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Scottish News in Minnesota



OCTOBER 2014

EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 29

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Scottish Dance Classes Begin

Our new season of weekly classes begins on September 29th and continues on Mondays at 7:30pm throughout the autumn. October is definitely not too late to join us, and the first six weeks are FREE for newcomers, so there's no reason not to come and give it a try. Scottish country dancing is fun, social, and great exercise to boot. Classes are held at Tapestry Folkdance Center, 3748 Minnehaha Ave South, Minneapolis. No previous dance experience is necessary, and there's no need to bring a partner. Wear soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothing.

See <http://www.rscds-twincities.org/classes.html> for more information on RSCDS classes

Tapestry Folkdance Center | 3748 Minnehaha Ave South | Minneapolis

OCTOBER

Laura MacKenzie CD Launch Concerts

“From Uig to Duluth”

Scots Gaelic Music and Song

Friday October 17 7 pm - Northfield Arts Guild, 304 Division St, Northfield

Friday October 24 7:30 pm - Duluth Friends Meeting House, 1802 East 1st St, Duluth

Sunday October 26 7:30 (doors open at 6:30) - The River Room, Aster Cafe, 125 Main St. SE, Minneapolis.

\$10/\$15 includes CD

For more information:

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Multi-instrumentalist/singer Laura MacKenzie will perform a selection of Scots Gaelic music and song, accompanied by Dáithí Sproule (guitar and vocals) and Andrea Stern (harp), with Laura herself adding wooden flutes, whistles, concertina and Scottish smallpipes to the arrangements.

These songs and melodies were sourced primarily from field recordings made in Duluth in 1937 of Gaelic singer John Matheson, who immigrated to Duluth from Uig, Isle of Lewis, in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland in 1905. In both Scotland and North America, Matheson was held in the highest regard as a traditional singer, and his music gladdened the heart of many an immigrant Scot in Duluth and beyond. This is a gorgeous collection of music, ranging in theme from great longings to humorous delights, with a special connection to Scottish heritage in Minnesota.

OCTOBER 4

The North Star Gaelic Singers

Saturday October 4th, 7:30 pm

The North Star Gaelic Singers

\$10 at the door

Presented by the Traditional Singers Club, The North Star Gaelic singers will perform a delightful variety of solo and ensemble songs in Scots Gaelic. The trio is a new collaboration of three singers deeply interested in traditional music, sharing a great love for Scots Gaelic song. Members are Laura MacKenzie, Scott Bartell and Katharine Grant. The evening will include floor singer spots at the beginning of the night, in true singers club form. Refreshments will be served. Open to all!

www.singclub.org

For more information, contact: laura@lauramackenzie.com

The Celtic Junction | 836 Prior Ave | St. Paul, MN

OCTOBER 10

Graeme Mackenzie: Scottish Historian

Hello Scottish Interest Group, and fellow Scot enthusiasts!

Yes, we've done it again. We've brought back Mr. Graeme Mackenzie from Scotland.

To our great fortune, he will be back for another talk on Friday, October 10th on a related topic. Those of you who were able to come last July know the depth of his knowledge on the history and genealogy of Scotland. Please attend his presentation at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10th. Come to the 1st floor Auditorium at 1185 Concord Street North, in South St. Paul, MN 55075. Come in the front door of the building and turn right. Go straight ahead to enter the auditorium.

Graeme Mackenzie lives in Inverness, Scotland. He is coming to the Twin Cities for just a few days, before heading off to other engagements in the States. The subject of his talk will be "Researching ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland". Graeme Mackenzie has devoted his career to studying the history of the Scottish Highlands and researching genealogy for those of Scottish descent. Graeme will be bringing new copies of a book that he has just published on the same subject.

Please plan to come, on Friday, at 7:00 p.m. on October 10th, 2014, to the address shown above.

He will speak for an hour +, and then we'll have an informal reception afterward at Joseph's Grill, located at 140 Wabasha St. S., located just south of the river. The reception will be right after the talk, at around 8:45 to 9:00 pm.

We had terrific attendance at the first talk, and expect this to be even better! If you can come, it would be good if you could send me a quick reply, just to let me know that you are available to come. We'd like to get a rough idea of how many folks will be there. No need for reservations, so come regardless.

For updated information on the event you can go to: <http://www.mcmillen-design.com/mackenzie2014>

Above are Graeme Mackenzie (left) and Clan MacMillan's Chief George MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap. Graeme M. Mackenzie, MA is a historian and genealogist living in Inverness, Scotland.

- Holds a Masters degree in medieval history from the University of Cambridge.
- Historian for both Clan MacKenzie and Clan MacMillan.
- Founding chairman of Association of Highland Clans and Societies
- Former chairman of the Highland Family History Society.

If you have any questions, send me back an e-mail, or call.

Hope you can all come!

John McKeen

(651) 228-0022 (Please leave a msg. if not at home.)

Minnesota Genealogical Society | 1185 Concord St. N., Suite 218 | South St. Paul

OCTOBER 17

Free Public Workshop – “A Scots Gaelic Music Legacy in Minnesota”

Thursday October 17, 7 – 8 pm, The Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave N, St. Paul.

Laura MacKenzie will talk about her research, and teach a couple of easy, short Gaelic songs – lyrics and phonetics provided! Free and open to all.

Celtic Junction | 836 Prior Ave N | St. Paul.

DECEMBER 7

St. Andrew's Day event

The St. Andrew's Society is planning our St. Andrew's Day event and hope that you will be able to join us on Sunday, December 7 for the fun. The event will be a blast from the past: an afternoon at the Minnesota History Center, including their current exhibit, Toys from the '50s, '60s and '70s. We will meet for lunch at noon that day, at a location yet to be determined in St. Paul and then move on to the History Center for a great

afternoon. Watch future SNIMs and your email for further details as they become known.

Minnesota History Center | 345 W Kellogg Blvd | St Paul, MN 55102

NEWS

Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games 2015 date

Mark your calendars! The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games has announced the 2015 date of July 18, 2015. The fair will once again be held on the grounds of the Faithful Shepherd Catholic School in Eagan, MN.

The SNIM is sponsored by the [Scottish American Center](#). We welcome news from all variety of Celts. Please send news, announcements, questions and concerns to scottishamericancenter@yahoo.com. Please note, editorial pieces may be subject to approval by the Scottish American Center board before posting.

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Thank you!
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