

# KSFA February Newsletter



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We hope you are enjoying the lovely break in the winter weather so far! Looks as if Spring may have sprung early! 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](mailto:info@KalamazooScottishFest.org)

(Photo: Snowdrops at Floors Castle, Kelso, Scottish Borders)



### Highland Athletics Open Practices

If you are looking for a practicing group of Highland Athletes near you, please contact Josh at: 808.364.2324, or Kate at: 616.610.7671. They lead practices in the Kalamazoo and Holland areas respectively, and can connect you to other throwers in your area.

Athletics Page



### 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

Make sure to like and follow the Kalamazoo Scottish Country Dancers on Facebook!

See our site for more details:

Kzoo Scottish Country Dancers

# Scottish Snowdrop Festival Kicks-Off Spring Back Home



February can often be a dour time of year; but thankfully it's often illuminated by either a false or early spring. I have always relied more so on the flowers than the whims of a groundhog to know if it is a real spring or not. And to track this I, as well as several of the more botanically minded folks of both the US and Scotland, have always looked for the sprouting of Snowdrops in the February snow; and for the Daffodils of March that often follow close behind.

In Scotland the organization *Discover Scottish Gardens* has put together an Annual Snowdrop Festival, that runs from late January through early March each year. Several big names in the culture and tourism industry take part including *The Royal Botanical Gardens: Edinburgh, Scone Palace, Dumfries House, Cambo Gardens, and Armadale Castle*, offering special tours and events to commemorate and enjoy the season.

While we may not have many grand estates to tour we are thankful in the many public parks, gardens, and nature centers that fill South-West Michigan. So if you are looking for something to do while it warms up take an afternoon and maybe you'll be lucky to see the first signs of Spring. Or if that's not your thing follow the blow link to an article and some galleries of the festival going on back home.

Scottish Snowdrop Festival

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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.

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](#)



April 6th is National Tartan Day, a Federal holiday to celebrate tartan and all who wear it. For the occasion, the KSFA is planning a Tartan Day Luncheon. To be held Saturday, April 1 in, Wayland, MI. More details to come soon!

For info on our other planned events please see our 2023 calendar.

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**Mark Your Calendars for the  
31st Annual Kalamazoo Scottish Festival & Highland  
Games**

# KALAMAZOO Scottish Festival

**SATURDAY 9/9/23  
KINDLEBERGER PARK**

- Free Admission**

The 31st Annual Kalamazoo Scottish Festival & Highland Games will be open from 9AM-4PM, Admission is free however we gladly accept donations.
- Highland Games**

Our traditional Highland Athletics events will take place all day alongside our cultural exhibitors, clans, and marketplace.
- Music**

Folk Music, Piping, & Scottish Dancing will take place all day at our stage, for a list of performers please see our website.

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KALAMAZOO SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

[kalamazooscottishfest.org](http://kalamazooscottishfest.org)

We're back! Join us Saturday September 9th for our 31st Annual Festival in beautiful Kindleberger Park. We are working hard to make preparations for this years Festival. Registration forms for Clans, Athletes, Exhibitors, and Vendors will be going live on our website this week; as will a Sign Up Genius for Volunteer slots, so stay tuned for more details!

## 2023 Festival

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Join the Port Huron Museums on Saturday March 4th for their first ever Scottish celebration! Spend the day attending a variety of lectures, workshops and presentations before the day culminates in a delicious dinner while you listen to star fiddler Sean Heely.

More information on this event can be found below:

Eventbrite Info:




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.

Association Page

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