


Scottish News in Minnesota



March 2016

EVENTS

March 4-19 | Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band

Friday March 4th, 2016 - Finnegan's Best Flocking Maple Grove Hoppy Hour Ever -
Claddagh Irish Pub - Info at www.finnegans.org/flocklife

Friday March 4th, 2016 - Finnegan's Best Flocking Brainerd Pub Crawl Ever -Sign up

at www.finnegans.org/flocklife

Saturday March 5th, 2016 - Finnegan's Best Flocking Walker Pub Crawl Ever - Sign up at www.finnegans.org/flocklife

Saturday March 5th, 2016 - Finnegan's Best Flocking Duluth Pub Crawl Ever - Sign up at www.finnegans.org/flocklife

Saturday March 12th, 2016 – Boru Bagpiper Jimmy at Prairie Du Chien Wisconsin's St. Patrick's Celebration

Saturday March 12th, 2016 - St. Pat's Association 50th Anniversary at O'Gara's Shanty www.ogaras.com

Saturday March 12th, 2016 - Brian Boru Pipe Band at Lucky Paboza (West 7th) and Lucky Town (Lowertown) St. Paul

Tuesday March 15th, 2016 - Miss Shamrock Crowning at O'Gara's Shanty www.ogaras.com

Thursday March 17th, 2016 - 50th Annual St. Paul St. Patrick's Day Parade - www.stpatsmn.org

Thursday March 17th, 2016 - Minneapolis/St. Paul St. Patrick's Day - full schedule at www.BrianBoruPipeBand.com/st_paddys_2016/

Saturday March 19th, 2016 - Emmetsburg Iowa's St. Patrick's Celebration

More info at <http://www.brianborupipeband.com/>

March 4 | The Alan Kelly Gang

Critically acclaimed Traditional Irish Music band from the west of Ireland and Scotland, The Alan Kelly Gang kick off their nine city American tour in Saint Paul on March 4 at The Celtic Junction. Fronted by Ireland's piano accordion maestro, The Alan Kelly Gang features strong dynamics, driving rhythms and buoyant harmonies. They propel their audiences through the repertoire of the Celts, taking influence from regions including Ireland, Scotland, Brittany, Galicia and old-time America and seamlessly combine these with original compositions that stem from a deep traditional sensitivity. Alan Kelly is joined by Steph Geremia on flute and vocals, Ewan MacPherson on guitar and mandolin, and Kevin McGuire on double bass and harmony vocals. Music starts at 8pm at The Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave North, Saint Paul, 55104. Tickets (\$17 advanced, \$20 at the door) available at thecelticjunction.com or by calling 612-874-8892.

March 11 | TCSC Whist Night

We will be having another Whist Night on Friday, March 11th, 6-7pm social, 7-9 game. The Shilts family will be hosting at their home: 10 Woodland Rd, Edina, MN 55424. Whist is a simple, social, trick taking card game popular in Scotland. All ages and levels welcome. There will be a quick lesson for newbies, and there will be prizes. Please RSVP to Katie at 612-564-0041 or kt@shilts.net.

March 12 | Highland Traditions Piping Concert

The Highland Traditions Piping Concert brings you the finest in piping, drumming, and dancing on March 12 at The Celtic Junction. Traditional to modern bagpiping is performed by respected artists Mike Breidenbach and Andrew Lewis. They are accompanied by two of the finest drummers in North America, Owen Sehon and Hunter Gullickson. Champion highland dancer, Alexandra Schmitz, will add to the pageantry of the evening by performing breathtaking highland dances. Show starts at 8pm at The Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave North, Saint Paul, 55104. Tickets (\$12 advance, \$15 at the door) available at thecelticjunction.com or by calling 612-874-8892.



March 17 | Sherry Ladig

Sherry Ladig's bands play for three March 17th St Patrick's Day events this year:

At 12:30-1:45 pm, THISTLEDOWN plays Irish music at St Olaf's Church in downtown Minneapolis. It's their annual post-Mass Irish hooley in the church hall, complete with corned beef sandwiches, cornier songs, and green lemonade. Free, but a donation always appreciated.

From 2:45-3:30 pm, DUNQUIN plays the gentler side of trad. music in the Irish Tearoom at IMDA's big Landmark Center St Patrick's Day Celebration. Come on down for tea scones, and a little break from some of the noisier fun stuff elsewhere around town (we've got the quieter fun stuff!)

Trotter's Café on Cleveland at Marshall in Saint Paul: 6-8 pm dinner hour. DUNQUIN trio plays Irish traditional music for your dining pleasure. The food's great (specials in honor of St Patrick's Day), the music's fun, and a great time will be had by all!

All addresses and more information is at www.sherryladig.com

March 17 & 20 | Irish Celebrations at the Landmark Center

Take in all things Irish at two events that are not to be missed. Lively Celtic music, dancing, and authentic vendors will be featured over two days. The events are produced by the Irish Music and Dance Association, and hosted by Minnesota Landmarks.

Visit <http://www.irishmusicanddanceassociation.org/> for more information or call 651.292.3063.

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration - March 17, 2016

An Irish Day of Dance - March 20, 2016

April 2-9 | Minnesota Tartan Week 2016

The plans for Tartan Week 2016 are now set. The Minnesota Scottish American Center in cooperation with individuals, businesses and service organizations is pleased to present Minnesota Tartan Week 2016. Tartan Week will be a full week of events throughout and surrounding Tartan Day, April 6th. This week long set of events will include some familiar events and some that are brand new. To keep updated on events please visit the calendar.

<http://www.minnesotascots.org/rss-news-minnesota-tartan-week.html>

Saturday, April 2

A Scottish Ramble moves to Saturday, April 2nd. It will start with a calling of the Clans in Rice Park and then enter the Landmark Center, 75 West 5th Street, St. Paul, MN. Performance schedule will be posted and includes some new events and performances as well as the more familiar food, music and retailers. The calling of the Clans and the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award will also be on the agenda. <http://goo.gl/m6O972>

Sunday, April 3

Kirkin' O' the Tartans (Blessing of the Tartans)

WHERE: St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403

WHEN: April 3, 2016 at 2:00 p.m

FREE and Open to the Public

The "Kirkin' O' the Tartan," is a worship service with a blessing for family tartans, a pipe band and grand pipe organ. "Kirkin'" from the Scottish Gaelic word kirk which means church emphasizes the heritage and the connection to how God has blessed us and our ancestors. This is a Minnesota Tartan Week event. For schedule of events visit Minnesota Tartan Week on Facebook or www.minnesotascots.org.

BACKGROUND: The blessing of the tartans is part of a Sunday worship service at the church and open to everyone, whether of Scottish ancestry or not. During the service, families come forward to have the tartans of their clan receive a blessing. The kirkin' has its history in Presbyterian worship during a period of English domination after the Battle of Culloden in 1746. England passed laws that banned all things Scottish meaning the Scots couldn't wear their native tartans and bagpipes were banned as weapons of war. British troops would attend Presbyterian services to make sure of these restrictions; however, the Scot would sneak bits of clan tartan in under their clothes. The practice was unnecessary when the laws were repealed in 1782. The kirkin' of the tartans was revived in 1941 in the United States by Reverend Peter Marshall at a Presbyterian church in the nation's capital. Marshall later served as chaplain to the U.S. Senate.

Today, the celebration is not limited to Presbyterian churches, but is found in Episcopalian, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other denominations across the world. Now, in present day celebration, the Highlander patriotism, faithfulness, and strong independence are remembered by the displaying of tartans and public parade of the clans to the sound of the bagpipe.

For additional information please contact the Minnesota St. Andrews Society.

<https://goo.gl/IcAz8t>

Also Sunday, April 3

Pub sing. An all acapella full-on house party; it's the way to experience a "Pub-style Sing" at Merlin's Rest. Stop in at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, grab a pint and listen. Have a song to share? Visit the online event page, read the group rules and join in.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1653903124899321/>

Monday, April 4

"The Scottish Pub Sing", 7:00 pm at Merlin's Rest, performance for Minnesota Tartan Week.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1653903124899321/>

Tuesday, April 5

Minnesota Tartan Week Benefit. The Whisky Tasting at Merlin's Rest, 3601 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN. This is a ticketed event and paid reservations are required. The event will benefit Tartan Week and will be \$40.00 per person. The seating is limited to 70. 7:00 p.m. Come early if you would like to order dinner. Flight: Auchentoshan 18yr, Glenmorangie 18yr, Highland Park 18yr, Lagavulin 12yr Rare (Cask strength) BD

<https://goo.gl/wmxUoD>

Wednesday, April 6

National Tartan Day. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tartan_Day

Thursday, April 7

Merlin's Rest monthly Whisky Tasting. Time, flight and cost TBD. <https://goo.gl/ULEsQQ>

Friday, April 8

Tartan Rocks! Celtic Rock Concert. Celtic Rock is Tartan woven into music.

Tempest • The Tim Malloys • The Langer's Ball. 3 fusion bands, one amazing stage.

Doors open at 6:30. Band Bios, Premiums and Tickets on Sale Now: at

<http://music.3celts.com/tartan-rocks>

Saturday, April 9

Macalester College Pipe Band Spring Concert. Saturday evening, Macalester College, event details. <https://goo.gl/Gs92re>

Discount Lodging

The Marriott West provides lodging for Minnesota Tartan Week. Call 952.544.4400 or book your room online from the Marriott West link. <http://goo.gl/INA6WC>

April 3 - July 10 | Scottish Music and Song classes

As part of a project to boost and promote Scottish music in Minnesota, **Laura MacKenzie** will be offering group classes on Scottish music and song at the Celtic Junction on Sunday afternoons, beginning April 3rd, winding up on July 10th. The tune classes will cover music from all regions, and are open to all melody instruments. Scottish song classes will also be offered beginning Sunday May 8, with classes on Scottish Gaelic song beginning Sunday June 5th. In addition, there will be Scottish ceilidhs scheduled at the Celtic Junction in June and in September (watch for the date announcements). This project is supported in part by a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board.

See the flyer graphic for more information, and contact Laura with any questions!
(laura@lauramackenzie.com)

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



Scottish Music and Song

Group classes offered by Laura MacKenzie

April 3 – July 10, 2016

The Celtic Junction

836 Prior Avenue North, St. Paul, MN

TUNE CLASSES

Dance tunes, marches & airs, from all regions

Open to all melody instruments

Sundays, 3:00 – 3:50 pm, April 3 – July 10 (15 weeks)

SONG CLASSES

Scots/English language songs

Sundays, 2 – 2:50 pm, May 8 - May 29 (4 weeks)

Scots Gaelic songs

Sundays, 2 – 2:50 pm, June 5 - July 10 (6 weeks)

\$5 suggested per class, on the day.

No need to register ahead of time –

Attend as many or as few classes as you'd like.

Tea, Biscuits and Notations (if desired) provided

For more information, visit lauramackenzie.com

or contact Laura directly at

651-398-5055/laura@lauramackenzie.com

Join the website mailing list to be notified of upcoming Scottish Cèilidhs!

*(Cèilidh; a social gathering for music, song, storytelling,
poetry, and dance)*



Please verify details before attending events.

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Thank you!

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