



This month's Minnesota Scottish news and events.



# Scottish News in Minnesota



## August 2016

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### EVENTS

#### August | Gigs for Sherry Ladig and Dunquin

**Monday August 1st** - 7 p.m. **Minnesota Mandolin Orchestra** at the Como Dockside Pavilion in Saint Paul: **MMO premieres Sherry's latest piece** she wrote for them: The Kickstarter Rag ! This and many other fine mandolin tunes for your listening pleasure, absolutely **free**. Come for the tunes, stay for the ice cream!

**Saturday August 13th** - **Dunquin** plays the **MN Irish Fair** on Harriet Island, downtown Saint Paul. We're giving a workshop on How Irish Music Became American at 1 **p.m. in the Workshop Tent**. We also are playing half-hour sets at **10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trisceal Tea Room**, a welcome quiet place to enjoy tea and a scone and take a break from the bustle of the Fair. The Fair is **free** and there's TONS of stuff to see and do - check out their website for all the details: [www.irishfair.com](http://www.irishfair.com)

**Sunday August 14th** - 6:30 p.m. **Dunquin** plays the **LeDuc Estate Orchard** (in back of

the house, near the parking lot) for their annual August Orchard Music Series. **Free**, but a **goodwill donation** will be taken. And there are goodies for sale to enjoy! Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy the best tunes of summer: Irish, American, French Canadian, whatever we can come up with to delight you!

**Saturday, August 19th - Duluth Tall Ships festival, Elite Rabble** plays tunes from the 1780-1820 era intermittently throughout the day (9 a.m.-5 p.m.). Look for Elite Rabble (pianoforte, violin, flute) in the encampment of HMS Nancy, where we will be playing for the crew and citizens of Sandwich, Upper Canada as they trade and demonstrate various skills and crafts associated with peacetime activities. And take in all of the magnificent Tall Ships displays and history! Admission to the festival is required and may be purchased at the gate as a day admission.

For directions and more info: [www.sherryladig.com](http://www.sherryladig.com)

Stay cool,

Sherry, Dunquin, Elite Rabble and MMO

## **August - October | RSCDS at the MN Renaissance Festival**

Come join the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival! We perform every Saturday and Sunday of the festival run (August 20 through Oct 2), except Labor Day weekend. We'd love to see you there! Look for us four times a day (usually at the Bear or the Shepherd's Green) and in the parade.

## **August 4 & 5 | Steerage Song**

The Big Top Chautauqua in Bayfield, Wisconsin is producing two performances of "Steerage Song", a very moving, fully staged docu-musical originally premiered by Theater Latte Da of Minneapolis. Featuring the songs and stories of immigrants (from 20 European countries) coming through Ellis Island, "Island of hope, island of tears". [www.bigtop.org](http://www.bigtop.org)

## **August 19 | St. Andrew's Society Pub Night**

Our Pub Night in August will be on Friday, August 19 at 6:30 pm at Cozzies Tavern and Grill, located just off Highway 36 on the way to Stillwater. Hope to see you there as we try out this new venue. Should be a fun evening! Here is their website with directions:

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

## **September 23 | A Scottish Ceilidh at the Celtic Junction**

Save the Date - September 23rd, for A Scottish Ceilidh at the Celtic Junction with Neil Gunn

and the Gunnslingers, plus open ceildh hour. More details in the September newsletter!

## **November 1 | News from friends of the Auld Alliance**

On the Feast of All Saints Day, 1841, a small log chapel was dedicated on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi river. At the time the chapel was built, there were only a few French Canadian families living in the area. Little did these early settlers know that this little chapel would become a cathedral, a school, a hospital, and would be the inspiration and beginning of a city that would adopt its name and become the capital of the State of Minnesota.

On November 1st, 2016, at the MN History Center in St. Paul, the French-American Heritage Foundation will sponsor an event to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the building of this chapel. SCSU professor, Mary Lethert Wingerd will be the featured speaker and a book will be sold at the event. Cost: \$30.00 (\$35.00 at the door) Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by D'Amico Catering. Cash bar. Seating is limited, so early registration is encouraged. You may register online at the website of the French-American Heritage Foundation ([www.fahfminn.org](http://www.fahfminn.org)).



## **January 28 | St. Andrew's Society Burns Dinner**

SAVE THE DATE! The 41st Annual St. Andrew's Society of Minnesota Burns Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017. We will be moving to a new and improved venue this year, the Sheraton Minnetonka, across from Ridgedale Mall. This should prove to be a great event, with a fine menu prepared by the chefs at the Sheraton. Plan now to attend. More details will follow in the coming months, but put it on your calendar now!

## A note from the Celtic Croft

**A camera SD card was found** in the grass outside the Celtic Croft tent at the Minnesota Scottish Fair. If you think it might be yours, please call The Celtic Croft at [763-569-4373](tel:763-569-4373).

**The Celtic Croft is looking for someone with woodworking skills** to build clan crest spinning displays for us, similar to those pictured below, in trade for store credit (we'll pay for materials). If you're interested, please call [763-569-4373](tel:763-569-4373), or email [joseph@thecelticcroft.com](mailto:joseph@thecelticcroft.com).



Thanks!  
Joseph Croft

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