


# Scottish News in Minnesota



## October 2015

Happy Fall!

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## EVENTS

### **October | Scottish Country Dance Classes with RSCDS Twin Cities**

Our new season of Scottish country dance classes just started in late September and it's not too late to join in! Classes are FREE for newcomers through November 2nd. No need to bring a partner and no previous dance experience required! Wear clean soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothes. More details at <http://www.rscds-twincities.org/classes.html>

When: Mondays 7:30 PM (Beginners start at 7 PM) to 9:30 PM

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

More info: [www.rscds-twincities.org](http://www.rscds-twincities.org) or email [info@rscds-twincities.org](mailto:info@rscds-twincities.org)

### **Autumn Lessons Offered with Laura MacKenzie**

Laura MacKenzie is offering lessons on flute, whistle and Scottish smallpipes, covering Scottish music and techniques, as well as Irish.

At the Celtic Junction, private studio (836 Prior Ave N, St. Paul) and from her home studio in Northfield.

Contact Laura at 651-398-5055, or [laura@lauramackenzie.com](mailto:laura@lauramackenzie.com)

And check the website ([www.lauramackenzie.com](http://www.lauramackenzie.com)) for upcoming group classes and events!

## **October 3 | TCSC Yard Sale**

The Twin Cities Scottish Club is having a yard sale on Oct. 3rd from 9AM - noon at 7415 Shannon Drive, Edina, MN. There will also be a preview sale Friday evening from 6-8 PM, for members only. We have teapots, books, CDs, tea towels, beautiful Scottish photography, tartan ties, scarves, Scottish song books and many other Scottish goods. We also have many Party Light candle decorations, small toys, and more. For more information on how you can help out, please contact Mary: [mary\\_c\\_johnston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mary_c_johnston@yahoo.co.uk)

## **October 10 | St. Andrew's Pub Night**

We will be having our final Pub Night of 2015 on Saturday, October 10 at Cooper Pub: 1607 Park Pl Blvd, St Louis Park. Festivities start at 4 PM. Please join us for a fun afternoon/evening of food, drink and good conversation. Hope you can make it.

## **October 31 | Graeme Mackenzie Presentation**

Hello Scottish Interest Group, and fellow Scottish enthusiasts!

To our great fortune, Graeme Mackenzie, MA, will be returning on Saturday, October 31 at 2:00 PM.

This is an event you won't want to miss. Graeme is a professional genealogist who lives in Inverness, Scotland, and will be here in the Twin Cities for just a few days. He will be speaking on a subject titled "Culture and Traditions of the Highland Clans".

This talk will examine the nature and origins of the Highland Clans; what set them apart from Lowland families; the sometimes competing, but often complimentary, strands of Celtic

kinship and Anglo-Norman feudalism; the positions of the chief, the fine (his closest kin), tacksmen, tenants, and tail (household officers and hangers-on); the role of fosterage in binding septs to clans; and how myth and legend were used to define political positions and boost a clan's self-image.

Please join us at 2:00 pm, on Saturday, October 31, at the Danish American Center, in Minneapolis.

Address: 3030 West River Parkway So., (near the Lake Street bridge), in the lower level; parking available.

A nominal fee of \$7.00 will be collected at the event to help cover some of Graeme's travel expense.

For more information, use this link to take you to the event website.

<http://mcmillen-design.com/mackenzie2015/>

If you have specific questions, you can e-mail me and I will get back to you. John McKeen at email address: [john.mckeen@comcast.net](mailto:john.mckeen@comcast.net)

## **November 7 | Announcing the Launch of "Heigh Ho, the Green Holly"**

Concert and CD Launch on Saturday November 7th, 7:30 PM (doors open at 7:00 PM)



The Celtic Junction

836 Prior Ave North | St. Paul, MN

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

Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door

(advance tickets will go on sale in October – check the Celtic Junction website, or [lauramackenzie.com](http://lauramackenzie.com))

**This event is a two-in-one production!**

**The Launch of "Heigh Ho, The Green Holly", a holiday compilation on New Folk Records.**

~ A Celtic Christmas collection of timeless classics, arranged with Irish and Scottish music for an array of instruments, including pipes, flutes, whistles, fiddle and harp plus horns and percussion.

**The Anniversary Launch of "From Uig to Duluth", released October 2014**

~ Scots Gaelic music and song, arrangements of traditional music sourced from Duluth,

1937. The evening will feature Laura MacKenzie (vocals, flutes, whistles, pipes, concertina), Dáithí Sproule (guitar, vocals), Andrea Stern (harp), Michael Bissonnette (percussion), Mary Vanorny (fiddle), Danielle Enblom (fiddle and steps) and a surprise guest.

Refreshments will be available.

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

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



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