

Nuachlitir CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

November 2011

Samhain 2011

CCÉ Ottawa Branch AGM

On October 3, 2011, the Ottawa branch of CCÉ held its AGM and elected a new executive.



Here is the new executive:

Chair – Sheila Scott

Vice-Chair – Austin Comerton

Secretary – Rita Walker

Treasurer – Gord McFee

Irish Officer – Bridget Guglich

Entertainment Officer – Carol Ann Bowers

Auditor – Clare Dwyer

Youth Officer – Lisa Wright

Public Relations Officer – Christopher George

November Céilí

Saturday, November 19th

8:00 pm to 11:30 pm
Blessed Sacrament Church Hall
194 Fourth Ave.

Toques and Toes – Don't forget to bring along to the November céilí your donations of warm outer winter wear, mitts, gloves, hats, scarves and socks too for our annual Toques and Toes drive, which will be distributed to the area's needy. These items must be new.

Entertainment – The entertainment will be provided by Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Demonstration Team, under the direction of Phyllis MacCulloch.

Upcoming December Céilí

The December céilí will be on **Saturday, December 17th**.

Toques and Toes – The Toques and Toes drive will continue for the December céilí.

Bake Sale – The December céilí will have a bake sale, so please bring along baked items to be sold.

Entertainment – For the December céilí, entertainment will be provided by Ellen MacIsaac and the Celtic Choir.

March Céilí

Tickets are currently on sale for the March 17th dinner and céilí.

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.

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or email:*

patatcce@sympatico.ca

2011/2012 CCÉ Céilís

November 19th

December 17th

January 21st

February 18th

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

April 21st

May 19th

*The Ottawa Celtic Choir is a community choir whose mandate is to sing the songs of the Celtic nations and the Celtic diaspora in English and in the six Celtic languages.
Ellen MacIsaac
613-740-1160 or
ellen@laughingbrook.ca*

CCÉ Regional AGM

The CCÉ Regional AGM was held on Saturday, October 15, 2011 in Kingston.

Here is the new CCÉ regional executive:

Chair - Anne McConnell-Strong

Vice-Chair - Ena O'Brien

Secretary - Pat McGuire

PRO - Clare Dwyer

Treasurer - Phyllis O'Gorman

Irish Officer - Sheila Scott

Auditors - Bridget Ripley and Toni Forsythe

Youth Officer - Genevieve Robinson

In recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, awards were presented recognizing those members who have made a significant contribution to Comhaltas. Each Branch was asked to vote for two such members. CCÉ Ottawa had quite a list of names reflecting this admirable quality of dedication, and in the end the membership selected Toni Forsythe and Patricia Cassidy.

The recipients were presented with their 60th Anniversary medallions by the Irish Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency, Dr. Ray Bassett.

These presentations were made following the dinner.

In addition, Maureen Maher was presented with a gift in recognition of her long tenure on the regional executive, which has now come to an end.



There were Comhaltas members representing the branches in Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, and Sudbury. Next year's Regional AGM will be hosted by the Hamilton Branch.



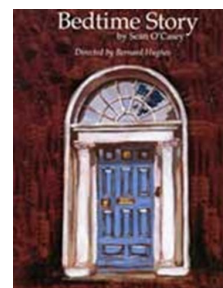
Here is an article about the branch in Kingston, the regional AGM, and the Irish Ambassador's interest in Sir John A. MacDonald:

<http://www.thewhig.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=3335556>

Upcoming Events

AN IRISH EVENING – Theatre, Irish music, door prizes and lots of craic .

A fundraiser for The Tara Players of Ottawa and The Irish Society Seniors Drop-In Centre.



BEDTIME STORY – A one-act comedy by renowned Irish playwright Sean O'Casey and presented by The Tara Players.

Tuesday, Nov. 8th & Wednesday, Nov. 9th
8:00 pm

Heart & Crown (Mother McGintey's), 67 Clarence

Tickets only \$15

For tickets or for more information call:
613-829-8467 or 613-837-4164
<http://taraplayers.ncf.ca/>

Plus Irish music, door prizes and a 50/50 draw

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



Irish Night at the Races


Psst!! Don't Miss


Irish Nite at the Races...

24 Nov 2011 6:00pm

 Support 3 Irish Organizations

- ♣ The Gaelic Hour CHIN 97.9fm
- ♣ The Rose of Tralee Ottawa
- ♣ Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Ottawa

- ♣ Free valet parking
- ♣ A fantastic all-you-can-eat dinner buffet including tea or coffee
- ♣ Complimentary race programs
- ♣ A race dedicated in your groups honor when you buy 4+ tickets
- ♣ Public address announcement by our track announcer,
- ♣ Welcome message on our infield tote board and on the cover of the evening's program

 Tickets \$35.00 www.roseoftralee.ca 1 613 800 1853

Mark your calendar: Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre presents An Irish Christmas Concert:
 8:00pm Dec 9th Irish Ambassador's Residence. Information: 613 800 1853

<http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com> <http://www.thegaelichour.ca>

CCÉ Ottawa in partnership with the Rose of Tralee is hosting a Night at the Races, **Thursday, November 24th at Rideau Carleton Raceway.** Tickets are \$35.00 and available from the executive members.

Paddy Keenan Concert

Irish Music Ottawa along with their media partner The Gaelic Hour with Austin Comerton proudly presents renowned piper Paddy Keenan with guest Andy Hillhouse.



November 26th at 8 pm (Doors open at 7 pm)

**The First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa
30 Cleary Ave. (with free parking)**

The concert space is one of the best, acoustically, in Ottawa, and comfortable (padded pews!)

Tickets are \$25 at the door.

Tickets may also be purchased at a discounted price at: <http://paddykeenaneventbrite.com/>

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.irishmusicottawa.ca/>

Irish Music Ottawa is not-for-profit and entirely volunteer run.

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/>




THE GAELIC HOUR


Sunday 8:00am - 10:00am

cjll 97.9fm

 Streaming: www.thegaelichour.ca e-mail: austin@thegaelichour.ca

ACACIA LYRA CD Release Concert

PERFORMERS: Harp and Voice Duo Janine Dudding and Susan Sweeney Hermon

PLACE:
**National Arts
Centre, Fourth
Stage**

DATE/TIME:
**Saturday
December 3rd,
7:30 pm**



TICKETS: \$22.00

NAC Box Office: 613-947-7000

Ticketmaster: 613-755-1111

FURTHER INFO: <http://www.acacialyra.com>

Susan Sweeney Hermon 613-749-2519

ACACIA LYRA is not just your average harp and voice duo. Janine Dudding and Susan Sweeney Hermon sing in English, French, Spanish and Gaelic, accompanying themselves on Celtic harps and guitars.

The duo will launch their third CD at the NAC Fourth Stage December 3rd. This latest CD, entitled Silver Sun, is a unique offering of original material and their own arrangements of seasonal and Christmas music from around the world.

The duo will be joined by storyteller Gail Anglin, and guest musicians on flute, violin, cello, and percussion.

Susan and Janine's music is a beautiful melding of voices, instruments and spirit. A true friendship in music – Sharlene Wallace, harpist-composer

Announcements

Congratulations to Pat and Deirdre Scott on their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations also to Tom and Fran McSwiggan on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations as well to new grand-parents Rosario and Michael Ruane on the births of a grand-daughter born to their daughter Niamh (and son-in-law) and a grandson born to their son Eoin and his wife.

Other Points of Interest

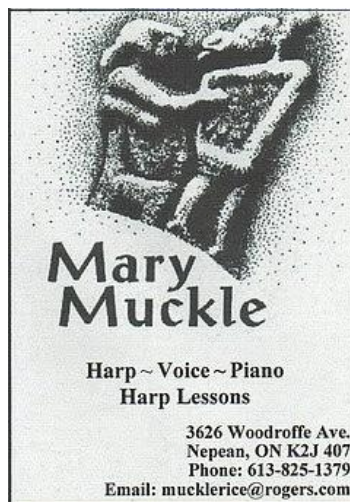
An essay writing competition in Irish for those under 18 years of age:

Deadline: November 30, 2011

Information: <http://www.seantreacycce.com/>

An article about our own Clare Dwyer, who delivered a lecture this year to the first-year BA Connect with Irish Studies students at NUI Galway:

http://www.nuigalway.ie/research/centre_irish_studies/Newsletter11/features_11.html#guest_seminar



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!!



Come out for ...

Set dancing:

Mondays, 5:30-7:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall

Contact Sile Scott: Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca

Irish Solo dance:

Mondays, 7:00-8:30 PM Blessed Sacrament Church Hall

Contact Caitlin Crockard: 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 for details and rates.

Anyone interested in music classes, contact:

Roisín Philippe 613-440-3118

roseandrich@gmail.com

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



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