


Scottish News in Minnesota



December 2015

Happy Holidays!

EVENTS

December 2 | SAS Kirkin' of the Tartan

The St. Andrew's Day Kirkin' of the Tartan will be held on Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 PM at Church of the Epiphany, 4900 Nathan Lane North, Plymouth MN. All members of the Scottish community are invited and encouraged to attend. This event is done annually to mark St. Andrew's Day and to allow Scots to have their tartan items blessed. The Epiphany church ladies provide some wonderful sweets and tea afterwards. Please join us for this event!

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.

Thistledown Band (Sherry is the pianist) is pleased to play for the RSCDS Twin Cities' branch Fàilte' Ball (Fàilte' means "welcome") December 5th! For full information and details , go to: www.rscds-twincities.org.

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.

December 12 | Dunquin performs at LeDuc House's Holiday Dinner

Dunquin (Sherry and Don Ladig, Rosa Wells) plays for the LeDuc House's Holiday Dinner the evening of December 12th, starting at 6 PM. Enjoy dinner and entertainment Victorian style in a gracious 1865 house. Reservations fill fast; call the LeDuc House at 651-438-8480. More information at Sherry's website: <http://www.sherryladig.com/>.

December 15 | Heigh Ho, The Green Holly: Celtic Christmas

Heigh Ho, The Green Holly: Celtic Christmas ~ 7-9 PM
Loon Liquors, 1325 Armstrong Road, Northfield

Heigh Ho, The Green Holly
A Celtic Christmas Concert
Laura MacKenzie with Gary Rue

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 ~ 7 to 9pm
Loon Liquors Cocktail Room
1325 Armstrong Rd, Northfield

A festive concert of seasonal and Christmas classics,
arranged with traditional Irish and Scottish music.

Featuring Laura
MacKenzie (flutes,
various pipes, whistles,
concertina and voice)
with Minnesota Music
Hall of Fame member,
Gary Rue (guitar).

Celebrating the
release of *Heigh Ho,
The Green Holly ~
a Celtic Christmas
Collection*.

House-distilled and crafted cocktails
and sodas available all evening, cash
bar. Complimentary shortbread!

\$10 in advance or at the door
Advance tickets recommended:
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A note on Loon Liquors ~ They are a local craft distillery, established in 2011, distilling an award winning whiskey (Loonshine), and a gorgeous gin (Metropoligin), making all the ingredients in-house for their wonderful craft cocktails, served by the distillers themselves in their new cocktail room, in view of the still!

January 1, 2016 | SAS First Footing

First Footing on New Years Day will be held at the home of JoAnne and Roger Wahl starting at 1:00 PM. Bring a dish to share, or a liquid libation to share. The Wahls reside in Prior Lake at 16510 Inguadona Beach Circle SW. Watch the Thistle and Quill and your email for more information and directions.

January 23, 2016 | SAS Burns Dinner

Mark January 23, 2016 on your calendars for the 40th Annual St. Andrew's Society Burns Dinner. The dinner is at a new location this year, the Best Western Kelly Inn in Plymouth, located near the intersection of I-494 and Hwy 55. Social hour will begin at 5:30 PM with dinner following the Address to the Haggis and the Toast to the Immortal Memory. Invitations will be going out in mid December. Get your reservations in early as space is limited and always seems to fill up!

January 29, 2016 | MSF&HG, TCSC, MSCDA Burns Ceilidh

Save the date for our annual Burns Ceilidh co-hosted by the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, Twin Cities Scottish Club, and Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association - held at Celtic Junction on Friday, January 29th at 6:30 PM. As usual, there will be country and highland dancing, along with performances by Macalester Pipe Band and Dalwhinnie.

More information to come!

We are still looking for volunteers and toastmasters! Please contact Andy McCracken at andrewmcc@zoom.net.

NEWS

Tartan Week 2016

The plans for Tartan Week 2016 are well under way. The Minnesota Scottish American Center in cooperation with individuals, businesses and service organizations is pleased to present Minnesota Tartan Week 2016. Tartan Week will be a full week of events throughout and surrounding Tartan Day, April 6th. This week long set of events will include some familiar events and some that are brand new. We are still working on a Kirkin' and a tartan fashion show but it is too soon to put these on the calendar. To keep updated on additions and events please go to <http://www.minnesotascots.org>

April 1 Friday. Tartan Week Welcome.

April 2 Saturday. A Scottish Ramble moves to Saturday April 2nd. It will start with a calling of the Clans in Rice Park and then enter the Landmark Center, 75 West 5th Street, St. Paul, MN at 10AM. Performance schedule will be posted but includes some new events and performances as well as the more familiar food, music and retailers.

April 3 Sunday. An all acapella full-on house party; it's the way to experience a "Pub-style Sing" at Merlin's Rest. Stop in at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, grab a pint and listen. Have a song to share? Visit the on-line event page, read the group rules and join in. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1653903124899321/>

April 4 Monday. The Scottish Pub Sing 7PM at Merlin's Rest, performance for Minnesota Tartan Week. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1653903124899321/>

April 5 Tuesday. Minnesota Tartan Week Benefit. The Whisky Tasting at Merlin's Rest, 3601 East Lake Street, MPLS, MN. This is a ticketed event and paid reservations are required. The event will benefit Tartan Week and will be \$40.00 per person. The seating is limited to 75. Time and flight, TBD. <http://merlinsrest.com/whiskywhiskey/whisky-tastings/>

April 6 Wednesday. Tartan Day.

April 7 Thursday. Merlin's Rest monthly Whisky Tasting. Time, flight and cost TBD. <http://merlinsrest.com/whiskywhiskey/whisky-tastings/>

April 8 Friday. Tartan Rocks! Celtic Rock Concert. Celtic Rock is Tartan woven into music. Tempest • The Tim Malloys • The Langer's Ball. 3 fusion bands, one amazing stage. Doors open at 6:30. Band Bios and event details at <http://music.3celts.com/tartan-rocks>

April 9 Saturday. Macalester College Pipe Band Spring Concert. Saturday evening, Macalester College, event details TBA. <http://www.macalester.edu/pipeband/>

Discount Lodging. The Marriott West provides lodging for Minnesota Tartan Week. Call 952-544-4400 or book your room online from the Marriott West link. <http://www.minnesotascots.org/minnesota-tartan-week.html>



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