



This month's Minnesota Scottish news and events.



Scottish News in Minnesota



April 2017

EVENTS

April 1 | Thistledown at the Scottish Ramble

Thistledown will perform at the Scottish Ramble at the Landmark Center, downtown Saint Paul. The band will play a "variety show" format with the RSCDS dancers and Fligmagearie, and selections of their own. In the cortile, 12:30-1:40 p.m. Modest admission for an afternoon of Scottish culture, all over the building.

April 1 | Dunquin performs at Lanesboro Arts Center

Dunquin plays for a new exhibit opening of Sara Lubinski's paintings at Lanesboro Arts Center on Main Street starting at 6 p.m. Gorgeous, affordable art work!

April 1-8 | Tartan Week 2017

Tartan Week 2017 is coming! This year has some familiar events and some new ones so please continue to visit our website for the latest: www.minnesotascots.org. We are truly excited about

what is happening this year and hope that you will be able to join us and that you will bring your friends and family as well.

The festivities begin with a familiar event, the **Scottish Ramble on Saturday, April 1**. Sponsored by the City of St. Paul and the Landmark center, the event is a celebration of food, dance, pipes and culture. There is a Celtic Market with a number of displays and there is always a series of seminars that delve into the Scottish heritage and culture. There is a \$6.00 admission charge for this event.

The St. Andrew's Society of Minnesota and the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Mark's will be hosting a **Kirkin' of the Tartan service on Sunday, April 2**. This will be an afternoon service starting at 2:00 p.m. and is followed by a fellowship including Scottish shortbread and other treats. For those who have never attended a Kirkin', the service blesses all of the tartans and hearkens back to the end of the English ban of the display and wearing of any Tartan. The setting is wonderful and there is no cost.

Monday, April 3 will see an informal pub sing at Merlin's Rest in Minneapolis. This is an opportunity for anyone to come and join in the singing or just sit back and listen to all kinds of Scottish songs from traditional to modern. Merlin's has a full menu and bar for those who need a nosh or dram and the event has no cost. It will begin around 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3.

Tuesday, April 4 is our Scotch tasting and will also be at Merlin's Rest. This is a fundraiser for Tartan Week and space is limited, so get your tickets early. There will be 65 tickets available and you can purchase them through PayPal via the website, www.minnesotascots.org. We will be tasting a series of Distiller Editions this year. These are unique limited bottles of a single malt distillery that have been selected as the best of their brand by the distiller. The whisky is then placed in a new cask and aged twice. The flight is listed below.

Glenkinchie Distiller's Edition - Amontillado finish (Lowlands)

Oban Distiller's Edition. - Fino from Montilla (Highlands)

Dalwhinnie Distiller's Edition - Obroso (Highlands)

Cragganmore Distiller's Edition - Ruby Port (Speyside)

Talisker Distiller's Edition - Amoroso Sherry (Island)

Thursday is Tartan Day, April 6. There will be a party celebrating Tartan Day at Kieran's Pub in Minneapolis. Doors will open in the Titanic Room at 6:00. Kieran's will have a full bar and menu available and there will be a series of events, including a Fiddle Orchestra, pipes, a silent auction, some whisky walks and the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award throughout the

evening. There is no cost to this event and we hope that many of you will join us.

2017 Minnesota Tartan Week TARTAN ROCKS! A benefit concert for the MN Scottish American Center on Saturday, April 8th, 2017.



concert poster by artist Neil Johnston

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As you can see, there are several events and venues for all. Please pass this on to your friends and family and join us!

April 1-2 | St. Andrew's Society Ramble Events

St Andrew's will have a table with information about events and membership at the Scottish Ramble on April 1. Please stop by and say hello!

St Andrew's is also sponsoring the Tartan Week Kirkin' o' the Tartan at St Mark's Episcopal Church, 519 Oak Grove St., just off Hennepin Avenue across from the Walker. The Kirkin' will be on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 2 p.m. Come and hear the pipes and the pipes - a piper and the pipe organ. It is a truly awesome sound. Be sure and bring a piece of tartan to be blessed and participate in this wonderful ceremony!

April 3 | A Celtic Breeze

A performance of Irish, Scottish, French and Galician music on Laura MacKenzie's array of flutes, whistles, pipes, concertina and voice. Free and open to the public on Monday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Austin Public Library, Austin, MN. www.austinpubliclibrary.org

April 6 | A Spring Harvest of Poems and Songs

From the Heart As It is: A Spring Harvest of Poems and Songs - with poets Angela Shannon, Sharon Chmielarz, Michael Dennis Browne and Musician Laura MacKenzie. "Creation takes place in the dark, but it seeks the light. The darkness is often bewildering, intimidating, but the artist persists. The theologian James Carse in *The Silence of God* writes that when we pray, we pray "from the heart as it is" rather than wait until we somehow have our act together before daring to think of addressing the Divine Mystery. We present an evening of poems and songs which show some of the journeys we must make on the way to transforming varying realities of experience into words and notes that can contribute to the vastness of our shared world" - description from Michael Dennis Browne. Thursday, April 6 at 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$20 (See the [ticket link](#) to register in advance, and view more information.) Carondelet Center, Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality, 1890 Randolph, St. Paul, MN

April 8 | The New Pearl Buttons at the MN History Center

The New Pearl Buttons perform on April 8 from noon-4 p.m. at The MN History Center for the new exhibit "World War I America". They will play songs from 1914-1917, many with sing-along chorus. There is an admission charge at the gate for the museum.

April 21 | The New Pearl Buttons perform at the Historic LeDuc Estate

Visit the Historic LeDuc Estate at 7 p.m. for cocktail-tasting with music provided by The New Pearl Buttons on April 21. Seating is limited, so reservations are required; call 651-438-8480. If you ever wanted to hear a Celtic band play "Cocktails for Two", here's your chance!

April 29 | Vom Fass Scotch Tasting

Please join the St. Andrew's Society for a Scotch tasting event at Vom Fass at the Mall of America,

on Saturday, April 29 from 6-8 p.m. We will sample 4-6 single malts and blends and have some light bites. Tickets are \$35 per person. Seating is limited, so please call Vom Fass at 952-426-3222 to register.

About Vom Fass (which translates as 'from the cask'):

Welcome to VOM FASS at Mall of America, where we satisfy your cravings for life's little luxuries, worldly experiences, and easy, delicious, healthy meals and entertaining at home. Our products include the world's finest olive oil, nut and seed oil, balsamic vinegar, spices, liqueurs, wines, and spirits – including 18 different Scotch, American and Irish Whiskies, and 10 different brandies. Our products are sourced directly from family growers and artisan producers and distillers, primarily in Europe, so there are no middle men - only direct, transparency from where the product is grown and produced to our shelves.



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