



This month's Minnesota Scottish news and events.



# Scottish News in Minnesota



## **April 2019**

## **EVENTS**

**NOTE:** The possibility of severe weather the next few days has made it necessary to reschedule the Celtic Harp Concert and Scotch Tasting set for this week. The new dates are as follows:

### **Scotch Tasting**

**April 18: Thursday - 7:00pm**  
**vomFASS**

**Mall of America, Level 3 North (N345)  
Minneapolis, MN**

VomFASS has agreed that it could be very dicey to try to get out on Thursday so we have negotiated a postponement of the Event to Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>.

I hope that those of you who could not make the event on the 11<sup>th</sup> will be able to attend on the 18<sup>th</sup>.. Same start time, 7:00 p.m. Same place, vomFASS at the Mall of America, and more importantly, the same great flight of truly unique Scotches!!

## **Celtic Harp Music**

**May 2: Thursday - 7:00pm  
Stephanie Claussen and Friends  
The Summit Center  
1524 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, MN**

The Celtic Harp concert that was scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 2nd. The time and location remain the same. This is a great opportunity to hear our St. Paul, Minnesota-based harpist and 2018 US National Scottish Harp Champion, Stephanie Claussen. FREE to the public, donations encouraged. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

## **TARTAN WEEK EVENTS**

Tartan Week runs from April 6th through April 11th this year with an advance event held on April 1st. The full schedule of events is listed below.

**April 1: Monday - 6:30pm**

**Pub Sing**

**Merlin's Rest**

**3601 East Lake Street**

**Minneapolis, MN 55406**

Because of some scheduling conflicts, we will be at Merlin's for the 4th annual pub sing. The sing will start at 6:30pm. The entire set of songs will be Scottish and all you need is your voice.

**April 6: Saturday - 1:00pm TARTAN DAY**

**State Capitol St. Paul, MN**

CALLING ALL CLANS! Tartan day is on Saturday this year and it is the 21st year of celebration in Minnesota. Therefore, we are going back to the Capitol and are asking all Clans to gather in the parking lot in front of the State Capitol for parade up to the steps of the Capitol for the celebration. We will be gathering on the sidewalk at 1:00pm. The program is similar to the past years at the Capitol and we are asking all Clans to bring their flags and members to join us. We will be done by 3:00pm.

**April 7: Sunday - 10:00am NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION!**

**Gethsemane Episcopal Church**

**905 South 5th Avenue (near the Minneapolis Convention Center)**

**Minneapolis, MN 55403**

As part of the Tartan Week celebration, the St. Andrew's Society is sponsoring the annual Kirkin' of the Tartans on Sunday morning, The Kirkin' will feature the Brian Boru Pipe Band playing with the pipe organ at the church. It should make for some very memorable music! Coffee and refreshments will be served after the service. Please bring a piece of tartan for blessing and join us for this traditional event!

**April 7: Sunday - 3:00pm-4:00pm**

**Macalester College Pipe Band Concert**  
**Macalester College St. Paul, MN**

The Macalester College Pipe Band spring concert will be held on Sunday, April 7th at 3:00pm. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and children and free with a Macalester ID.

**POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER - SEE ABOVE**

**Stephanie Claussen and Friends – Celtic Harp Music for Tartan Week.**

**The Summit Center**  
**1524 Summit Avenue**  
**St. Paul, MN**

St. Paul, Minnesota-based harpist and 2018 US National Scottish Harp Champion, Stephanie Claussen is a performer, teacher and arranger, with interests that span the Celtic and classical worlds, she performs her own mixture of Scottish tunes, J.S. Bach, Debussy, and anything that sounds medieval or French. She will be joined by two of her students as we celebrate Tartan Week in Minnesota. FREE to the public, donations encouraged. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

**POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER - SEE ABOVE**

**Scotch Tasting**

**vomFASS**

**Mall of America, Level 3 North (N345)**

**Minneapolis, MN**

Our Scotch Tastings are now hosted in conjunction with vomFASS. These tastings are unique in that the blender for vomFASS has unparalleled access to rare scotches which are not normally available to anyone else. The most recent tasting provided several different single malts that are not sold as single malts. The entire distillery product is used in the blending process so we are able to taste truly rare scotches. Each of the scotches are accompanied by a small bite that is developed using vomFASS products. vomFASS, at Mall of America, is a proud purveyor of rare spirits, specialty liqueurs, fine wines, as well as premium olive oils, vinegars and spices. vomFASS is located at Mall of America, Level 3, North

(N345) Check-in begins at 6:15pm. Tasting begins at 6:30. Cost is \$60.00 per person and the seating is limited to the first 45 people who register. Half of the cost of the registration goes to the Minnesota Scottish American Center and is used to fund all events and costs of the Center throughout the year. CALL (954) 426-3222 to register and prepay. Registration fees are not refundable but may be transferred to another person. Call vomFASS to change registration name. They can best serve you on the phone Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm. Must be 21+ and be prepared to show state issued photo ID to attend this event. This event is not eligible for any discounts or coupons.

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**April 6: Saturday - 7:00pm**

**The Frothy Band**

**Imminent Brewing**

**519 Division Street**

**Northfield, MN**

The Frothy Band returns to Imminent Brewing, a favorite place for music. No cover.

**April 13: Saturday - 1:00pm**

**A Celtic Breeze**

**Rum River North County Park**

**21300 Rum River Blvd. N.W.**

**Blaine, MN**

Laura MacKenzie brings her program of traditional Irish and Scottish music on a variety of wind instruments and voice to St. Francis. Free and open to all.

**April 17: Wednesday - 6:00pm**

**St. Andrew's Society Pub Night**

**Minnesota Zoo**

**Apple Valley, MN**

The first Pub Night of the year will be on Wednesday, April 17 at the Minnesota Zoo. It will be part of Adult Night at the Zoo. We will meet at 6 pm in the food court at the zoo, but

the zoo actually opens for Adult Night at 4:30. Food and adult beverages are available for purchase, and exhibits at the zoo are open with zoo employees guiding you through the various animal exhibits. It should be a fun night. There is a \$10 admission fee payable at the door. Again, please join us for what should be a great evening!

**April 28: Sunday - 2:00pm**

**A Celtic Breeze**

**Northtown Library**

**711 County Road 10 E.**

**Blaine, MN**

MacKenzie presents traditional wind-powered music from Celtic traditions on many instruments and voice. Free and open to all.

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