPERATIVE. Yes, indeed, we will take your Scottish themed treasures to add to our Raffle Baskets for the Tartan Day Ball. Your junk may very well be someone else's treasure and added gratefully to our income. Don't TOSS it out until you have sent an email to Liz Michaelson at liz@uncommongatherings.com and let her determine if your item has value.

Let us help you help us with your Spring Scottish Treasures Cleaning.



A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR MINNESOTA HAGGIS LOVERS

You are a Haggis Lover and you want the world to know! You are willing to take up your claymore and defend your right and the right of all like-minded Scots in Minnesota to preserve, protect, and defend your love of haggis come what may! Have we got a deal for you!

For the low low price of just \$25 you can become a charter member of the Loyal Order of the Haggis! Great, you say, and what do I get for my \$25 bucks. Glad you asked. First of all: the distinction of you and your fellow Haggis Lovers rising to the occasion and by your contribution have saved the Haggis from becoming a mere memory at our forthcoming Tartan Day Ball. That's item #1. Secondly, your name as a Haggis sponsor/member of the Order of the Haggis will be placed on a standard to adorn a table at that aforementioned Tartan Day Ball. And last, but certainly not least, as a member of the Loyal Order of the Haggis, you will be an active participant in the traditional Address to the Haggis presentation and will have the honor of delivering your table's serving of haggis directly to those guests seated at your sponsor table.

How? It's easy. Contact the Chief Haggis Lover, Jonathan Palmer at jhpalmerjp@gmail.com or president@mncsc.org and he will let you know how and where to submit your request for membership. Do not delay. Places for this incredible opportunity are limited. Don't be disappointed. You can be a charter member of the Loyal Order of the Haggis and join the nearly dozen others of your ilk who have already stepped up and availed themselves of this illustrious opportunity. The time is now, do it today.

Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games News



Calling All Clans!

Are you a clan rep? Ever wanted to promote your clan organization at the MN Scottish Fair? Has your clan designated you as the official rep for Minnesota or western Wisconsin? If not, we can help facilitate that designation if there is no rep. Clan exhibitor packets for the May 4th, 2013 MN Scottish Fair are available by contacting Liz Michaelson, clan coordinator, at 952-470-6300 or emichaelson@msscottishfair.org. Registrations will be accepted until April 1. Don't miss this opportunity to add to the color and spirit of the fair.

Pre-sale tickets and t-shirts

Join us for the 10th Annual Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games on May 4th, 2013!

To celebrate the 10th annual event, pre-sale tickets will be available for just \$10 until April 6th! Also – buy your 2013 t-shirt for \$25 between now and April 6th, wear it the day of the fair and receive free admission! You can purchase your pre-sale tickets and t-shirts online or at the Scottish Ramble on February 16th-17th.

www.mnscottishfair.org/onlinemerchandise.html

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<http://scottishamericancentermn.org/SNIM.php>

Thank you!

Tiffany Esau-McCracken
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