



Scottish News in Minnesota



November 2015

EVENTS

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

November 7 | Laura MacKenzie Concert and CD Launch

Saturday November 7th, 7:30 PM

The Celtic Junction

836 Prior Ave North

St. Paul

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

Available at www.lauramackenzie.com

A Two-Fold Event - The Launch of "Heigh Ho, The Green Holly", seasonal music arranged with traditional Scottish and Irish Music, and the anniversary of "From Uig to Duluth", Scots Gaelic music and song with a special connection to Scottish heritage in Minnesota. With Dáithí Sproule and special guests Mary Vanorny, (fiddle), Danielle Enblom (fiddle and steps), Andrea Stern (harp), Michael Bissonnette (percussion) and Tricia Lerohl, French horn.

November 7 | Guy Fawkes Bonfire

Join us for our 9th annual Guy Fawkes party! Big change this year: we are moving it to the south side of the cities and it's being co-hosted by the Fields Family near Northfield, MN. 6:30 PM.

The format is the same as in the past. Bring a dish to share, a lawn chair, and your favorite libation. We will provide lemonade and coffee. Donations of fireworks are welcome. Dancing and singing encouraged! Come dressed for the weather!

Contact Andrew McCracken for details: andrewmcc@zoom.net

November 14 | Billy McLaughlin and SimpleGifts (which includes Laura MacKenzie)

Saturday November 14, 8 PM show (with pre-show dinner option as well)

Chanhassen Dinner Theaters

Chanhassen, MN

Tickets and info at: www.chanhassendt.com

and www.simplegiftsmusic.net

November 14 | Laura MacKenzie and The Lads

Red Wing Public Library

225 East Ave, Red Wing, MN

Saturday November 28th, 1-3 PM

Traditional and Seasonal Music

Free and open to all

November 14 | Don and Sherry Ladig Perform at the 35th Annual Craft & Fine Arts Celebration by Area Artisans and Friends

Don and Sherry Ladig, of Dunquin and Dalwhinnie, play Irish and Scottish music for the Taylors Falls Art Show in the historic Depot Community Center (old train depot) in Taylors Falls, MN, November 14th from 11 AM-3 PM. High quality handmade items and excellent gift possibilities (or treat yourself) made by local St Croix area artisans: weaving, pottery, jewelry, paintings and more! Complimentary refreshments. For all details and directions, please go to www.sherryladig.com.

November 28 - December 22 | SimpleGifts with Billy McLaughlin Holiday Tour 2015 (includes Laura MacKenzie)

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Concerts around the Greater Metro area

For dates, venues and tickets: www.simplegiftsmusic.net

November 29 | St. Andrew's Day Event

The St. Andrew's Society will gather at Republic at 7 Corners in Minneapolis for lunch at noon. Then we will be headed next door to Theatre in the Round for a 2:00 PM matinee performance of *Black Coffee*, an Agatha Christie murder mystery starring Hercule Poirot. Reservations are required. The invitations will be going out soon or contact Don Bruce at bruce1051@comcast.net. Please join us for this fun event!

December 2 | SAS Kirkin' of the Tartan

The St. Andrew's Society will also be having our annual Kirkin' of the Tartan event in conjunction with St. Andrew's Day. The Kirkin' will be on Wednesday, December 2 at 7 PM at the Church of the Epiphany, 4900 Nathan Lane N in Plymouth. Join us for the traditional Kirkin', bring a tartan to be blessed, and stay for the wonderful goodies served by the church ladies afterwards.

December 5 | RSCDS Twin Cities 19th Annual Fàilte Dance

"Fàilte" means welcome in Gaelic, and all Scottish dancers, beginners and experienced, are most welcome*! The Fàilte Ball is intended to be a gentle introduction to the ball scene for newer dancers, and a fun night for all. Enjoy a scrumptious dessert buffet, live music by Thistledown, and dancing. Details such as location and ticket prices are still being finalized but will be available soon at <http://www.rscds-twincities.org/failte.html>

*PLEASE NOTE: Although we consider this event to be "beginner-friendly," we do strongly recommend that dancers have some previous exposure to Scottish country dancing (a few classes at least) and familiarity with the terminology. Please contact us at info [at] rscds-twincities [dot] org if you have any questions about your ability to participate.

December 5 | TCSC Christmas Party

The Twin Cities Scottish Club will be hosting their Christmas party featuring Ross Sutter and Scottish Santa at Celtic Junction on Saturday, December 5th, from 1:30 PM-4:00 PM.

January 23, 2016 | SAS Burns Dinner

Save the date of January 23, 2016 for the 40th Annual St. Andrew's Society Burns Dinner. Planning is underway for the dinner at a new venue this year, the Best Western Kelly Inn in Plymouth. Details and invitations will be going out in December.

January 29, 2016 | Burns Ceilidh

A Burns Ceilidh co-hosted by the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, Twin Cities Scottish Club, and Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association will be held at Celtic Junction on Friday, January 29th.

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Learn to Scottish Highland Dance

We are looking for new students to learn Scottish Highland Dancing. Contact Kitty at highlandkitty@hotmail.com for information.

www.highlandkitty.com



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Thank you!
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