

This month's Minnesota Scottish news and events.



# Scottish News in Minnesota



## **JUNE 2020**

## **NEWS**

Greetings from the Scottish American Center. We hope and pray that all of our friends in the Minnesota Scottish Community are safe and not suffering from any related CV-19 issues. It has been a trying time for everyone and with the

entire year of Scottish related games and fairs being cancelled or postponed it has affected a lot of our own who have small businesses. We have decided that this issue of the SNIM will be dedicated to those vendors and businesses that have been a part of our Scottish Community. Before we list our Scottish and Celtic merchants supporting our community, please take a moment in honor of George Floyd and the grieving of his family, friends and our country to reflect upon a portion of Robert Burns' poem:

### **"A Man's a Man for All That"**

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*A prince can make a belted knight,  
A marquis, duke, and all that!  
But an honest man is above his might -  
Good faith, he must not fault that  
For all that, and all that,  
Their dignities, and all that,  
The pith of sense and pride of worth  
Are higher rank than all that.*

*Then let us pray that come it may  
(As come it will for a' that)  
That Sense and Worth over all the earth  
Shall take the prize and all that!  
For all that, and all that,  
It is coming yet for all that,  
That man to man the world over*

*Shall brothers be for all that.*

As we are able to move about more and open up, we ask you all to consider patronizing these local businesses to give them a boost! Any support would be appreciated and could mean the difference for their future. Please see the listing below.

~ The SAC Board

**3 Celts & Company:** Your connection to great Celtic gifts and merchandise. Since 2001, Johnny and his family have continued to provide original and custom designed products. 3Celts is pleased to present to you their vision and dedication — their passion for things Celtic - handmade original designs that will inspire your own search for that enduring Celtic legacy.

[www.3celts.com](http://www.3celts.com)

651-257-6790

[info@3celts.com](mailto:info@3celts.com)

**The Celtic Croft:** The Celtic Croft has been in business, family owned and operated, since 1995. They specialize in custom-made kilts and tartan products, clan crest products, and all the accessories you need to compliment your kilt or kilted skirt. Come see us at our store (by appointment during COVID), located in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. The Celtic Croft sells bagpipes, kilts, accessories, Scottish and Irish clothing, gifts, and more.

[www.kilts-n-stuff.com](http://www.kilts-n-stuff.com)

763-569-4373

[sales@thecelticcroft.com](mailto:sales@thecelticcroft.com)

**Celtique Creations:** Celtique Creations is a small, family run business based in White Bear Lake, MN. Celtique's focus is to provide you with the highest quality Celtic embroidery possible. Special orders are always welcome.

Because we welcome a challenge, our motto is "If we can 'hoop' it, we can embroider it." Sometimes the 'hoop' doesn't stop us either!

<https://www.celtiquecreations.com/>

651-249-8847

[celtiquecreations@gmail.com](mailto:celtiquecreations@gmail.com)

**Harpstone Jewelry:** Started in 1973 as a family owned business and continues to be one to this day. Through hard work, a lot of creativity, pounding the pavement from east to west coast (including MN's Scottish Fair), and trust that good quality and fair pricing will create the best reputation any company can ask for, we've grown this business to support three families. We remain true to our roots (but we have a few more designs than we started with).

<https://harpstone.com/>

**Highland Kilt Company:** Based in Merrill, WI, selling fine kilts and Celtic wear for over a decade, we spend 11 months of the year on the road meeting as many of you as we can (including MN's Scottish Fair), face to face, at some of the best cultural events in the country.

<https://highlandkilt.com/>

info@ HighlandKilt.com

**Infamous Welsh Cookie Co:** Started as a retirement project by my father, David Browne, and originally known as The inFAMOUS Welsh Cookie Co., we have grown and divided into a few branches over the years. We currently attend over 40 Celtic Festivals annually across the Eastern half of the US, bringing Welsh Cakes and various other goodies with us (including many years at MN's Scottish Fair).

<https://infamouswelshcookies.com/>

Alma, MI 48801 (989) 763-1312

**Nagle Forge & Foundry:** A small family operated casting company that specializes in crafting historically inspired and limited edition jewelry and clothing fasteners from the finest lead free pewter, bronze, sterling silver, or 14k gold. All of our work is handcrafted in the United States. We have sold for many years at MN's Scottish Fair.

<http://www.nagleforge.com/about.shtml>

415-897-1732

[contact@nagleforge.com](mailto:contact@nagleforge.com)

**Rampant Lion:** Rampant Lion is a family owned business since 1986. You can find us at many major Irish, Scottish and Celtic festivals in the Midwest (including MN's Scottish Fair) and also in Florida. We feature a wide variety of gift items.

<https://rampantlion.com/index.html>

[info@rampantlion.com](mailto:info@rampantlion.com)

**Thistle Do Nicely:** Well, It's all about Scotland! Our little traveling shop, popping up at various Scottish events, games and festivals throughout the US. (A 2020 MN Scottish Fair vendor)

<https://www.thistledonicallyshop.com/>

Phone: 618/509-1287 or 618/698-9661

Belleville, IL 62221

**Potter's Pasties & Pies:** Being a native Minnesotinite who has spent a significant amount of time in the vast lakes and forests of our state, I have always wanted a warm bite that wouldn't go soggy, leak, break, or lose it's appeal in whatever activity I was engaged in. After perfecting the balance of durability and flakiness, you will no longer need the 'jaws of life' to enjoy a traditional English pasty. Instead, you just need jaws. Voted 8 times the Best Food Truck in the Twin Cities. Pick up and take out is available on TH, FR and SATs from 11 am to 7pm (order ahead of time) Underground Pasty Shop 612.819.3107 Baked fresh to order.

<https://potterspasties.com/>

**St. Croix Weaving:** St. Croix Weaving is a home-based business in Hudson, WI. They have over 20 years of experience in weaving any tartan in silk, tencel and cotton.

[stcroixweaving.com](http://stcroixweaving.com)

404 Red Brick Road, Hudson, WI 54016

715-381-5224

[weaver@stcroixweaving.com](mailto:weaver@stcroixweaving.com)

**StillwaterKilts.com:** Provide a positive and affordable experience for the first-time kilt buyer, and to supply unique, reasonably-priced accessories that any kilt-wearer will appreciate.

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

Local sales by appointment only at:

7500 16th Avenue South  
Richfield, MN 55423  
612-859-5764  
[sales@stillwaterkilts.com](mailto:sales@stillwaterkilts.com)

## **MINNESOTA SCOTTISH AUTHORS and MUSICIANS**

**Laura MacKenzie/Traditional Wind-Powered Music:** Laura MacKenzie has been tidying the “shop”, busy making her various recordings available for digital download right from her website, at:  
<https://www.lauramackenzie.com/shop> Remember, it is always good (best) to order directly from the artists!

For the summer and fall, and as long as needs be, Laura MacKenzie's solo programs will be available in virtual formats.

[https://www.lauramackenzie.com/community\\_program](https://www.lauramackenzie.com/community_program)

Contact: [laura@lauramackenzie.com](mailto:laura@lauramackenzie.com)

Hoping to see you soon, either online or in-person!

**Audrey McClellan** – Scottish Novel author

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

**Bill Watkins** – Author, Storyteller, Poet, Musician, Historian, Folklorist

[www.keltcom.com](http://www.keltcom.com) -- Bill's own website

**Jack and Barbara Maloney** - Author and Illustrator

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

## MISC MINNESOTA BUSINESSES

**Jennifer A. Barnett** Minnesota's Scottish Realtor. A member of the Batson Real Estate Team, serving the Lake Minnetonka area, Jennifer is very active within many of the Twin Cities Scottish groups and staunch volunteer over many years at the MN Scottish Fair.

[612-644-8969](tel:612-644-8969)

Keller Williams Premier Realty

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

**Merlin's Rest** A gathering place for many of our local dance groups, pipe bands, and fans of Celtic music for many years. This is a pub where an order of fish and chips and Guinness while waiting for friends can transport you to a wee bit of Britain. Your British Isles home in Minneapolis—voted Best Neighborhood Bar by readers of the City Pages for several years. Drop by and visit our own Bill Watkins and everyone's Minister of Culture. ;^)  
Patio seating available – call for appointment

<https://merlinsrest.com/>

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