


Scottish News in Minnesota



September 2015

EVENTS

September | Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Schedule

Thursday August 27th - Monday September 7th - Boru at the Minnesota State Fair - Brian Boru Bagpiper performs at O'Gara's at the Fair, Noon & 3 PM everyday - Minnesota State Fairgrounds

Thursday September 10th - Saturday September 12th - Boru members at Wookiefoot's Shangri-La Festival - Harmony Park, MN

Saturday September 12th - Full Boru Band at Summit's Backyard Bash featuring The Suburbs - Summit Brewing Company, St. Paul, MN

Thursday September 17th - Halfway to St. Patrick's Day with the Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band - Shamrock's West 7th, St. Paul, MN

Thursday September 17th - Finnegan's Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Cara Irish Pub Tour with members of the Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band

More info at www.brianborupipeband.com.

September 2 | Willow Brae at the MN State Fair

September 2nd, Minnesota State Fair

Laura MacKenzie with Andrea Stern (harp) will be performing from 11:30 - 1:30 at the AFL-CIO pavilion.

www.mnstatefair.org

September 4 & 5 | Dáithí Sproule & Laura MacKenzie

September 4th & 5th, Rochester MN

Dáithí and Laura will be performing at the Rochester Irish Fest, Peace Plaza, downtown Rochester, 7 PM Friday evening and 3 PM Saturday afternoon. www.irishfestmn.org

September 10 | Highland Soles House Concert

Highland Soles is a fiddle and piano trio that plays traditional and contemporary Scottish and Cape Breton music with a touch of jazz. We are delighted to be featuring them in a house concert hosted by Helen Grant and Chandi McCracken. Space is limited, so please reserve your seats now using the link below. Information on the exact location (in the Longfellow neighborhood, just north of Minnehaha Falls) will be sent to you. Suggested donation of \$15/person collected at the door.

Reserve tickets:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/111pW_zQ2k1RsdjBPkzspaUGJ36eyzXHFjLdVvjX7L_Q/viewform

Dancers: There will also be a Scottish country dance the previous night:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1073537126012334/>

September 11 | TCSC Whist Night

Sept 11th. Social begins at 6:30 PM, games start at 7:15 PM

Cheri and Andy McCracken's
13303 87th Way N. | Maple Grove MN 55369

Bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage. The club will provide tea.

As usual there will be prizes! All are welcome. If possible, please RSVP to Andy so we have enough tables.

We can use some more card tables and chairs if you can bring them. RSVP to andrewmcc@zoom.net.

September 11 | St. Andrews News

Our September Pub Night will be at a new venue. and a new pub. Emmetts Pub, located at 695 Grand Avenue in St. Paul (right next to Dixie's Restaurant). Pub Night is Friday, September 11 starting at 6:30 PM. Please join us as we break in this new pub and show them how the Scots do it! Hope to see you then.

Members: plans are under way for the St. Andrew's Day event on Sunday November 29 and for another great Burns Dinner at a new venue on January 23, 2016. Watch for the next Thistle and Quill newsletter with more details.

September 14 | Lessons with Laura MacKenzie

Lessons starting September 14th: Laura MacKenzie will again be offering private lessons at her Celtic Junction studio in St. Paul, and at her private studio in Northfield, MN. Private tuition on flute, whistle and Scottish smallpipes, in Irish and Scottish styles, techniques and repertoire.

Contact Laura at: 651-398-5055, laura@lauramackenzie.com

For news on workshops and group classes to be offered later in the year, check www.lauramackenzie.com, and join Laura's email list from the website!

September 18 | Archie Fisher Performance

We have a fantastic Scottish singer, Archie Fisher, coming to Landmark Center as part of our Red House Live from Landmark Center series. Fisher does not tour in the U.S. very often, so this is a great opportunity for his fans.

Archie's an MBE and a troubadour in every sense of the word with a career that has spanned more than 40 years. He hosted the award winning "Traveling Folk" on BBC Radio Scotland for 27 years and was inducted into the Scots Traditional Music Hall of Fame. He's an amazing guitar player and his songs are eloquent and introspective ballads.

Here is the song "Waltz into Winter" from his new record, A Silent Song.

<https://soundcloud.com/red-house-records/waltz-into-winter/>

<http://www.landmarkcenter.org/redhouse.html>

September 21 | Try Scottish Country Dancing with the RSCDS

Whether you are curious about Scottish country dancing or have done it before and already know how much fun it is, come along (either alone or with friends) to our annual fall kick-off event. It's a FREE evening of fun and easy Scottish country dances that will give you a taste of what it's all about. Enjoy live music by the Talisker Collective.

No need to bring a partner and no previous dance experience required! Wear clean soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothes.

Regular classes start the following Monday. See <http://www.rscds-twincities.org/classes.html>. First six weeks are free for newcomers!

When: Monday, 21 September 2015, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Where: Tapestry Folkdance Center, 3748 Minnehaha Ave S, Minneapolis, MN

More info: www.rscds-twincities.org

October 3 | TCSC Curling – UPDATE!

Due to lack of enough early sign-ups the October 10th curling event has been canceled, however you have another option! The Four Seasons Curling Club has classes available at the Fogerty Arena in Blaine.

Alternate Class Date: Friday, October 9th, 6:30-8:30pm, socializing afterwards at Gabe's Rinkside Bar and Grill attached to the arena

\$25/person

Lesson details: Four Season Curling Club website.

Register at Centennial Community Education: <https://isd12.ce.feepay.com/course/fall-2015-3/learn-to-curl>. Click Add to Cart for the October 9th curling lesson and click the button "Create a Feepay Account" to continue your registration and payment.

Sign up soon, as this is a public class and there is limited space. There is an October 3rd class as well if you can't join us on the 9th but are anxious to learn. If you have additional questions contact Chandi McCracken at chandi@mccrackens.org.

NEWS

2016 Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games

Mark your calendar for July 9, 2016 - next year's Scottish Fair! See you there!



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