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# welcome

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Welcome to the 26th Annual KVMR Celtic Festival & Marketplace! Flowers, dancing, water, light, and luck are featured strongly in May festivities widely observed throughout Ireland and Scotland. It seems fitting that we now observe the traditions of these May celebrations at our beloved festival, centering around the continuity of the community and the "return of the light."

What could be better than spending a spring weekend at a full-scale music festival nestled amongst the Ponderosa pines? Whether it is dancing to world-class Celtic musicians, visiting ponies, joining a light parade, hanging out with owls and wizards, or immersing yourself in the Celtic diaspora through Living History encampments, there is something joyful and educational for the whole family to take part in at the KVMR Celtic Festival.

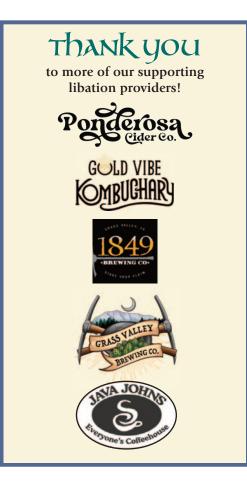


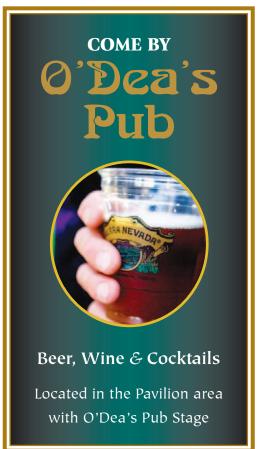
Don't forget to take something special home with you to remember the occasion! Our marketplace boasts a beautiful array of art, jewelry, and apparel as well as delicious offerings from local food vendors.

Your support of the Celtic Festival is a partnership with KVMR Community Radio that keeps independent, non-commercial media alive and well in the world. It helps us make good on our mission to bring worldly experiences and magic to the community.

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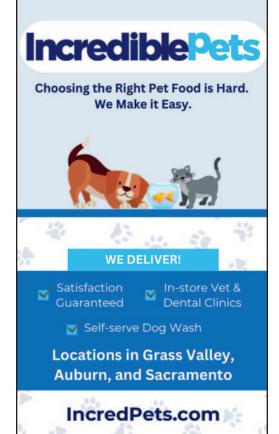
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#### REDUCE • REUSE RECYCLE COMPOST!

Look for the volunteers in the green shirts at our Recycle/Compost/Trash Stations for help

- Welcome Cup Zero-100% reusable cups. CUP zer
- Bring your own bottles—we aim to eliminate all plastic bottled water from our festival. Our vendors have agreed to forego the sales of bottled water. Drink Tahoe Tap has multiple water stations for filling your reusable bottles with clean, filtered water.



- No Styrofoam—It is not recyclable.
- Bring coffee mugs, plates, utensils & napkins.
- Skip the straw! Skip the lid unless you need it!
- Bring shopping bags.
- Recycle & Compost at the Green Team stations.

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festival vendors and patrons for collecting their food waste for compost and recycling waste cooking oil. Thanks to Waste Management for hauling our recyclables and trash.

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### **Important Information**

- To ensure good visibility, all chairs placed on the Main Stage meadow in front of the sound booth must be 30" or less from the top of the chair to the ground while in the full upright position. The measurement from the seat to the ground must be 10" or less.
- You may position your chair on the meadow, first come, first served. Please do not disturb someone else's chair.
- Any unoccupied chair is open for use by anyone until the owner arrives. If you do not want your chair used, take it with you when you leave the area.
- Lowback chair row seating in Main Stage meadow is in front of the sound booth. Regular-sized folding chairs, tarps or blankets can be used for seating further from the stage.
- All personal items, including blankets, chairs and tarps, must be removed from the main stage seating area at the end of each evening's show. This will be strictly enforced.
- No pets allowed except qualified trained service dogs.
- The Fairgrounds is a non-smoking venue. Smoking areas are located outside Gate 1 and Gate 5.
- No alcohol may be brought in from off-site.
- You may bring coolers but no glass or cans.
- No firearms or weapons of any kind.
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# criday events







#### Friday, May 3, 4-7 p.m. Promoting arts enrichment for youth in our community.

The Celtic Festival's Friday Youth Arts Program is a wonderful afternoon of music, magic, dance and arts instruction for aspiring artists. Participants, ages 10-18, learn from world-class artists and festival headliners. Youth participants in the program can take 1-3 consecutive workshops of their choice. The FREE program includes workshops and a

discounted youth day pass for attendees.

#### Friday Youth Arts Program Workshop Leaders:

Rod Baggett, Heather Grove, Amie Ferrier, Lisa Stine, Hayley Watson, Athena Giuliani, Christine Nys, Nicole McKeever, Cassie and Maggie MacDonald, Merloch Silvermaine, and The Diamond Rose Academie D'Armes

# schedule

#### Ponderosa Hall- Small Room

4:00 Level 1 Magic: Merloch Silvermaine 5:00 Level 1 Magic: Merloch Silvermaine **6:00** Level 2 Magic: Merloch Silvermaine

#### Ponderosa Hall- Large Room

**4:00** Beginner Harp workshop: Lisa Stine 5:00 Irish Step Dancing-Level 1: Nicole McKeever 6:00 Irish Step Dancing- Level 2: Nicole McKeever

#### Mark McKinnon Stage

formerly Oak Grove Stage 4:00 Build A Tune: Amie Ferrier, Athena Giuliani and Havley Watson 5:00 Learn Advanced Tune: Cassie & Maggie MacDonald 6:00 Cassie & Maggie MacDonald in Concert

#### **Outside Picnic Tables**

4:00 & 5:00 Celtic Art: Christine Nys 4:00 Singing Workshop: Heather Grove and Rod Baggett 4:00-7:00 Nevada County OES and the Nevada County Library will team up to share information and services for children and families, including how to be prepared for wildfire season including games and prizes.

#### **Outside Diamond Rose Area**

4:00 & 5:00 Introduction to Fencing: Diamond Rose Academie D'Armes

#### Youth Arts Showcase & Performance

Sunday, 12:00 noon at the Pine Tree Stage Youth Performance Instructors: Amie Ferrier, Lisa Stine, and Rose-May Mickelson

# ceilidh\*

#### 8:00 p.m. Ponderosa Hall

Let your spirit soar as the enchanting melodies of Ryan McKasson & Colin Cotter and Summer McCall fill the air! Ryan McKasson and Colin Cotter share their rich musical connection alongside Summer McCall who will call and lead the dances.

Prepare yourself for an evening of boundless energy and joy. There'll be line, circle, and couple dancing for all ages and abilities. No need to come with a partner-it's a great way to socialize and meet friends.



The Ceilidh will be held in the Ponderosa Hall with indoor space for dancing, an outdoor deck with food and a full service pub, and beautiful garden space for relaxing and enjoying the evening.

\*Ceilidh requires a separate ticket—not included in Sat. & Sun. ticket price.

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# music

#### **Old Blind Dogs**

Four musicians from very different musical backgrounds came together to create a full-time professional touring band to showcase the rich tradition of songs and tunes of northeast Scotland. They have celebrated over 30 years together. Their 14th studio album *Knucklebead Circus* is a joyous, uplifting, fun record. The band's current line-up of founding member Jonny Hardie (fiddle/vocals), Aaron Jones (cittern/guitar/vocals), and Donald Hay (percussion/vocals) are excited to be joined by the amazing Elias Alexander (pipes/whistles).

#### Mec Lir

This genre-busting quartet exploded onto the Celtic music scene in 2014 with their debut release *Not An EP*, launched during their first appearance at one of the world's largest Celtic music festivals, Festival Interceltique de Lorient in Brittany. They went on to release their latest CD *Livewire* and have appeared at festivals all around the world and are featured in a viral social media video that has amassed over 2.5 million views!

#### Wake The Dead

Since 2000, this hot Northern California septet has been blending Celtic traditional music and the songs of the Grateful Dead—at first impressing the Dead themselves enough for them to release the debut CD on Grateful Dead/Arista Records. Now, ever more inventive and ever more energetic, WAKE THE DEAD spreads their reach to embrace the entire Summer of Love, keeping it alive for Deadheads and Celtoids alike.

#### Socks in the Frying Pan

This award-winning Irish traditional music trio from County Clare blends traditional melodies with modern flair and has gained critical acclaim and accolades. Comprised of Aodán Coyne on guitar and vocals and the accomplished Hayes brothers, Shane Hayes on accordion and Fiachra Hayes on fiddle and banjo; they have been embraced in the U.S. and booked by every major Irish festival. Their energetic live performance makes for a truly unique form of entertainment.

#### Heron Valley

Formed in 2014 as a ceilidh dance band, Heron Valley evolved into a folk group in 2018 during their first U.S. tour. Hailing from diverse Scottish regions, including Oban, Lewis, Cowal, Glasgow, and Stirling, the band shares captivating stories and Scots language lessons. Led by Abigail Pryde, their repertoire combines traditional Scots and original songs, narrating tales from the Outer Hebrides to the hills of Argyll. Passionate about their heritage, Heron Valley's dynamic performances transport you to the heartlands of Scotland, showcasing its culture, language, sounds, and stories.

#### Elias Alexander's RAMBLXR

Elias Alexander is a multi-talented musician who blends traditional Scottish and American music with electronic production and songwriting. He tours with Old Blind Dogs in North America and his latest project, Ramblxr, blends traditional acoustic music with house, disco, hip-hop, and lo-fi sounds. Elias gained international attention in Feb. 2024 with his viral hit "FIDDLE DISCO!" and an album is planned for release in the spring.















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#### Rachel Hair & Ron Jappy

Purveyors of Scotland's most ancient and contemporary instruments, clarsach and acoustic guitar, these two blend modern and traditional music seamlessly. From snappy strathspeys to heartfelt airs, rip-roaring reels to chirpy jigs—these two halves create a whole: a subtle yin-yang between spine-tingling clarity and virtuosic drive.

#### Cassie & Maggie MacDonald

Sisters, cohorts and collaborators, their talent is only surpassed by the joy with which they so generously share it. Exciting and innovative, while still staying true to their Celtic roots, they have explored and tested the boundaries of traditional music bringing a breath of fresh air to the genre with original compositions and arrangements.

#### Ryan McKasson & Colin Cotter

Colin is a genre-defying artist who blends American and Celtic folk music with rock. He has toured internationally as a lead singer, guitarist, and frontman while also performing extensively as a guitar accompanist to traditional fiddlers of varying backgrounds. He has shared the stage with Alasdair Fraser, David Bromberg, Natalie Haas, Brittany Haas, Ashley Hoyer, Rushad Eggleston, and more.

Ryan is a performer, composer, collaborator, and teacher. In 1996 he was the youngest to win the National Scottish Fiddle Championship. Ryan and his sister, Cali, formed a band The McKassons, and a variety of other musical collaborations. The McKassons released two critically acclaimed albums, *Tall Tales* and *Tripping Maggie*. Since 2002 he has also been fiddler for a renowned contra dance band, The Syncopaths.

#### Summer McCall

With an enthusiastic and infectious love for movement, Summer has long-standing experience and joy calling traditional dances for Scottish ceilidhs (pronounced kay-lee). With a background of well over a decade in modern, ballet, Middle Eastern, Irish/ Scottish step dancing and tap, calling for ceilidh dances came naturally.

#### **Old Soles**

Masha and Geff Crawford offer traditional moonshine-flavored music with a twist of wry-whiskey humor. These Old Soles enjoy driving fiddle, bluesy rhythmic banjo, and close harmonies—interweaving old with new, Appalachian, Irish, Kate Wolf, and John Prine.

#### **Three Times Through**

Three Times Through is a colorful funky kinda Celtic string quartet. They reimagine and blend traditional and modern tunes and songs with mandolin, hammered dulcimer, bodhran, concertina, bouzouki, banjo, fiddle and guitar.

#### The Story Wrens

Formerly Wren of Iniquity, they found their inspiration in the magical scene of the Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire in Agoura, California and the resurgent folk arts and early music there. Research and authenticity were the lay of the cultural landscape. The music and songs became the *tresor trové*, literally the "treasure found" that would offer connection through time.







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#### **Cassidy Joy & Friends**

Cassidy Joy is a multi-genre vocalist, instrumentalist and songwriter, with roots spanning from Celtic and folk music to classic rock, country, pop and beyond. Joy identifies most as an interpretive singer, finding inspiration in music from decades and centuries before, and in breathing new life into old melodies.

#### **Boho Celtic Orchestra**

The eleven woman ensemble brings a big sound that creates a foot-stomping good time. The orchestra includes 4 fiddle players, mandolin, guitar, electric bass, accordion, 2 percussionists, washboard, cello and banjolele.

#### Steve Baughman

Steve Baughman is known as one of the world's premier Celtic fingerstyle guitar players. His latest album was recently featured on NPR's "Thistle and Shamrock." Baughman is especially known for his solo guitar arrangements of Turlough O'Carolan's harp music.

#### Grass Valley Male Voice Choir

This group of male singers from the Sierra Foothills love to sing and share their joy of music. Their repertoire includes Broadway, folk, and Christmas music. They support local nonprofits and perform at various events and locations, including the SacSings Choral Festival in Sacramento.







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10:30AM	Welcome by Annie		10:30				
:00 AM	Cassie & Maggie	Socks In	10.50	Mark McKinnon		Birds of Prey	
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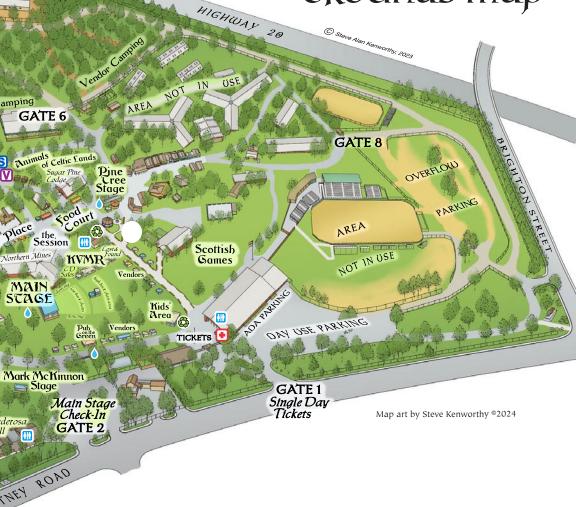
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#### WIN one of these superb prizes generously donated by marketplace shops!

Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available at the KVMR Booth. All proceeds benefit KVMR.Winners to be announced from the main stage on Sunday, May 5.

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Sylvan Arts Revival	Redwood Chalice	\$50
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The Gypsy Lounge	Oak Leaf Leather Hair Clip	\$35
Thee Dragons Hoard	Wire Wrapped Pendant	\$200
Thistle and Stitch	Cute Highland Coo Stuffie	\$34
Tiny Barn	Hobby Horse	\$45
Whimsy	Long Sleeve Cotton Blouse	\$75
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Refer to the schedule for specific times. Need not be present to win. Winners will be contacted by phone. KVMR employees and their families are not eligible. Some restrictions apply.











### Oak Grove Stage Renamed Mark McKinnon Stage

The KVMR Celtic Festival proudly renames the former Oak Grove Stage the Mark McKinnon Stage on Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 a.m.

California native and singer songwriter Mark McKinnon passed away in December of 2022 after a 2-year battle with cancer.

Mark fell in love with his Celtic roots after traveling to the west coast of Ireland to visit his daughter who was studying in Galway, Ireland. After touring the Irish countryside, Mark deeply immersed himself in Irish ballads and traditional music,

inspiring him to form the California Celtic band Ha'Penny Bridge *(pictured below)*. They recorded two albums of original songs in Butte County, California and went on to play on the main stage at the KVMR Celtic Festival, becoming one of the highlights of Mark's musical career.



Hailing from Chico, CA Ha'Penny Bridge was comprised of several musicians. Their core line-up during different incarnations of the band consisted of Mark McKinnon (guitar, vocals), Molly McNally Paul (vocalist), Maya Sieminski-Prosvancz (vocalist), Jewel Cardinet (mandolin), Vita Segalla (fiddle), Tom Haber (bass), Michael Cannon (keyboards, accordion), Dharma LaRocca (congas), Jerry Morano (drums), & Bo Bowen (penny whistles).

Mark was a gentle giant. At 6'5", he was larger than life, yet he walked with

such gentleness and grace through the world, inspiring so many to center kindness and compassion in their daily lives.

The world lost a remarkable human being, but his incandescent light and indelible spirit will live on.

Ha'Penny Bridge, with their dynamic, vocaldriven sound and unique repertoire featuring the arrangements of Mark's original songs, delighted our audiences for many years.



Please join us for this special dedication to Mark McKinnon on Saturday, May 4 11:00 am.



# salem street session stage

#### Give us a tune or a song... Everyone is welcome to join in!

The Session Stage is known for welcoming folks from all skill levels who are interested in playing traditional Celtic music in this most traditional way. Sessions last about 75 minutes, with a 30-minute break between sessions. Each session is unique, with the hosts of the session-musicians from the Main Stage-setting the tone and ground rules. There is comfortable seating out of sun and rain for players and listeners alike.



"A Session (seisun in Gaelic) is a gathering of traditional musicians for the purpose of celebrating their common interest in the music by playing it together in a relaxed, informal setting... It works like this: One musician starts playing a tune, and whoever knows the tune joins in and plays along." **Field Guide to the Irish Music Session—Barry Foy** 

### Regional Celtic Sessions sending players to the Session Stage this year include:

#### National Hotel Session:

This session is hosted by musicians who have played together for decades, now playing in the bar of National Hotel in Nevada City every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. and the 1st and 3rd Sunday 4-6 p.m. at the Holbrooke Hotel in Grass Valley. They play a variety of Celtic traditional tunes and often just burst into song without warning.

#### Auburn Session with Pete & Phyllis Grant

Experienced players have hosted this lively session in Auburn for nearly two decades. They play every Sunday night at the Tap & Vine in Auburn 6-8 p.m. The Auburn Session includes tunes, songs and lots of laughter.

#### **Celtic Song Circle**

If you like to sing, these are the sessions for you. Anyone is welcome to come lead a song, join in on the choruses, or just sit and listen. A cappella mainly, but if you'd like to accompany yourself, that's fine. Led by Elizabeth Townsend, we focus on songs that celebrate Ireland and Scotland, but if you are not sure from where your song hails, that's okay, we'll sing it anyway!

#### **Chico Session**

These folks have hosted a session for many years in the Chico area, including Friday afternoons at Duffy's Tavern. They are all seasoned players who maintain a true traditional feel to a large repertoire of tunes.

#### San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers

Formed in 1986 by Alasdair Fraser, SFSF is now a musical family of more than 300 musicians of all ages, abilities, and

backgrounds. They gather throughout the year to share the joy of playing music from the enduring Scottish tradition. Spontaneity is a key element, and they delight in breaking down the barrier between performers and audience.

#### Santa Rosa Session

These long-standing informal sessions take place twice monthly at the Redwood Café in Cotati and other locations. They favor traditional Scottish and Irish music and even allow bagpipes, banjos and accordions to play at their sessions!

#### **Starry Plough Session Players**

The famous Starry Plough pub in Berkeley hosts open traditional Irish music sessions (with breaks for singers) every Sunday night starting at 7:30 pm. They welcome you to lead a tune set, sing a song or just follow along. *thestarryplough.com* 

#### Summer McCall & Friends

Summer McCall learned to run sessions while attending Alasdair Fraser's Sierra Fiddle Camp as a teen. She knows a lively mix of Scottish and Irish session tunes, and will likely be joined by musicians from the Main Stage that want in on the fun.

#### **Youth-Led Session**

This session is led by young fiddlers and other musicians ranging in age from 8 to 22. They may be young in age but they are old in experience. Just try to keep up with these hot players!

#### SESSIONS STAGE SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, MAY 4

10 a.m.	Welcome Session
11:15 a.m.	Youth-led Session
1:00 p.m.	Celtic Song Circle
2:45 p.m.	Mec Lir
4:30 p.m.	Summer McCall & Friends
6:00 p.m.	Open Sessions

#### SUNDAY, MAY 5

10:00 a.m.	Welcome Session
11:15 a.m.	Celtic Song Circle
1:00 p.m.	Old Blind Dogs
2:45 p.m.	Heron Valley
4:30 p.m.	Socks in the Frying Pan
6:00 p.m.	Open Sessions

#### **Instrument Check Room**

There will be a check room at the Regional Artist Hospitality area in the Northern Mines Building—a secure place to store your instruments out of the rain and sun while you enjoy the Festival between playing or singing at the session. Note: No overnight storage.



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#### SATURDAY

**10:30 a.m.** Opening Faery Parade

**11:45 a.m.** *"The Final Frost"* **Performance Old Man Winter Stilt Dances with The Spring Queen followed by Maypole Dance.** 

> 1:00 p.m. A Mother's Love Play

performed by Honeysuckle Lodge children, *The Story of the Seasons* with Goddess Demeter and her daughter Persephone

#### **SUNDAY**

**10:30 a.m.** Opening Faery Parade

**12:15 p.m.** *A Mother's Love Play* performed by Honeysuckle Lodge children,

*The Story of the Seasons* with Goddess Demeter and her daughter Persephone

**2:45 p.m.** *"The Final Frost"* Performance Old Man Winter Stilt Dances with The Spring Queen followed by Maypole Dance



# GROUNDS ATTRACTIONS

### Step into the past! TOUR THE GUILDS

Meet at Gate 5 Sat. & Sun. at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. for a guided tour to meet our Guilds and Renaissance Re-enactors.



#### **NEW!** California Cornish Cousins

An organization founded in November 1991 to stimulate interest in Cornish culture, to preserve Cornish heritage and to share family histories and genealogy. Membership is open to any person of Cornish heritage or any person in full accord with the stated purposes of the Society.



#### **Clan Cian**

Traditionally, Irish clans were territorial clans, unlike Scottish clans, which were strictly family clans. All families living within the demesne of the ruling lord were members of his clan. Irish names often had the prefixes "O" (grandson or descendant of), "Mac" "Mc"

"Ma" (son of). After immigrating to America, Canada, Australia, and elsewhere, the expatriate Irish often dropped these prefixes to get around the prejudice they found in their new homelands.

Clan Cian is the personal clan of The O'Carrolls of Éile O'Carroll. He has opened the clan for membership to all the descendants of the sons of the King of Munster, Olioll Olum and all those who support the goals of his clan.

#### **Clan Galbraith**

Clan Galbraith is an entertainment troupe that portrays 15th and 16th Century Scottish Highland mercenaries. Life in the Highlands was never easy, especially in the Grampian Mountains. Clan Galbraith became a mercenary band; adopting other orphans and outcasts, and arming women.



Clan Galbraith features include: weapons, chain maille and archery demonstrations.

#### The Diamond Rose Academie d'Armes

The Diamond Rose Academie d'Armes is a historical fencing school dedicated to promoting the techniques and principles of Western European Martial Arts through the study and practice of fighting systems of the 16th through the 18th cen-



turies. We do not stage or reenact swordplay, every duel fought is a genuine test of skill in the art of defense. Our fencing is rooted in the French tradition that emphasizes timing, subtlety, and strategy over brute strength or speed. The Diamond Rose provides education and entertainment in our tournaments, duels, and melee games, as well as offering free introductory fencing lessons to the public as time and instructors allow. We have year round classes in Auburn, Nevada City, and Marysville. "Honor Above All." *facebook.com/DiamondRoseAcademie*/



#### Foothill Fibers Guild of Nevada County

For over 30 years, the Foothill Fibers Guild has brought together fiber artists—weavers, spinners, knitters, basketmakers, crocheters, and more—to share skills and experiences. Our members' skills range from novice to expert.

The guild includes many talented teachers, including locally and internationally known artists. Many members also raise fiber animals including sheep, alpacas, goats, and other creatures. Guild programs and workshops present finished works and opportunities to learn or refine many skills. We meet monthly and welcome visitors and new members.

The guild will demonstrate a "Sheep to Shawl" where they spin locally raised wool into yarn and then weave it into a shawl. This is a team effort. When finished, the shawl will be donated to the KVMR raffle. *footbillfibersguild.org* 

#### *NEW!* The Goblin Forge / Dungeons & Dragons

Embark on a journey of imagination, teamwork and personal growth through tabletop gaming. Engage in storytelling and problem-solving to develop essential social and cognitive skills. Through storytelling and problem-solving, kids develop important social and cognitive skills in a fun and interactive way. Foster friendship and teamwork while embarking on D&D adventures, creating characters, learning game basics, and crafting miniatures throughout the weekend.

#### **Gold Country Celtic Society**

The Gold Country Celtic Society was organized to celebrate the culture of these proud people, many of whom, especially the Cornish and Welsh, worked the hard-rock mines



and made our Nevada City—Grass Valley area famous. The Society wishes to perpetuate the Celtic tradition of music, dance, language, and costume. Come join us for fun & games!

#### Gold Country Highlanders

Gold Country Highlanders are competitive strength athletes and strength sport historians. Led by Grass Valley residents Jeff Mackey and Eric Kenyon, GCH demonstrates the raw power, speed, strength, skill and surprising grace of the ancient Scottish heavy athletics. Men, women and visiting athletes perform the traditional stone throws, weights-for-distance, Scottish hammer throws, caber toss and more.





# The Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland

Chartered and incorporated in 2022 the Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland, Inc. is a group of historical educators and reenactors of varying degrees and abilities. A non-profit, educational corporation dedicated to educating the public on the history and culture of Scotland. They strive to entertain and educate through living history at Scottish Games, Renaissance Faires, and school events.

#### Harvest Home Revelers Early Music Choir & Rossignol

Early Music Choir & Rossignol, will join the jolly Revelers in various tomfooleries at their pavilion near Gate 5, where you will receive a warm welcome at the Golden Queen Inn.



#### Harvest Home Revelers Schedule

**12:15-1** At the *Le Théâtre des Heureux et des Joli. Fair Rosa,* a tale of magic and true love, AND...the unrepentant and ambitious marionette production of *Twelfth Night in Twelve Minutes.* 

**2-2:45** Robin Hood and the Puritan" a morality playlet in which the good people of town and village overcome the forces of sobriety.

#### Events throughout the day:

Traditional Morris Long Sword Dance

The Dancer and the Troll Doll vs Doll...It's a jig off!

Music: Harvest "Homies" & Early music vocal group Rossignol.

The elegant and beautiful, Garland Dance to celebrate the "Sweets of May." and, of course, Ye Olde Game of Goose... Lady Luck is waiting to shine her face in your general direction.



#### **Highlanders in the Mist**

Highlanders in the Mist represent the highlands of Scotland in the 16th century. Made up of kinsfolk, mercenaries, and craftsmen, their goal is to entertain while educating the public about Scottish life—customs and traditions, clan life, everyday tasks, kilting demonstrations, weapons that were used, and how the highlanders interacted.

Need More Celtic Music? Join Annie O'Dea Hestbeck for *Celtic Cadence* Alt. Fridays 10am-noon on KVMR FM

# GROUNDS ATTRACTIONS



#### **NEW!** House of Gordon USA

The Gordon name dates back to the 11th Century. Their mission is to preserve and promote their unique heritage and Celtic culture, as they enjoy the fellowship and support of family and friends! All Gordons, septs of the Gordons, their descendants; those having served in the Gordon Highlanders and their families; supporters of the Chief and those who have special knowledge and interest in Gordon history and tradition are welcome to become members of the House! As we say at our tent: Welcome home to the House!"



#### **NEW!** LEGIO II AVGVSTA

LEGIO II AVGVSTA is a living history reenactment club portraying the Roman Legions that conquered and garrisoned Britain from the 1st to 4th centuries CE.

#### Merloch Silvermaine

Merloch is a seer, sage, sorcerer & storyteller whose magic is not about tricks but about life. He performs card tricks so mind-bendingly good that you're likely to stay up an extra hour trying to figure out how he did it. Silvermaine does what great ma-



gicians do—he reduces cynical adults to a state of wonder. Merloch is also one of our most popular instructors for our Friday Youth Arts Program.



#### Saint Andrew's Guild: the Court of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots

Saint Andrew's Noble Order of Royal Scots portrays the court of Mary, Queen of Scots in the year 1562. They bring an exciting period of Scottish history to life recreating the romantic period of Mary's life right after her return to Scotland from



France. You are invited to have a private audience with Her Majesty and receive a token of Her affection, cheer on Her Majesty's Royal Guard as they hone their battle skills or have your best friend placed in the pillory. *saintandrewsguild.net* 

#### Shamrock Club of Sacramento

The Shamrock Club of Sacramento was founded in 2005 as a nonprofit organization formed to preserve Irish culture and historical traditions, in the Sacramento Region. The club is a non-denominational, non-political social club, open to all those who wish to connect with their Irish Heritage or just want to learn more about the Irish culture. This Irish-American cultural society hosts/co-hosts many annual events, including the St. Patrick's Parade in March, the Half-Way to St. Patrick's celebration in September, and a Christmas Celebration in December. *Shamrocksac.com*.

#### The Story Wrens see Music section

#### **Myra Lynne Traugot**

Myra Lynne Traugot presents her personal musical and historical voyage to 18th century Scotland, "Over the Sea to Skye

with Flora MacDonald." In 1746 MacDonald saved the Stuart crown prince by passing him off as her Irish spinning maid, preventing his capture by British forces. Why did she do it and what became of her later? Who were the players in the political and cultural drama? What



conspiratorial secrets are hidden in plain sight in the rich musical heritage of the era? Give a listen as Myra musically performs this piece of Scottish history.

# **NEW!** Vikings of Reno

The Vikings of Reno storm the Celtic Festival for a mighty clash of wits —another saga awaits! Test thy mind, indulge in the ancient spirits of O'Dea's Pub and uncover your inner Viking. Warriors, to your ships-we



meet at dusk! Gather your axes and shields!



# **CELTIC JANCE**

#### **McKeever School of Irish Dance**

The school in Sacramento offers Irish dance lessons from beginner through champion levels to children and adults. Owner/instructor Nicole McKeever toured the world for 7 years with professional dance companies such as Riverdance: the show. Their mission is to spread and preserve Irish Dance while allowing it to be a channel for joy, friendship, fitness and confidence.



## Kennelly School of Irish Dance

From private receptions for Irish dignitaries to major musical events in arenas like the Hollywood Bowl or dancing with great bands such as the Chieftains, DeDannaan, Eileen Ivers, Arcady, Danu, and many more, the school has a rich history in performing and the promotion of traditional Irish music.

# animals of the celtic lands



#### **Irish Wolfhounds**

Founded in 1974, the Northern California Irish Wolfhound Club celebrates the legacy of the majestic hounds that date back to 273 B.C. Historically revered and gifted to emperors, kings, and poets, Irish Wolfhounds were unparalleled in hunting and fighting. Today, they remain a cherished symbol across Ireland. Don't miss the chance to interact with these beautiful animals!

#### Scottish Highland Ponies

Used for centuries by crofters for farm work such as pulling carts, plowing fields,



moving logs and bringing deer harvest down from the highlands as well as in battle, today the Highland Pony can be seen in the show ring doing dressage, jumping, driving, and pony trekking. Stop by and visit Lord Latimer of Trinity Glen affectionately known as Hardy and his Shetland sidekick Elsa!



#### **Raptor Events**

Experience a display of aerial acrobatics in the art of falconry. View birds of prey up close and get hands-on time with a variety of birds and reptiles in this entertaining and educational opportunity. *raptorevents.com* 

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KVMR's own Science Guy Al Stahler and friends with scopes will host a Star Party: Saturday, May 4, 8-11 p.m. Lions Lake, in the Campground

The Starry Plough (the Dipper) will be high, a signpost pointing all over the sky. Al enjoys sharing science and nature with friends and neighbors in *The Union* and on KVMR. He teaches classes for both kids and grown-ups.

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- Toss bean bags
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