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Scottish News in Minnesota



APRIL 2015

EVENTS

APRIL 6, APRIL 18
Tartan Day 2015

The Tartan Day Planning Committee has got lots of great, new, and innovative events lined up so mark your calendars.

Event number one: April 6 - the official Tartan Day will be celebrated, as we have for 15 years on the steps of the state capitol in St. Paul - with a few changes. Given the uncertainty of the weather, cold, windy, snowy, rainy - you name it, we've had it all - this year's official Tartan Day kickoff will be held on the lower steps starting at 6:00 p.m. The planners are hoping those whose work day extends to 5:00 p.m. or so to toddle on over to the capitol for the later start. This event will be brief. No pipe bands, no dancing, no singing (well maybe one piece on a solo pipe), the reading of the 1998 Senate Resolution proclaiming Tartan Day, the presentation of the 2015 Tartan Day Lifetime Achievement Award recipient(s).

We will still process with Tartan Banners and flags flapping in the Spring breeze but our route will be somewhat changed. We have been told we cannot cross Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., so we will gather at the corner of Dr. MLK Blvd and John Ireland Blvd

starting at 5:30 - 5:45 and process to the mall and up the mall gathering on the lower steps at 6:00 p.m. I am sure you all have noticed our capitol is wrapped in a plastic box for renovations. Our event will take place just this side of where Aurora crosses between the mall and the main capitol steps. Please let us know if this is unclear to you. Check out a map here:

mn.gov/caapb/images/CapitolComplex.jpg

(Please be aware: there are no restroom facilities available at the state capitol while the renovations are underway.)

Event number two: And it's off to Merlin's to continue the day's celebration and partake of a wee dram and/or pint and some of Merlin's great food. No set menu, no admission price, off the menu ordering. But know that all are welcomed to this great place that has always welcomed members of our Scottish Community.

Event Number Three: And the last and biggest event of our triple-header, THE TARTAN DAY 2015 CEILIDH!

This is what we have so far. Still *somewhat* of a work in progress. It will just keep getting better and better. Details as we get them nailed down.

Join us on April 18th, starting at 5:00 p.m. Admission \$5.00 for persons over 15 years of age. Location: Celtic Junction, north of University Avenue on Prior Avenue in St. Paul. www.thecelticjunction.com

We aren't on their calendar yet, but we will be.

First: **Moran Taing** to Andy McCracken who has put together this amazing Tartan Day 2015 CEILIDH!

Here is the plan for the evening so far:

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:00 Macalester Pipe Band leads in the Clans of Scotland

Calling of the Clans by Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans

Toast to the Tartans by Jack Barker

Flower of Scotland - sing along with the pipes

Kilt Christening - work in progress, stay tuned for details

Tartan Day 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award(s)

MSCDA Dance performance

RSCDS/Twin Cities Chapter - Dance performance (Will Andy break the "Gay Gordon" record set last year?)

Macalester Pipe Band musical presentation

And last but not least, the CEILIDH DANCE. Andy and Chandi McCracken will lead us in the reels, waltzes and others of your favorite Ceilidh dances.

Sherry Ladig's Scottish ceilidh band **Dalwhinnie** is excited to be playing for the dancing portion of the Tartan Day Ceilidh April 18th, commencing with a 5 p.m. Social Hour at the Celtic Junction (836 Prior Avenue North in Saint Paul). Dalwhinnie is Rosa Wells, fiddle; Sherry Ladig, piano; and Don Ladig, flute. Dancing portion of the evening probably starts around 7:30 or 8, but come for the whole evening (more details in TDC announcement in this issue).

The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games together with McCracken's Pub will provide the Meat Pies, Scotch Eggs, Bridies. We are grateful to the Lone Oak Grill for their *sponsorship* of the beverage service for the evening. That means beer, wine and scotch will be available. All proceeds from the modestly priced vitals and bebies will go to the Fair.

Oh, and what's that you say? You didn't get your Tartan Day 2015 button at the Scottish Ramble?? We have a couple of dozen left and they will be at the ticket table, \$3 each, Get one while you can there will be no more.

Questions: email Liz at liz@uncommongatherings.com or Babs at babsfayth@aol.com.

SEE YOU ALL AT TARTAN DAY 2015! Let's fill the place with celebrating Scots!

APRIL 11

RSCDS 40th Anniversary Ball

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Twin Cities Branch will be hosting its 40th Anniversary Ball on Saturday, April 11th at 301 on Main in Minneapolis, featuring music by fiddler Deby Benton Grosjean and pianist Andy Imbrie, both from the Bay Area of California. The program features dances from past milestone anniversary ball programs as well as dances written by current and former members of the Branch. The evening will also include a slide show and historical display from the Branch archives. Current and former Branch members are especially encouraged to join us, along with anyone else who would like to help us celebrate and enjoy an evening of Scottish country dancing, either as a dancer* or an observer and listener. Special ticket prices are available for "retired" or non-dancers. For more information, see www.rscds-twincities.org/annualball.html and/or contact Nathan Wilkowski (nateumsemail@yahoo.com)

We are also looking for older photos and/or videos of the group to include in the slide show. If you have anything we might be able to use, please contact Nathan at the address above.

*Please note that while all are welcome to join us for dinner and music, participation in the dancing at this event does require previous experience with Scottish country dancing. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns: info@rscds-twincities.org

301 on Main | 301 Main St NE | Minneapolis

TCSC Social and General Meeting

The TCSC Social and General Meeting is on Saturday, April 11th, 1:00-4:00pm at the Shilts residence: 10 Woodland Road, Edina, MN. We will start with a potluck (please bring a dish to share) and a time to visit with Scottish friends. Then we will follow-up with a general meeting. We are still looking to elect a Events Coordinator. Please contact Katie Shilts at 612-564-0041 or kt@shilts.net if you are interested in this position.

Shilts residence | 10 Woodland Road | Edina

May 15

TCSC Scottish Movie Night

Movie night is back! We'll be viewing *On a Clear Day*. Friday, May 15. Doors open 7:00, movie starts at 7:30 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 Snelling Avenue South, St. Paul. Bring snacks to share and your own beverages. Tea will be provided.

On a Clear Day (2005) | PG-13 | 98min | Frank determines to salvage his self-esteem and tackle his demons by attempting the

ultimate test of endurance – swimming the English Channel. (Source: IMDb)

Immanuel Lutheran Church | 104 Snelling Avenue South | St. Paul

MAY 23

Culture and Traditions of the Highland Clans

The Scottish Interest Group is hosting a presentation by Scottish historian and genealogist Graeme M. Mackenzie, MA titled "Culture and Traditions of the Highland Clans". This will be Saturday, May 23, 2015, 2pm at the Danish American Center in Minneapolis, located at 3030 West River Parkway South, Minneapolis. Afterwards, those interested may gather at Longfellow's Grill across Lake Street.

A web page with more information about the presentation and Graeme is at:

<http://www.mcmillen-design.com/mackenzie2015>

Please watch this web page for more details as they are established.

Danish American Center | 3030 West River Parkway South | Minneapolis

JUNE 20

TCSC Kilted Brewery Tour

Join us on Saturday, June 20th, at 2:00pm for a brewery tour! Kilts encouraged! Meet at the Sociable Cider Werks, 1500 Filmore St. NE, Minneapolis, then go to 612 Brew at 945 Broadway St. NE, or BrauHaus Brewery 1315 Tyler St. NE. Then, we'll end up at Northgate Brewery, 783 Harding St. NE, for a tour. (Northgate are sponsors of the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games!) There are usually food trucks at the breweries. We're also looking for volunteer designated drivers. Please RSVP to Andy, 612-710-9104, or email at andrewmcc@izoom.net so we can gauge the interest in this event. The RSVP is not binding.

Various locations | Minneapolis

St. Andrew's Society News

The St. Andrew's Society Executive Committee is looking for people who would be interested and willing to serve on the Committee. Are you willing to devote a little time and labor to make sure that St. Andrew's can continue to function and provide the service that we do for our members? We hope so! The Executive Committee will have a number of vacancies coming up for election at the Annual General Meeting in June. The positions of President, Secretary, and at least 3 delegate at large positions need filling. Doug Potter has graciously agreed to remain as Treasurer if reelected. The vice president spots are not up for election this year. We really need to get some new blood, new ideas, and new help on the Committee. We meet monthly for about one to one and a half hours to plan our activities and take care of business. Committee members also help out with things like the Burns dinner, our presence at the Fair and the Ramble. It is not a lot of work, but it is fun and you would be part of a really nice group of people. Please consider volunteering your time so that we can continue to do the work that we do, provide the great events that we do, and have the fun that we do. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to respond to this email, or contact Jack MacKinnon at 612-508-9515 or email at jmackinnon2004@yahoo.com or Don Bruce at 651-492-9181 or

bruce1051@comcast.net. Thanks and please consider volunteering!

The St. Andrew's Society Executive Committee

Additional note:

We will not have a Pub Night in April since the Tartan Day activities will keep us all busy. But we will have our first one of the season in May at Merlin's Rest. Mark Friday, May 15, 7 pm, on your calendar and join us at Merlin's for a great evening.

2016 Tartan Day 2016

We know that Tartan Day 2015 hasn't happened yet, but we wanted to alert you all to some exciting changes to Tartan Day 2016.

In 2016 the Scottish Ramble will be moving to April and will be part of a Tartan Day week. We need to start planning for a week of events/festivities, etc. A lot of you have suggested changes for a number of years and we are now asking you to bring your ideas forward.

We will have an initial planning meeting on May 2nd at 10:30 a.m. in the Party Room area of 1077 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Lilydale, MN. If you have an idea or are interested in participating in an expanded Tartan Day/Week please plan on attending. The initial meeting will not go beyond an hour and ½.

We ask that you come and share your ideas and that you commit to making your idea a reality as well. If you have an idea, be prepared to work on it. Once again if we start now before the summer we should have everything well in hand for an exciting Tartan Day Week in 2016.

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Thank you!

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