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# Scottish News in Minnesota



## **JULY 2014**

Hi folks! I apologize for the very belated newsletter. My husband and I were expecting a bundle of joy in mid-July and the wee bairn decided she wanted to meet the world a little early. As you can imagine, we've been a bit distracted the past two weeks.

I'm very sorry if I've missed any early July events. Hope you all had a wonderful Fourth and I look forward to seeing you all at the MN Scottish Fair next weekend!

Thanks,  
Tiffany

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### EVENTS

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**JULY 12**

Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games

Join us for the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games on July 12th at the Faithful Shepherd Catholic School! New location and new date this year. See you there!

9:00 am – 5:30 pm | Ceilidh 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the McCracken Pub

Adults 16+ tickets \$15 | Seniors 65+ \$10

Children 15 and under \$5 or free with a canned good for the local food shelf

[mnscottishfair.org](http://mnscottishfair.org)

NEW LOCATION!

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School | 3355 Columbia Dr | Eagan, MN 55121

McCracken Pub Scotch Tasting

Join us at the fair for a whisky tasting with Whisky Master Ken Liss! The tasting will take place at the Highland Dance Tent at 3:30 PM.

Here is our sampling!

Arbeg 10yr

Balvenie Carribean 14yr

Glenkinchie 12yr

Glenmoangie Quinta Ruban 12yr

Oban 14yr

Pimple Pinch 15yr

Ken comes to food and whisky from a rich and varied life and career. He's a recovering engineer, a recovering archaeologist, and a retired Navy Captain. He also grew up overseas in Spain, the Philippines, Venezuela, Costa Rica, and Puerto Rico where he gained an understanding of different cultures and a passion for different foods. He attended Le Cordon Bleu in Minneapolis and subsequently attended a 3-month cheese internship at the Artisanal Cheese Center in Manhattan where he learned about the "care and feeding" of cheese...and began his exploration into pairing spirits with cheese and other foods.

He co-owned Premier Cheese Market in Minneapolis, with his wife Amy, where he got to put all of his passions together. The shop has earned rave reviews from local food writers and bloggers and a mention (twice) in Food & Wine magazine! Unfortunately they had to close Premier Cheese Market in December of 2009. Ken has continued his exploration into whiskies of all types (Scotch, Irish, American, etc) and learning the nuances of them all. He's always ready to share his knowledge and a story.

Advance tickets are \$35.00 and \$40.00 at McCracken Pub the day of the Fair.

We are limiting the whisky tasting to 40 seats.

Purchase tickets online here (please print your receipt and bring it with you as your ticket for the tasting):

<http://mnscottishfair.org/tasting.html>

St. Andrew's Society at the Fair

We will see everyone at the Fair on July 12. St. Andrew's will be sharing a table with other Scottish organizations. Stop by and say hello.

Laura MacKenzie at the Fair

Saturday, July 12 at Faithful Shepherd School, 3355 Columbia Drive, Eagan, MN

MN Scottish Fair and Highland Games - piping, dancing, music, vendors, pub, ceilidh. Laura is performing with "Laura MacKenzie & The Lads" and with "The North Star Gaelic Singers". Open from 9 am - 5:30, ceilidh at 5:30.

Ross & MacKenzie at the Midsummer Festival

Saturday, July 12 at 11:00 am at Lyngblomsten, 1415 Almond, St. Paul, MN

Ross & MacKenzie perform at 11:00 am. Festival of arts, music, food and games. Free, open from 11 - 6.

[lyngblomsten.org/festival](http://lyngblomsten.org/festival)

[Lyngblomsten | 1415 Almond | St. Paul, MN](#)

JULY 17

**Laura MacKenzie & Gary Rue**

Thursday, July 17 at 5:00 pm — 6:00 pm at Peace Plaza, 2nd Ave SW & 1st St SW, Rochester, MN

Laura MacKenzie & Gary Rue in concert on the Peace Plaza stage.

Free

Peace Plaza | 2nd Ave SW & 1st St SW | Rochester, MN

JULY 18

St. Andrew's Society Pub Night

Friday, July 18, beginning at 6:30 pm, we will be having our 3rd Pub Night of the summer at Stout's Pub, on Larpenteur, just off Snelling in Falcon Heights, near the State Fairgrounds. Please join us there for a fun night

of food, drink, and great company!

1611 West Larpentour Avenue | Falcon Heights, MN 55113

JULY 26

**Ross & MacKenzie at the Cannon River Roots Festival**

Saturday, July 26 @ 7:00 pm — 8:00 pm at Bridge Square, Northfield, MN

Ross & MacKenzie perform at 7 pm, and the festival runs from 1 pm - 11 pm. Presented by the Northfield Arts Guild. Free

[www.northfieldartsguild.org](http://www.northfieldartsguild.org)

Bridge Square | Northfield, MN

JULY 29

Nine Nights of Music

The MN History Museum and Tapestry Folkdance Center are sponsoring a Nine Nights of Music series at the History Museum. The popular series, now in its 17th year, presents the rich and vibrant rhythms and sounds of Minnesota's multi-cultural community at free outdoor performances at the Minnesota History Center. Visit on the 29th of July for the Scottish evening with the Dick Hensold Band and Chandi McCracken as dance instructor. 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

[www.tapestryfolkdance.org/index.php/tapestry-special-events/9-nights-of-music](http://www.tapestryfolkdance.org/index.php/tapestry-special-events/9-nights-of-music)

Minnesota Historical Society | 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. | St. Paul, MN 55102

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NEWS

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Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games News

Volunteers needed!

The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games is in need of volunteers for the Fair on July 12, 2014! All areas need volunteers, especially the children's games. TCSC members, St. Andrew's members, members of all Scottish organization are welcome to help out! Please contact Don Cogswell at [dbcogswell@mnsctishfair.org](mailto:dbcogswell@mnsctishfair.org) or sign up here: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caca2ea02-mnscottish](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caca2ea02-mnscottish)

## Join us for a 2014 MSFHG kick-off party at the Lone Oak Grill on Friday, July 11th!

July 11th, starting at 6:00 pm  
Stop on by for food, drinks and great company.  
Bring your pipes and drums!

<http://lone-oakgrill.com>

Lone Oak Grill | 3010 Eagandale Place | Eagan, MN 55121

### Don Bruce's Travel Notes

Check out the Travel Notes from Don Bruce posted on Minnesota Scots this month. He's been at Stirling and the Bannockburn battle site for the last week or so. His Guestblog is an ongoing project for the remainder of his travels through Scotland for the 700th.

[Link: "Home to Scotland" by Don Bruce of the Family of Bruce](#)

### Renaissance Festival sets Highland Fling Date

Mark your calendar today for the Renaissance Festivals Highland Fling, the Scottish themed weekend ~ August 16 & 17. This is opening weekend of fest so plan to arrive early for best parking.

If you are a clan or organization rep interested in setting up your clan tent contact Liz Michaelson at [liz@uncommongatherings.com](mailto:liz@uncommongatherings.com) for info and exhibit requirements. Early registrants receive 2 FREE tickets for use any weekend of fest. These are in addition to exhibitor tickets good for Highland Fling only. This is a great opportunity to promote your clan/organization & to spread the word about our great Scottish activities.

For FREE admission, donate a pint of blood on site. Register beginning August 1st at the Ren Fest website.

Bring 5 cans of food and receive \$5 off adult admission.

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Thank you!  
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