

Newyddion o Gymdeithas Dewi Sant **St. David's Society News**

**New event, new space,
new time...we hope
you'll come!**

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“Our Stories of Wales” at Black Bear Crossings in Como Pavilion on Como Lake in St. Paul

Please join us in telling “Our Stories of Wales,” the first in a series of informal activities for St. David's Society members, members to be, friends and family.

Date: Saturday, October 19

Time: 10 AM – 12 Noon

**Location: Black Bear Crossings on the Lake
Como Lakeside Pavilion
1360 North Lexington Parkway
St. Paul, Minnesota**

We'll gather to share stories from travels, family lore, favorite readings, select photographs, or short video clips. Everyone is invited to be a presenter.

If a couple of examples will help with that, here's a sample:

- Bring a picture or three from your travels in Wales, then link the picture to Welsh mythology, to a family story, to a poem, or maybe to Welsh culture as you experienced it.
- Link your travels past or future to a Welsh-authored book you've recently read.
- Show us with a video or photos or poem a family place you've come to discover.

Guidelines

For presenters: Each presenter/storyteller gets 10-15 minutes. If you want to be part of the line-up, let Ilene know by October 17 (ilene.dawn@gmail.com) and tell her whether you want to use the computer and projector in the room.

For audience members: just come and enjoy!

Directions to Black Bear Crossings

The Pavilion is located 2.3 miles north of I-94 on Lexington Parkway. For more detailed directions, click on “Contact” on the website: <http://blackbearcrossings.com>.

Parking

There are two large free lots by the Pavilion on the west side of Como Lake on Lexington Parkway.

Food & Beverage

Black Bear Crossings serves a variety of sandwiches and salads, plus coffee, tea and soft drinks. You are welcome to come a little early and pick up something to bring to the event.

As their website says, “Offering free space for small neighborhood groups was a founding principle of the original coffee shop on Como Avenue, and continues to this day. In exchange for the rooms, Black Bear Crossings only asks two things: that you treat our space as your own, and that you don't bring in your own food and beverages, instead taking advantage of our freshly brewed coffee and home-made food in the café.”

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, the Board of Directors is making use of survey responses to plan informal, informative and fun activities for November and January. Based on top survey responses, one of these will be a movie and one a pub event, maybe with rugby on the big screen. If you haven't yet visited the survey, record your responses here: <http://z.umn.edu/stdavid>.

Prefer to receive the newsletter online?

Notify Kay Gavin at kaywgavin@hotmail.com.

**She will notify you when the next issue is available on the Society's web page.
Help the Society save printing & mailing costs.**

North American Festival of Wales in Minneapolis, August 28–31, 2014

Wanted: A seamstress (or two) to sew two red dragon costumes for young people in upper elementary or junior high. We have one smaller pattern so estimating size will be necessary (the young people live nearby) and purchasing the fabric, as well as sewing. (*Reimbursement possible, if desired.*)

Wanted: Volunteers to help during the Festival.

Short shifts greeting visitors at the doors of the hotel (inside, in the AC, not outside in the heat) and/or directing guests at the escalators, plus collecting tickets at concerts or ushering at the National Gymanfa Ganu at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sun., Aug. 31, 2014. Even if you're pretty certain we have your name, please contact us again so we're sure our final volunteer document is correct. We will contact you with details after you've had a chance to register for NAFOW events that interest you (likely about St. David's Day 2014).

Friends of Minnesota promote 2014 NAFOW in Toronto

Minnesotans and friends of Minnesota arrived by car, air and bus. They were busy meeting people and answering questions (they all wore "Ask Me" buttons, with a map of Minnesota and the words "NAFOW 2014"). Add seminars to take in, bus trips, meetings to attend, and glorious concerts to enjoy, there was never a time to get everyone together for a photo. But people faithfully took their turns staffing the display and handing out colorful fliers (yours is in this newsletter) and business cards (you can get them from Kay or Mary).

In addition to those pictured, attendees spreading the 2014 word included Martha Davies, Ellis Jones, Ruth Jones, AdaMae Lewis, Dorothy and Larry Moe, Dan Proud, Kit Reynolds (Dan's sister from Chicago), David Evan Thomas, and Kay Thomas.

Shown in front of the 2014 NAFOW display in Toronto, are: Nancy Craig, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Marcia Richards, Mankato; Mary Morris Mergenthal, St. Paul; and Kay Gavin, Roseville.

Nancy will be organizing volunteers through computer spread sheets; Marcia is co-chairperson of the Sponsorship Committee and president of the Minnesota Welsh Association, co-host of the 2014 NAFOW; Mary and Kay are co-chairpersons of the 2014 NAFOW.

If you are reading this newsletter on-line and won't be able to attend the Minnesota Welsh Hymn Festival on Sept. 22 to get a flier or two, please contact Kay or Mary. (Contact info above.)

Wanted: A seamstress (or seamster!) to construct colorful, simple fabric sashes to identify the volunteers above when they're on duty.

If you'd like to hear more about any of these important jobs, or are ready to volunteer, please contact one of the co-chairwomen:

Kay Gavin, 651-484-1778,
kaywgavin@hotmail.com;

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It's NOT too early to volunteer.

Friends can volunteer, too.

Men, women, or young people can help.

Membership News

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Photo by Martha Davies.

**Diolch yn fawr, Mae Anderson,
for your faithful service as
Society Archivist all these years!**

Next Deadline: October 29

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EVENTS FRAGRANCE-FREE.**

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St. David's Society
or
the St. David's Foundation.**

**Gifts can remember
or honor a Welsh friend or relative.**

**You are also encouraged to remember the
St. David's Society or Foundation in your will.**

**For information, please contact
Don Anderson, (612) 789-8923, or
Ron Adams, (952) 237-0506.**

**Please check your mailing label.
Memberships were due July 1, 2013.**

**St. David's Society of Minnesota
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name _____

If family membership, include all names to be listed.

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Membership category: Single Annual (\$15) _____; Couple/Family Annual (\$22) _____

Supporting Annual (\$50) _____; Life (\$175) _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ (Make check payable to St. David's Society of Minnesota, note "membership")

Mail to: Kay Gavin
2737 Aglen St.
Roseville, MN 55113-2046

or contact Kay at: kaywgavin@hotmail.com

Membership year is July 1–June 30.
You may pay for multiple years in advance.

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COMING EVENTS

Sat., Oct. 5, 11:30 a.m. — Well-Read Dragons meet for lunch at Davanni's in Roseville (west of Fairview Ave. & Rosedale, on Perimeter Rd.) & to discuss *The Gospel of Us* by Owen Sheers.

Sat., Oct. 19, 10 a.m.–noon — **Our Stories of Wales** — Black Bear Crossings in Como Pavilion west side of Como Lake in St. Paul (east of Lexington Pkwy., north of Como Ave., south of Larpenteur Ave.). Street address: 1360 N. Lexington Pkwy.

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please call Mary Mergenthal, (651) 644-1650.**