



# Scottish News in Minnesota



AUGUST 2011

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## EVENTS

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JULY-september

### Minnesota Police Pipe Band Summer Parade Schedule



The band's summer parade schedule includes:

July 31 - Glenwood Waterama  
Aug 07 - LeSueur Green Giant Days  
Aug 27 - Minnesota State Fair  
Sept 03 - Wisconsin Games  
Sept 11 - Defeat of Jesse James Days  
Sept 24 - Stillwater Bagpipes and Bonfires

Please check our website for updates: [www.mppb.org](http://www.mppb.org)

JULY 30<sup>th</sup>

### Hallmark Movie Channel presents "The Cabin" Starring Lea Thompson

Cue the bagpipes and prepare to experience "Cabin" fever! The Hallmark Movie Channel Original World Premiere of "The Cabin," starring Lea Thompson ("Back to the Future") and Steven Brand ("Covert Affairs") premieres Saturday, July 30 (8p.m. ET/PT, 7C). The movie centers around Scottish culture and ancestral bonding as Lily (Lea Thompson) and Conor (Steven Brand) each arrive with children in Scotland to attend the annual "Meeting of the Macs" games, only to discover the not-related families have accidentally been booked into the same cabin.



## AUGUST

### Sherry Ladig, Dunquin, O'Rourke's Feast, and the New Pearl Buttons

It's a busy time for Sherry Ladig, Dunquin, O'Rourke's Feast, and the New Pearl Buttons. Here's a quick reminder on some upcoming music things they're doing in August (all are free!):

**August 08**-- starting at 7 p.m. Como Lakeside Pavilion, Como Park, Saint Paul. The MN Mandolin Orchestra presents a premiere of Sherry's new composition "Seven", plus a lot of other cool mandolin tunes. Free and fun (great ice cream there, too!) Sherry will be there to introduce her new piece.

**August 09**-- MN History Center's "Nine Nights of Music" series, 7--8:30 p.m.--Irish ceili big band "O'Rourke's Feast", directed by world-renowned Paddy O'Brien (Sherry plays piano in this band), brings lively Irish tunes to this free and wonderful Tuesday night series!

**August 12**-- from 7--8:30 p.m. Free Civil War concert by the New Pearl Buttons, for the Heritage Park Music Meet Me Under the Bridge series in Wabasha, MN. See [www.sherryladig.com](http://www.sherryladig.com) for details and directions to this and all our other events.

**August 13**-- Dunquin at The MN Irish Fair, Workshop Tent (time TBA; probably around 11 a.m.) Don and Sherry of Dunquin team up to accompany champion dancer Danielle Enblom in her dance demonstration. Come on down to Harriet Island across from downtown Saint Paul for a whole FREE weekend of everything Irish! Go to the Minnesota Irish Fair website for complete details and schedule. August 12-14th.

**August 15**-- 7 p.m. Lake Harriet Bandshell in Minneapolis: the MMO presents the Minneapolis premiere of "Seven", along with other cool mando tunes! Also great ice cream there (alas, Sherry won't be able to be at this one).

**August 19**-- music from 7-8 p.m. (potluck starts at 6:30) The rescheduled Alden Square Potluck Picnic and Dunquin concert happens tonight. We got rained out in July, but are back in August for the annual neighborhood (that is, EVERYONE is a neighbor in their book) picnic in Alden Square (one block south of Como, one block east of Raymond). Bring a dish for the potluck if you like, and a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

**August 20**-- (music from 4:15-6:15 p.m.) The Franciscan Brothers throw their annual barbecue/potluck party at the Friary 1259 Lafond Avenue in Saint Paul, and Dunquin's playing for them from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m.! Everyone's invited to this annual summer party. The Brothers are awesome, and so is the food!

**August 22**-- 7 p.m. MMO rides again; free mandolin concert at Centennial Lakes Park in Edina. Sherry will introduce her new piece at this event.

(For directions to all events, go to [www.sherryladig.com](http://www.sherryladig.com))

Happy summer, and stay cool!  
Sherry and Don

## AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

## Join the MSF&HG at Von Hanson's



Come visit us on August 6th and 7th, 10am-5pm at Von Hanson's in Burnsville for a MSF&HG fundraiser! We will be selling hot dogs/brats, all profits go directly to the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games. Kilts and Tartan are encouraged! Any pipers, dancers or other Scots willing to volunteer their time for the day would also be greatly appreciated.

Please click on the link below to view the online sign up sheet: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/brat3/1274160](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/brat3/1274160)

Von Hanson's Meats | 4301 Egan Drive | Savage, MN

## AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

### Irish Fair of Minnesota



Join the Irish on the banks of the Mississippi River for a three-day celebration of Irish heritage with music, dance, family activities and good craic. Since 2001, beautiful Harriet Island Regional Park in downtown St. Paul has hosted the Irish Fair. The festival is recognized as one of the most family-friendly events in the Twin Cities, one of the most authentic Irish festivals nationwide and an amazingly great time by the nearly 100,000 people who attended last year's festival. Come by, listen to the music, watch the dancers and even enjoy a pint or two! All the activities and events at the Fair are FREE.

Harriet Island | St. Paul | [www.irishfair.com](http://www.irishfair.com)

## AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>

### TCSC Scottish Community Picnic



Sat, August 13, 10am – 5pm  
Bush Lake Beach, 9140 E Bush Lake Rd, Bloomington, MN

Come join the TCSC for its' annual TCSC Scottish Community Picnic! Bring yourself, friends, children/grandchildren! The picnic is open to all! We will meet at Bush Lake, Shelter #3 (The parking lot to the right as you come through the gate) - Mention that you are with the "Twin Cities Scottish Club" to obtain FREE parking as you enter! Picnic activities will start promptly at 10am with races, water balloon toss, and various games for children and adults alike! PRIZES will be given to the winners! Enjoy a relaxing Lunch at noon (bring your own lunch, beach towels, and lawn chairs) Drinks (tea, coffee, water and pop) will be provided by the TCSC, along with Walker's Shortbread! You are welcome to bring 3.2 beer (cans only please), not bottles are allowed.

[www.twincitiesscottishclub.org/events.htm](http://www.twincitiesscottishclub.org/events.htm)

Bush Lake Beach | 9140 E Bush Lake Rd | Bloomington, MN

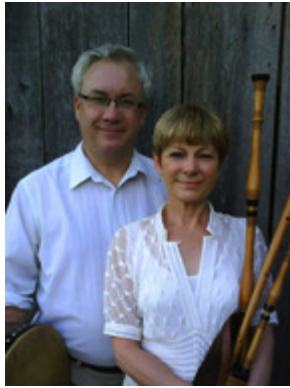
## AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

### COMPAS Minnesota Folk Artists Shakun Maheshwari and Ross & MacKenzie present at Midwest Folklife Festival in Dodgeville, Wisconsin

Folklore Village in Dodgeville, WI, is hosting Midwest Folklife Festival on Saturday, August 20 through Sunday, August 21. The festival runs from noon – 7 p.m. daily with ethnic and folk culture presentations, demonstrations, and performances. Visitors can experience the music, dance, visual arts and food traditions of artists from the Upper Midwest. **The festival is free and open to the public.**



Midwest Folklife Festival celebrates the traditions of the Upper Midwest's diverse cultures including Native Americans, descendants of 19th century European immigrant communities resettled from other parts of the United States, and recently relocated international refugees and immigrants. This year's featured artists are from Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota.



**Ross & Mackenzie** present the musical traditions of Ireland and Scotland for audiences of all ages. Well known for his exceptional baritone voice, Ross Sutter plays an impressive collection of instruments including the Irish bodhran. Laura MacKenzie is also a fine singer, and her duet vocals with Ross are especially captivating. Laura MacKenzie performs on a dazzling array of wind-powered instruments (flutes, whistles, pipes, concertina).

*Ross & MacKenzie will perform and lead narrative sessions on Irish and Scottish music on Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st.*

Find out more about Ross & MacKenzie and listen to music samples at [www.rossandmackenzie.com](http://www.rossandmackenzie.com).

#### **About COMPAS**

COMPAS strengthens people and communities in Minnesota by engaging them in creating art. With 55 years of arts programming and four decades of arts education, COMPAS is Minnesota's most widely-used resource for artist residencies and community-building through the arts. We engage nearly 600,000 people in the arts in over 100 Minnesota cities, towns, and suburbs each year. Begun as The Art of Poetry in 1968, COMPAS incorporated in 1974, merged with United Arts in 1998, and merged with Young Audiences of MN in July 2009.

For more information about COMPAS, please visit [www.compas.org](http://www.compas.org).

#### **About Folklore Village and the Midwest Folklife Festival**

Folklore Village is a nationally recognized folk arts and culture center dedicated to enriching lives through time honored traditions. Folklore Village has hosted the Midwest Folklife Festival since it began in 2002. Music performances, craft and food demos, talk stages and hands-on sessions make this a wonderful experience for all ages. Our grateful thanks to support from the National Endowment for the Arts, Friends of Folklore Village, Wisconsin Arts Board, Illinois Arts Council, Center for the Study of Upper Midwestern Cultures, the Wisconsin Department of Tourism and the Alliant Energy Foundation.

For more information on the Midwest Folklife Festival, visit [www.folklorevillage.org](http://www.folklorevillage.org) and [www.midwestfolklifestival.org](http://www.midwestfolklifestival.org).

3210 Co. Hwy BB | Dodgeville, WI

## AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>-OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **The RSCDS performing at the MN Renaissance Festival**

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Twin Cities Branch will once again be performing at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Look for us on weekends (except Labor Day weekend) from August 20 through October 2. We do 4 half-hour performances per day, each of which includes an opportunity for dancers from the audience to join us. Hope to see you there!

Shakopee, MN

## AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **MSF&HG Fundraiser - Macy's Shop for a Cause**



Macy's has partnered with the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games to host "Shop for a Cause" on Saturday, August 27th. For \$5.00 (all of which will benefit the MSF&HG), receive a savings pass to any metro Macy's to save 25% all day on regular, sale & clearance items (few exclusions) and 10% on electrics/electronics, furniture, mattresses, and rug/floor coverings. Contact a member of the MSF&HG board to purchase your savings pass or mail the \$5.00 and a self addressed, stamped envelope to MSF&HG, 4827 Acorn Ridge Road, Minnetonka, MN 55345. Please mail your \$5.00 and envelope by August 20th to receive your pass in time for the event.

Thank you for your support!

## SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **FPC 6th Annual Scottish Heritage Festival**

Scottish Heritage Festival annually is held the second weekend in September, this years event will be September 10th, 2011 10 AM to 4 PM

This year we will again have Minnesota Clann Tartan "portable historic site" that portrays the recruiting camp of military unit, Colonel Gaffney's Regiment, and the sutlers, suppliers and camp followers of a 17th century army. The regiment is a detailed

recreation of a Scottish mercenary army that fought throughout Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Music by Laura McKenzie, Bagpipers, Craft Village, bake sale, Highland Games, Caber Toss, stone put, & tug of war kids crafts and games. Authentic Scottish Pig roast dinner will be served from 11:00 to 4:00.

Questions: [fpcscottishheritage@yahoo.com](mailto:fpcscottishheritage@yahoo.com)

<http://www.fpchudson.com/Fellowship.htm>

FPC Scottish Heritage Festival | 1901 Vine Street | Hudson, WI 54016

## SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

### 4th Annual NESD Celtic Faire and Games



The 4th Annual NESD Celtic Faire and Games will be held in Aberdeen, SD on September 17th and 18th, 2011, at the Brown County Fairgrounds. Entertainment this year will include the Twin Cities Metro Pipe Band, the Guthrie School of Dance Highland Dancers, the O'Shea Irish Dancers, Laura MacKenzie, Danielle Enblom and Ross Sutter. We will also have a full venue of vendors, Clan Row, a craft section, a Celtic dog contest and parade, Celtic livestock on display, and O'Bleary's Pub. Outside will be a full competition of Scottish Heavy Games. If anyone is interested in having a vending booth or participating as a Clan, or just for more information see our website at [www.nesdcelticfaire.com](http://www.nesdcelticfaire.com).

NESD Celtic Faire and Games | Aberdeen, SD

## SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>

### Scottish (Genealogy) Interest Group Meeting



Hello Fellow Scots,

Absolutely everyone is welcome at our next meeting, scheduled for Saturday, September 17th, at the Minnesota Genealogical Society, in Room 218, off the Library. We will start at 10 a.m. and could continue until 1 p.m. We will have delicious jelly crissants to go with whatever drink you might bring, however, coffee will also be available.

We welcome one of our own SIG members, Beth Mullinax, who has agreed to speak on the History of the Scots-Irish. She has vast experience on this subject and on the Irish people as well.

What "persuaded" the Scots to leave the Scottish homeland and relocate to (Northern) Ireland, and during what periods did they make the journey? What was the promise, or the pressure, that compelled them to go? What did they find when they arrived in Northern Ireland? I think many of us have some idea what they found in Northern Ireland, and many were disappointed. What was the Siege of Londonderry and why did it happen?? Did some of the Scots who arrived in Ireland get caught in the "potato famine", and what part did they play? At what point did the Scots begin to leave Ireland and travel to the New World, or to other parts of the world?

Many of these questions will likely be part of the presentation, when we welcome Beth to address the group. I am expecting this to be a very popular event. A nominal donation of \$5.00 will be collected from each participant to help cover copying and other administrative costs for the SIG.

Please RSVP to John McKeen, (651) 228-0022

## SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>

### Bagpipes & Bonfires

Saturday, September 24th 2011, 5:30 -10:30 pm

Join us for an evening community festival of celtic fun under outdoor tents, Highland Games, traditional Celtic food and entertainment, beverage sampling and more. Free and open to the public. Presented by The Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

For more information: [www.ae-church.org](http://www.ae-church.org)

Ascension Church | 214 North 3rd Street | Stillwater, MN 55082

### TCSC Afternoon Tea



Sat, September 24, 1pm – 4pm  
Macalester Plymouth United Church , 1658 Lincoln Ave , St. Paul , MN 55105

4th Annual TCSC Afternoon Tea Back by Popular Demand...The 4th Annual "TCSC Afternoon Tea" will be held on September 24th, from 1 to 4 pm at Macalester Plymouth United Church in St. Paul, MN . This year, we are going to encourage everyone to wear a "fancy hat" to the Tea if you can! The Afternoon Tea will provide a variety of specialty sandwiches, "wee tasty bits", and of course, tea, just like they serve in "Bonnie Scotland". We will also be entertained by the Hart School of Highland Dance. Prices will be \$9.00 each for TCSC Seniors/Children, \$11.00 for all other TCSC Members, and \$16.00 for all non-members. (We encourage any non-members to join the TCSC prior to the event, to obtain the membership discount. Applications can be found on our web site at [www.twincitiesscottishclub.org](http://www.twincitiesscottishclub.org), or by calling Norma Macdonald at 952-888-2800.)

[www.twincitiesscottishclub.org/events.htm](http://www.twincitiesscottishclub.org/events.htm)

Macalester Plymouth United Church | 1658 Lincoln Ave | St. Paul , MN 55105

## SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

### Craig Ferguson performs at Mystic Lake



Scottish Entertainer, Craig Ferguson is coming to Mystic Lake September 25th, 7:00pm. Tickets are on sale now.

Craig Ferguson entered the world of late night comedy following a diverse and eclectic career that encompasses film, television and the stage. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Ferguson got his start in the entertainment industry as a drummer for some of the worst punk bands in the U.

<http://www.mysticlake.com/node/47126>

Mystic Lake Casino | 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd. | Prior Lake, MN 55372

## OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

### TCSC Cheering Section at the Twin Cities Marathon



Sun, October 2, 9am – 11am  
On the East Bridge over Loch Nokomis

Come show your "Scottish Pride" and cheer on the Twin Cities Marathon participants! The Macalester Pipe Band will be joining us for the event. Red Rose Tea and Walker's Shortbread, thanks to our Community Partners Walker's Shortbread and Red Rose Tea! Hope to see you then!

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## OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>

### TCSC River Cruise Down the Saint Croix

Sat, October 8, 11am – 3pm  
Stillwater Marina

SAVE THE DATE for a River Cruise down the Saint Croix to enjoy the Fall colors! More details available soon! Any questions, please contact TCSC Entertainment Committee Chairperson Jack MacMillan at 952-994-3474.

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## OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>

### TCSC - An Evening with the "Scottish Ballet"

Sat, October 22, 7pm – 10pm  
Orpheum Theatre - Downtown Minneapolis

The TCSC has agreed to be a Community Partner in conjunction with the U of M in welcoming the Scottish Ballet to the Twin Cities! Come enjoy the Scottish Ballet perform "Song of the Earth (1965)" at the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Minneapolis . A 15% Discount will be made available to TCSC members and to other members of the Scottish Community! (Details on ordering discount tickets will be posted shortly on the TCSC website and via email.) BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR KILT OR A WEE BIT OF TARTAN!

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910 Hennepin Avenue | Minneapolis, MN 55403

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## NEWS

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Scottish American Center

**Thanksgiving in July.** Thank you, thank you. This is a very generous community and it's time to let you all know about the work that's contributed toward making the Center's mission a success. As is evident, the Scottish American Center has a new logo. What is not evident is the recognition that needs to go to Tiffany McCracken (our SNIM editor) for her creation and energy that made it possible. She has also worked with Don Luther to redesign the web site and reinvigorate it, making it fresh and easy to navigate. We have a new logo, new brochure and new web site – wow. Thank you Tiffany!

Thanks also need to go out to our Scotch tasting supporters. Because of your generosity, both the Center and the Scottish Fair & Highland Games have each received approximately \$700. I believe I have attended all the tastings over the past two years (except one) and I must say that June's group of tasters were the most animated and engaged group, yet. I don't know if it was a full moon, Fiona's charming accent or the giddiness over the chance to sample from our selection of 1991 Baldblair, 15 year dark Bowmore, 16 year Lagavulin or quarter cask Laphroig (no year).

Fiona can amazingly transport the group across the pond to Scotland and wind us through the Scottish heather to each of the distilleries. It was truly a fun, fun evening. Thank you Fiona. Thanks, too, to the likes of Neil Johnson, Lyaman (Mac) MacPherson, the McCracken Pub crew and a whole slew of others who help us out, each time. Slainte.

**Irish Fair** – The Scottish community will have an informational booth at the Irish Fair, courtesy of the Scottish American Center. This is an opportunity to showcase the many, many groups and organizations that make up this active Scottish community. The intent is to promote all organizations within the Scottish community; however, we need volunteers to help with handing out informational brochures and answering basic questions at the booth, so please sign-up at : <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/scottish2>.

Debra A. Crane-Lance  
Scottish American Center

### News from the Minnesota Police Pipe Band



#### 2011 MIDWEST CHAMPIONS

Minnesota Police Pipe Band won the Grade 3 Midwest Championship at the Illinois St. Andrews Highland Games on June 18th in Itasca, IL.

Congratulations to Pipe Major Mark Lucas, Drum Sergeant Galen Lerwick and all the pipers and drummers for their first place March Strathspey and Reel performance.

#### FREE PIPING AND DRUMMING LESSONS

Would you like to learn to play the Great Highland Bagpipes, snare, tenor or bass drum? The band offers free lessons to any interested individual.

[www.mppb.org](http://www.mppb.org)

### News from the Twin Cities Scottish Club



#### Oxford Companion to Scottish History

I received a note from the Oxford University Press regarding a new book that they are selling on Scottish history, titled the "Oxford Companion to Scottish History"! I have previewed the book and found it very interesting.

The Oxford University Press is willing to give the TCSC members and our Scottish community friends a 20% discount in ordering this book. Details for ordering can be found on the TCSC website: <http://www.twincitiesscottishclub.org/images/oxford.jpg>

Please try and take advantage of this great opportunity and feel free to share with your family and friends.

Cheers!  
Norma R. Macdonald

### **News from our friend Brian Cairnduff**

#### **National Theatre of Scotland project inspires school children**

The work of Scottish writer, Brian Cairnduff, has been transformed onto the stage as a Primary School shines in the NTS Five Minute Theatre project. Read the full article here: <http://entertainment.stv.tv/onstage/259123-national-theatre-of-scotland-project-inspires-school-children/>

View the final product here: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le\\_5nB3\\_cu0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le_5nB3_cu0)

Congrats Brian! Thanks for sharing.

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Thank you!  
Tiffany Esau-McCracken  
Scottish American Center

