

KSFA May Newsletter



April showers have brought the May flowers! We are excited to bring you several updates about the KSFA in this month's newsletter. As always, if you have any suggestions for us, feel free to send us an email:

info@KalamazooScottishFest.org

(Photo: Putting up the Maypole, Frederick Goodall, 1850)





Highland Athletics Open Practices

If you are looking for a practicing group of Highland Athletes near you, please contact Josh at: [808.364.2324](tel:808.364.2324), or Kate at: [616.610.7671](tel:616.610.7671). This is a great way to connect with other throwers in your area.

Kalamazoo practices are being held Sunday's from 10AM-Noon at Flesher Field in Oshtemo weather permitting. Notices of cancellation will appear on the KSFA Facebook Page.

Holland Area practices are being held Wednesday nights at



KSCD Practices

The KSFA is proud to sponsor the Kalamazoo Scottish Country Dancers. They meet Mondays from 7-9pm at Grange Hall in Kalamazoo. No experience or partner required.(but soft soled shoes are recommended)

Grange Hall Address:
3234 N 3rd St, Kalamazoo, MI
49009

We would also like to thank everyone who came to our SCD Lessons in Holland throughout the months of March and April. We hope you had a great time and look forward to seeing more of you soon!

There will be a break in classes from July 3 through August 7. Classes will resume Monday August 14.

Make sure to like and follow the

6:30PM at the athletic field at
Lugers & 32nd Sts. Check
Facebook for notices of
cancellation.

Kalamazoo Scottish Country
Dancers on Facebook!

See our site for more details:

Athletics Page

Kzoo Scottish Country
Dancers

'Of Blades & Mead' Fundraiser Report



On April 29th, KSFA partnered with Norse Nectar Meadery and the Valhalla Tasting Room for a lovely afternoon of food, drink, music, and fun events. The fundraiser brought together new friends, KSFA members, Valhalla staff and patrons, Kalamazoo Pipe Band members and other guest musicians, athletes, as well as many family groups.

We want to offer a special thank you to our Valhalla/Norse Nectar friends. We appreciate all the help and support given to KSFA to help make this event happen. Thanks also to the the brewer for the new and exceptional Scottish Ale! All the money raised aids in the funding of our 31st annual Kalamazoo Scottish Festival and Highland Games on September 9th. Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors and patrons. Keep a lookout for other upcoming KSFA events.



The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations(COSCA), is an organization made up of a multitude of Scottish cultural groups across the country, and the KSFA is proud to be a member.

COSCA helps tie the KSFA and our members to the greater Scottish-American community; and the perks of membership are helping us to grow and further promote Scottish Culture and Heritage in South-West Michigan.

Are you looking for more info about your clan? Or possibly looking to hit some games on future travels? Well COSCA is the place to look.

For more info click the below link:

COSCA



On Saturday May 6th, history was made, as HM King Charles III was crowned King of the United Kingdom, in a beautiful service incorporating culturally important influences from across His realms.

These included sung anthems in Scots Gaelic, a blessing from the medieval Celtic Church, and oaths to uphold his duties as King of Scots.

COSCA has released in its latest *Claymore* Newsletter a detailed overview of some of the cool Scottish elements to this momentous occasion.

Spring Traditions in Scotland

May is the month of new birth after the rainy April deluge, and to celebrate this, many traditions have popped up around the world and some of them have Scottish roots.

To learn more about these traditions, including food, dance, and more, follow the below link.

The Maypole Medley



In support of our mission to help bring about awareness for Scottish culture in our area we have begun working with several local and state non-profits. As such we have opened applications for local cultural organizations to have free space at our Festival in September, and in return will be at several other festivals and events around the area. For more info on our Community Partners & our planned attendance at other events follow the below links.

As always we are working hard preparing for our Annual Festival in September, as well as our normal programming. To learn more about the KSFA, its history, and operation, visit the Association Page on our website and subscribe for more updates.

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