



This month's Minnesota Scottish news and events.



# Scottish News in Minnesota



## June 2015

Happy Summer! Here you will find Minnesota's Scottish and Celtic events and news for the upcoming month.

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## EVENTS

### June | Laura MacKenzie's Events

#### **A Celtic Breeze**

Saturday, June 6 at 11:00 AM

A program of traditional Celtic Wind-Powered Music - free and open to all.  
Washburn Public Library | 5244 Lyndale Ave S | Minneapolis, MN

#### **Billy McLaughlin and SimpleGifts**

Friday, June 19 at 8:00 PM

Summer Solstice concert with Billy McLaughlin and SimpleGifts.  
(Laura is a member of SimpleGifts)

[www.bilymclaughlin.com](http://www.bilymclaughlin.com)

Parkway Theater | 4814 Chicago Ave S. | Minneapolis, MN

### **A Celtic Breeze**

Saturday, June 20 at 2:00 PM

A program of traditional Celtic Wind-Powered Music, free and open to all.

Linden Hills Public Library | 2900 W. 43rd St. | Minneapolis, MN

### **The Magic of Celtic Music**

Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 PM

A program of traditional music and song for the Northfield Public Library, free and open to all. An outdoor event, weather permitting. (Contact the Northfield library for rain site)

Way Park | Northfield, MN

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## **June 6 | St. Andrew's Annual General Meeting**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the home of JoAnne and Roger Wahl in Prior Lake. Members are urged to attend this important meeting. Elections for President, Secretary and Delegates at large will take place. As yet, we have no candidates for President or Secretary.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, but please also bring a dish to share as follows:

Family name A to G, salad, side dish, or appetizer

H to P, dessert

Q to Z, main dish

Bring your own beverage, either soft or hard.

Hope to see many members there.

The Wahl Residence | Prior Lake

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## **June 12 | "How the Scots Developed Otter Tail County"**

Friday, June 12, 2015

Parkers Prairie - location TBD

Fur traders and lumberjacks. Land speculators and bankers. Millwrights and politicians. First

citizens and scoundrels. The Scottish pioneers of Otter Tail County often get overlooked in the sea of Scandinavian settlers that settled in West Central Minnesota. Yet long before the first Swede or Norwegian broke the ground with a plow here, Scottish immigrants had poured into the Red River Valley, many by way of Canada.

Missy McClatchy Hermes, Education Coordinator for the [Otter Tail County Historical Society](#), will share her research on the influence of the Scots who settled in West Central Minnesota in communities like Perham, Parkers Prairie, Corliss and Compton. Scots also founded and then built up the county seat in Fergus Falls. On Friday, February 13 at 10 AM, she'll present her findings about people like the Murray Clan in Elmo Township, Sam Wallace and Nathaniel McConachie of Perham, and James Fergus. These and other Scots on the prairie left behind some of the Great Objects, moments, memories in the collection at the Otter Tail County Museum.

Parkers Prairie, MN

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## **June 12-14 | MN Irish Music Weekend**

Internationally renowned Irish musicians and their students converge on Saint Paul for the Eighth Annual Minnesota Irish Music Weekend (MIM) June 12-14, 2015, at The Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Avenue N, Saint Paul 55104. Presented by the Center for Irish Music, MIM is a unique festival that pairs world-class traditional Irish musicians with learners of all ages and abilities for a weekend of workshops, lectures, sessions and a rare and virtuosic Saturday night concert featuring the visiting artists. This year's visiting artists include Joanie Madden of Cherish the Ladies (tin whistle), living legend Mick Mulcahy (accordion), Louise Mulcahy (flute, uilleann pipes), Michelle Mulcahy (harp, fiddle), Bridget Fitzgerald (song), and Sean Clohessy (fiddle, piano). Each of these artists is recognized for their musical mastery, and will offer insights and techniques to help learners tap into the deep roots of traditional Irish music. The three day festival includes lectures on Irish music history, and weekend workshops in flute, fiddle, tin whistle, song, piano, uilleann pipes, harp, accordion, and guitar, available for children, teens and adults. Public concert tickets (\$6 to \$23) and festival registration information is available at [www.centerforirishmusic.org](http://www.centerforirishmusic.org) or by calling CIM at 651-815-0083.

The Celtic Junction | 836 Prior Avenue N | Saint Paul, MN

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## **June 13 | MIM Master Artists' Concert**

The Master Concert is the signature event of the Minnesota Irish Music Weekend, a unique festival which brings world class Irish traditional musicians together with learners of all ages. This year's Master Concert will feature visiting artists Joanie Madden of Cherish the Ladies (tin whistle), living legend Mick Mulcahy (accordion), Louise Mulcahy (flute, uilleann pipes), Michelle Mulcahy (harp, fiddle), Bridget Fitzgerald (song), and Sean Clohessy (fiddle, piano). The concert not only showcases each visiting musician's artistry and repertoire, but offers both classic and unique musical pairings. Concert takes place June 13, 7:30pm at The Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Avenue N, Saint Paul 55104. Pricing for concert tickets range from \$6 to \$23 and are available at [www.centerforirishmusic.org](http://www.centerforirishmusic.org) or by calling CIM at 651-815-0083.

The Celtic Junction | 836 Prior Avenue N | Saint Paul, MN

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## **June 13 | The Celtic Croft 3rd Annual Scotch & Cigar Party**

Saturday, June 13th at 6:00 PM

8311 Westwood Rd, Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

Our Scotch and Cigar party the last couple years went so well, we're making it a tradition! Just plan on the second Saturday of June every year!

Bring a bottle of Scotch to share (don't feel obligated to leave your bottle behind when you leave). Bring one or more cigars to share/trade. If you're new to Scotch and/or cigars and don't know what to bring, just show up and we'll introduce you to the many options.

In attendance will be our special guest, Maria Caram Ibarra. Maria grew up in Cuba working in cigar factories with her family. She will be hand-rolling cigars throughout the evening for our education and enjoyment. Maria's hand-rolled cigars will be available for only \$10 each. I've enjoyed several and they are excellent.

We will provide beer, pop, and snacks. We'll also have some basic Scotch options to sample

for those who are new to Scotch.

Cigarette smokers are welcome. Non-smokers are welcome too as long as you have no complaints about large volumes of cigar smoke. The event will be outdoors, so there will be plenty of ventilation.

We'll have our large festival tent set up in the back yard for the party. So if it rains, we'll all still be dry and happy. Don't let the weather keep you away!

Live music will be provided again this year by "The Warren Porter Project" — a big hit last year!

Please remember to plan ahead for a safe and sober ride home! (And if you need to, we have extra couches you can crash on.)

Thanks,  
Joseph Croft

8311 Westwood Rd | Brooklyn Park, MN

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## **June 19 | Dalwhinnie performs at the Historic LeDuc Estate Scotch Tasting**

Ever had a yen to sample five scotch whiskies, accompanied by tasty appetizers and great Scottish music, all in a beautiful historic house, for only \$30? Well, you're in luck: Dalwhinnie (aka Dunquin) will play for the Historic LeDuc Estate (in Hastings) scotch tasting on Friday, June 19, commencing at 7 PM! These evenings are great fun and sell out fast. Reservations are a must: call LeDuc House at 651-437-7055 to make yours. The LeDuc House is an 1865 beauty at 1629 Vermillion Street in Hastings, right on Hwy 61. For directions and more information, go to: [www.sherryladig.com](http://www.sherryladig.com)

The LeDuc House | 1629 Vermillion Street | Hastings, MN

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## **June 20 | TCSC Kilted Brewery Tour**

Join us on Saturday, June 20th, at 2:00 PM for a brewery tour! Kilts encouraged! Meet us at 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@zoom.net](mailto:andrewmcc@zoom.net) so we can gauge the interest in this event. The RSVP is not binding.

Various locations | Minneapolis

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## **June 20 | St. Andrew's Pub Night**

Our second Pub Night of the season will be on Saturday, June 20th, starting at 4 PM at O'Gara's Pub, Snelling and Selby in St. Paul. Please note the different day and time as we are trying to mix things up a little bit to encourage attendance. Join us for a fun afternoon/evening at this great Irish Pub.

O'Gara's Pub | 164 Snelling Ave N | St Paul, MN

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## **June 21 | Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band**

The Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band will be marching in the North Branch Midsummer Days Parade on Sunday, June 21st at 2 PM. This will be followed by a performance in the American Legion Tent. More info at [www.brianborupipeband.com](http://www.brianborupipeband.com)

North Branch, MN

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## **June 28 | "Scots and ScotsIrish in the Red River Valley"**

Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 2 PM

Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site, Abercrombie, North Dakota

Fur traders and lumberjacks. Land speculators and bankers. Millwrights and politicians. First citizens and scoundrels. The Scottish influence in the Red River Valley goes far beyond the place names of local communities such as Abercrombie, Carlisle, and Rothsay. Missy McClatchy Hermes, Education Coordinator for the [Otter Tail County Historical Society](#), will share her research on the Scots who settled locally. Learn more about colorful people like Flatboat MacLane and Joe Whitford who traced their roots back to Scotland and left their mark in the Red River Valley.

Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site | Abercrombie, North Dakota

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## July 18 | Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games

The MN Scottish Fair & Highland Games takes place on Saturday, July 18th! We hope to see you there!

Saturday, July 18, 2015  
Discovery Road, Eagan, MN

Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM  
Ceilidh: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

2015 shirts and tickets are on sale on the website:  
<http://www.mnscottishfair.org/onlinemerchandise.html>

This year, in addition to music performances and a workshop stage at the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games July 18, the MSF&HG is sponsoring a day of **Scottish Music Workshops**, to be held at Celtic Junction on July 17, 2015. Those interested in workshop attendance should register as soon as possible to assure a spot. Audit attendance is also offered.

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



Please verify details before attending events.

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Thank you!  
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