

# Nuachlitir CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

January 2012

Eanáir 2012

## CCÉ Ottawa Branch Membership Renewals

CCÉ Ottawa Branch membership renewals are now past due. Your Comhaltas membership needs to be renewed each year. Invoices have been sent out to all members and we would appreciate receiving your form and payment as soon as possible.

If you have not received the renewal notice or have any questions about membership, please contact Pat Cassidy.

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Or e-mail: [p\\_cassidy@sympatico.ca](mailto:p_cassidy@sympatico.ca)



## January Céilí

**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
8:00 pm to 11:30 pm  
Blessed Sacrament Church Hall  
194 Fourth Ave.

**Entertainment** – The entertainment for the January céilí will be provided by the Comhaltas Dancers.

Cost:  
Members – \$10, Guests – \$12, Students – \$5,  
Children under 12 – free

Have information for the newsletter, contact the PRO:  
613-722-3620  
[criostoir.seoirse@gmail.com](mailto:criostoir.seoirse@gmail.com)

## Upcoming February Céilí

The February céilí will be on **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**Entertainment** – For the February céilí, entertainment will be provided by Mary Muckle's Harp Choir.

## March Céilí

Tickets are currently on sale for the **March 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day dinner and céilí**.

Cost: \$35

### 2011/2012 CCÉ Céilís

November 19<sup>th</sup>

December 17<sup>th</sup>

January 21<sup>st</sup>

February 18<sup>th</sup>

March 17<sup>th</sup> – Dinner/Céilí  
(Tickets are on sale now)

April 21<sup>st</sup>

May 19<sup>th</sup>

## New Night for Set Dancing Classes

Set dancing dance classes will now be on **Wednesdays, starting Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Bronson Centre in the Grey Court room**. There will also be a sean-nós dance class beforehand.

The Irish Solo dance classes will remain at Blessed Sacrament on Mondays.

Sean-nós dance class: 7:00 – 7:30 (beginner)  
Set dancing class: 7:30 – 9:00 (all levels)

Contact: [Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca](mailto:Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca)

## January Events

### St. Brigid's Pancake Breakfast

Come one, come all. This is always a lively event. The next breakfast will be held on **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to noon** at **Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts**. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and includes a great breakfasts plus musical entertainment by very talented musicians from the local Irish community.

### SAINT BRIGID'S EVE

**January 28, 2012**

**6:30PM (Doors open), 7:30PM Concert**

A Celtic music performance in celebration of the female patron saint of Ireland featuring Mary Muckle, harp and voice, with Kirsten Carlson, flute, and the Ottawa Youth Harp Ensemble under the direction of Mary Muckle. Also featuring the musical group, Daughters of Brien.

#### Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts

Home of the National Irish Canadian Cultural Centre

**310 St. Patrick Street Ottawa (Entrance on Cumberland Street)**

Tickets: \$10 advance, \$15 at the door

For more information, please contact:  
Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts offices  
Telephone: (613) 244-7373  
E-mail: [info@sbcottawa.ca](mailto:info@sbcottawa.ca)

[www.saintbrigidscentre.com](http://www.saintbrigidscentre.com)

## Upcoming Events

### Lá Gaeilge

**Caint is Comhrá** is pleased to offer another **Lá Gaeilge** on **Saturday, February 18, 2012** at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall. More details to come.

## Call for Artists for June Art Show and Sale

The working title of the theme is "Our Roots", and the artwork will be examined by a jury. Proceeds to go to the Permanent North American Gaeltacht. Planned date is at the **end of June, 2012** at Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts.

Contact e-mail: [toni144@gmail.com](mailto:toni144@gmail.com)

## Announcements

I am saddened to announce that long-time Comhaltas member Ron Warren passed away on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Ron was a member of the former Comhaltas Choir and Ron and his wife Daphne were regulars at the céilís until Ron became ill. Condolences to Daphne and family.

## Other Items of Interest

### Toques and Toes

A big thank you goes out to all to donated items for the Toques and Toes drive. Altogether, the following was collected: 7 mens' toques, 7 pairs of mens' gloves and mittens, 69 pairs of mens' socks, 4 ladies' scarves, 3 neck warmers, 5 girls' hats, 1 pair of gloves, 47 pairs of girls' and ladies' socks, 2 tubes of toothpaste, 1 toothbrush and 1 mens' cologne.

Also, a big thank you to Maureen Maher for leading the Toques and Toes drive again this year, and especially for wrapping each individual item. We wish Maureen every good wish and our prayers for her good health.

### *Irish Seniors Drop-in Centre*

*Tuesdays 11a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*

*St. Margaret Mary's Church Hall, Fairbairn at Sunnyside.*

*Join the gang for pot-luck lunch, stories, music and great craic!*

*Kay 613-829-8467 or Margo 613-837-4164*

## Article

### CCÉ CANADIAN EASTERN REGIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 2011

Celebrating 60 Years of Comhaltas



**Clár Ní Dhuibhir ~ Clare Dwyer**  
Canada Eastern Region PRO

Some would say it felt more like the west coast of Ireland than Kingston this past October 15<sup>th</sup>! This was in part because of the gale force winds and driving rain coming in from Lake Ontario but mostly because of gathered Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Canadian Eastern Regional members, all in town for the annual regional meeting. With branches spanning three provinces and stretching from Hamilton, Ontario to St. John, New Brunswick, members were on hand to participate in and celebrate their involvement with Ireland's most successful cultural organization.

Kingston's own Harp of Tara CCÉ branch did a superb job of organizing and hosting the annual event that included music, language and dance workshops, sessions, great food, live pub music, céilí, awards ceremony and overall welcoming atmosphere. Participants had the opportunity of taking in the whole weekend which kicked off on Friday evening with an informal gathering and session. Or everyone was welcome to participate in selected events and workshops, culminating in a banquet and awards ceremony with special guests.

The official Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Canadian Eastern Regional meeting got underway on Saturday afternoon after a morning of Irish cultural workshops and home-style lunch. Among other business, each branch was invited to give a brief oral presentation highlighting their branches' successes and endeavours over the past year, with plenty of unique and forward thinking ideas floored and shared. There were some new faces voted in for the incoming 2012 executive

**THE GAELIC HOUR**  
Sunday 8:00am - 10:00am  
**cjll 97.9fm**

Streaming: [www.thegaelichour.ca](http://www.thegaelichour.ca) e-mail: [austin@thegaelichour.ca](mailto:austin@thegaelichour.ca)

*Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley!  
Contact Janice Parton or Craig Hamm for info on music, workshops and concerts in your area!*

<http://www.irishmusicottawa.ca/>  
<http://irishmusicottawa.blogspot.com/>

and some fond farewells to others. Parting gifts of thank you and recognition were genially presented to exiting executive members Maureen Maher and Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh.

This year was especially stirring since recipients from branches across the Canadian Eastern region were acknowledged for their achievements within Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. Seventeen members from seven branches received a CCÉ medallion and Teastas certificate thanking them for tireless work and support of the organization. As well, the Eastern Regional board also acknowledged one of their own for achievement. It was especially apropos that current Irish Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Dr. Ray Bassett, was on hand to personally congratulate and award each deserving recipient.

Dr. Bassett welcomed all attending members, guests, families and especially the CCÉ 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary recipients, and stressed how



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honoured he was to be asked to be an integral part of this important and memorable occasion. He, along with CCÉ Canadian Eastern Regional Chair Anne McConnell-Strong, presented the recipients

with their awards. It was lovely to see all these honoured recipients supported by attending family members, fellow branch members and executive committee members. The festivities continued with a hearty plated dinner followed by lively céilí and set dancing.

The Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Canadian Eastern Regional meeting for 2012 will be graciously hosted next fall in the lively city of Hamilton, Ontario on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

The 2012 Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Canadian Eastern Regional board of executives are:

Anne McConnell-Strong – Harp of Tara,  
Kingston: Cathaoirleach / Chairperson

Ena O'Brien – Langan-Gorman, Toronto:  
Leaschathaoirleach / Vice-Chair

Patrick McGuire – Sudbury Irish Arts:  
Rúnaí-Cláráitheoir / Secretary-Registrar

Phyllis Cussen-Gorman – Langan-Gorman,  
Toronto: Cisteoir / Treasurer

Clare Dwyer – Ottawa:  
Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí / PRO

Sheila Scott – Ottawa:  
Treoraí na Gaeilge / Irish Officer

Genieve Robinson – Ottawa:  
Oifigeach na nÓg / Youth Officer

Bridgit Ripley – Sudbury Irish Arts:  
Iniúcháir / Auditor

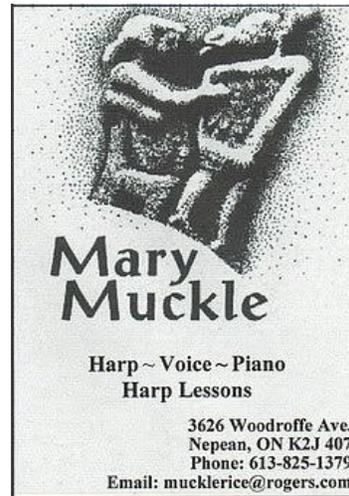
Toni Forsythe – Ottawa: Iniúcháir / Auditor

Bridget Guglich – Ottawa: Toscaire / Delegate

Mary Carr – Langan-Gorman, Toronto:  
Toscaire / Delegate



**COMHALTAS**



**Mary Muckle**  
Harp ~ Voice ~ Piano  
Harp Lessons  
3626 Woodroffe Ave.  
Nepean, ON K2J 407  
Phone: 613-825-1379  
Email: mucklerice@rogers.com

Oireachtas Cheanada  
July 6-8, 2012

Details to follow!  
Volunteers are needed  
in all capacities – pre-  
planning and the day  
of! We would love you  
to help!!



Anyone interested in music classes, contact:  
Rita Walker  
[jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca](mailto:jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca)

Come out for ...

Sean-nós dancing (beginner):  
Wednesdays, 7:00-7:30 PM, Bronson Centre – Grey Court  
room  
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Irish Solo dance:  
Mondays, 7:00-8:30 PM, Blessed Sacrament Church Hall  
Contact Caitlin Crockard: [cscrockard@hotmail.com](mailto:cscrockard@hotmail.com)

Irish language classes for beginners, intermediate or fluent  
speakers!

Classes are at Blessed Sacrament and we are fortunate to  
have some native fluent speakers as instructors. This is a  
wonderful opportunity to speak with some BLAS!!

Send an e-mail to [Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca](mailto:Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca) for details and  
rates.

Remember: St. Louis, Missouri is hosting the 2012  
North American Convention this spring  
Details to follow!