

Nuachtlir CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

April 2013

Aibreán 2013

May Tulip Ball

Tickets are on sale for the May Tulip Ball which is on **Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm**



**Residence of the Irish Ambassador
291 Park Road, Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa**

Tickets (bought in advance):
Guests 18 and under: \$20
Students/branch members - 19 and over: \$25
Everyone else: \$30

Tickets at the door: \$35 for everybody

Dress Code: formal

The May Tulip Ball is organized by the branch's Youth Officer, and last year, it was a huge success. Get your tickets early!

More information will be available soon at:
www.ottawacomhaltas.com

Your Comhaltas membership needs to be renewed each year. Renewal notices have been sent out to all current members and we would appreciate receiving your form and payment as soon as possible.

*If you do not receive the renewal notice, please contact Pat at:
819-778-2827 or p_cassidy@sympatico.ca*

Forms for new memberships are available from Pat or on-line at: www.ottawacomhaltas.com

Have information for the newsletter, contact the PRO: 613-722-3620 or criostoir.seoirse@gmail.com

April Céilí

Saturday, April 20th
8:00 pm to 11:30 pm
Blessed Sacrament
Church Hall
194 Fourth Ave.

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

The entertainment will be dancers from Suzanne Taylor's school of dance.

If you are interested in providing soda bread or other baked goods for the céilí, please contact Carol Ann:
819-595-1094 or cabowers@videotron.ca

2012/2013 Céilís

November 17th
December 15th
January 19th
February 16th
March 16th
Dinner and Céilí
April 20th
May 18th

Other CCÉ News

Irish Language Conversation Group

Every Friday at 5:30 pm at the Heart and Crown in the Byward Market

Gach Aoine ag 5.30 ag an Heart and Crown sa Mhargadh Byward

Organized by Eoin Keane, the ICUF scholar teaching Irish this year at the University of Ottawa, and who is the Irish Officer of the Comhaltas Ottawa Branch. Come out and practice your Irish!

Check for updates on the branch's blog:
<http://ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.ca/>

Irish Language and Set/Céilí Dance Classes

All classes will run on **Monday evenings starting from January 7th**.

All classes will take place at:
Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.
For information and prices, contact:
Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca

Beginner Irish Language classes:
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Intermediate/Advanced Irish Language classes:
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Set/Céilí Dance class:
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Irish Solo Dance class:
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm
For more information and cost, contact Caitlin Crockard: cscrockard@hotmail.com

If people are interested in sean-nós dancing, we will run a class from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Thanks From Ottawa Comhaltas Rose

Dear Comhaltas, I would like to thank Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and all of its members for sponsoring me as this year's Comhaltas Rose. The Rose of Tralee selection weekend was a wonderful experience that far surpassed any of my expectations. I met such an incredible group of talented and accomplished young woman who very quickly became great friends of mine. I also had the opportunity to discover even more dimensions of Ottawa's vibrant Irish community – one that has played such an integral part of my life and my family's history. It was a tremendous honour to represent Comhaltas as a Rose and hope that more young woman have the opportunity to represent the organization and live the wonderful experience in the future. Sincerely,
Nora Villarreal.

For general information on Comhaltas and Ottawa Comhaltas, the various Ottawa Comhaltas events, links to other Comhaltas branches and more, check out our website at:

<http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com>

Also, check out: <http://comhaltas.ie>

Check out the new blog for the Ottawa Branch:
<http://ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.ca/>

Also, follow us on Facebook and Twitter:
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/193752260177>
<http://twitter.com/@OttawaCCE>

Comhaltas North American Province Annual Convention

Hosted by the O'Neill-Malcom Branch in Washington, D.C.

April 4 – 7, 2013

The convention will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center at 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, Maryland, just outside of Washington, D.C.

Information, registration and hotel booking details are available at:

<http://www.cceconvention2013.org>

Branch Musical Instruments Available For Loan

Musical instruments are available on a loan basis to CCÉ Ottawa members for learning Irish music at the beginner level.

More information on the instrument loans program is available on the Comhaltas Ottawa Branch website or blog:
<http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com/instruments.php>
<http://ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.ca/2013/01/instrument-loans-for-beginner-musicians.html>

Interested people should contact the Branch Vice-Chair via the CCÉ Ottawa Branch website.

New Comhaltas Ottawa Blog

CCÉ Ottawa Branch now has a blog at:
<http://ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.ca/>

What is a blog? A blog is a 'web log' (thus, 'blog') which logs, or captures the stories and news of the blog author, or its various contributors. Normally you just read the blog online just like any other website. The latest news is nearer the top of the blog, and the older news is towards the bottom. The new CCÉ blog can also be easily read on your mobile device, such as the many 'smart phones' that now exist. You can also subscribe to the blog so you can receive the latest posts via email.

The purpose of the new blog is to post topics of interest to the CCÉ Ottawa Branch membership and greater community. For this we need your help. We strongly encourage your direct submissions on topics that you want us to post. Examples are: your favourite or heirloom Irish soda bread recipe, poems, short stories, reminiscences, or event news that are related to the CCÉ Ottawa Branch mission.

Direct submissions (you write the content, we post it for you) can be sent to the CCÉ Ottawa Branch webmaster at:

webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com,
or you can submit your post at:
webmaster8617.comhaltas@blogger.com

History of CCÉ in North America

Bill McEvoy is planning on compiling a book about the History of Comhaltas of North America. This is a great opportunity for everyone if they have any information to share with Bill to do so. He will be in Washington, DC at the CCÉ North American Convention. If you are unable to make the Convention, feel free to forward anything to Bill at: mikedineen@optonline.net

If you would like to mail Bill anything he is at the following address: 928 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY 11755, and his phone number is: 631-588-3709.

Celtic Cross is a new performance group made up of adult dancers from the disciplines of Irish, Highland, and Ottawa Valley step dance.

The group has a roster of over 20 dancers with decades of experience as teachers, choreographers, performers and competitors. They perform traditional dances, and original contemporary choreographies that blend all three dance styles. Celtic Cross is available for performances at concerts, festivals, parties, weddings and more.

Contact them if you'd like some lively dancing at your event!

For more information, e-mail:
celticcrossottawa@gmail.com
<http://celticcrossdancers.com/>



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

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*

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
613-552-3964 or ellen@laughingbrook.ca*

Blog: <http://ottawacelticchoir.blogspot.ca/>

Volunteers for Oireachtas Gaeilge Cheanada

June 28th, 29th, and 30th

This is a fantastic festival which celebrates so many different aspects of Irish culture, music, dance, singing, storytelling, drama and annual surprises!!

On the first day, help is required with registration and setting up for the stage play in Kingston, and decorating (hanging banners) and setting up tables and chairs at the Gaeltacht site in Tamworth.

On the second day, help is required at the Gaeltacht site in Tamworth registration, welcoming folks at the gate, parking, assisting the camera person, selling Oireachtas products, tracking the performers and the awards, helping with the First Aid station, assisting to the adjudicators, and other small jobs that are likely to come up.

On the third day, we need help packing up at the site Gaeltacht site in Tamworth and at the hotel in Kingston.

You can commit to one, two or all three days, it is up to you!

If interested, please contact Sheila by e-mail at: Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca

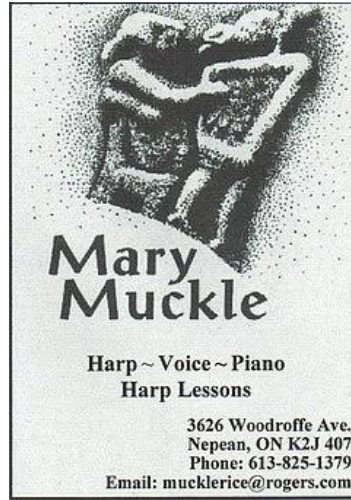
Other Irish Community Events

Fiddle Workshop

Ottawa Traditional Fiddling and Folk Art Society's (OTFFAS) 25th Annual Fiddle Workshop

Saturday, April 27, 2013, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Nepean Creative Arts Centre – 35 Stafford Rd

Cost for all participants (includes lunch): \$45.00



Anyone interested in music classes, contact:
Rita Walker
jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca

Ottawa Valley Step Dancing Lessons:

Contact Dawn Dewar
(613) 794-3296

Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley!
Contact Charles Dunlap or Craig Hamm for information on music, workshops and concerts in your area!

Contact Charles Dunlap at cdunlap@explornet.com to get on the mailing list.

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

ATTENTION MUSICIANS!

Videos, sheet music and more at:
<http://comhaltas.ie/music/>

Also, check out the ComhaltasLive Programme Listing:
<http://comhaltas.ie/music/programmes>

Check out the Comhaltas Archive as well:
<http://comhaltasarchive.ie/>

Instructors: Cindy Thompson and Ashley MacLeod

Contact E. Katic (ekatic@ncf.ca) for registration form and information.

For background on the instructors, visit:
<http://irishmusicottawa.blogspot.ca/2013/02/otffas-25th-annual-fiddle-workshop-27.html>

Saint Brigid's Pancake Breakfast

Come one, come all. The next breakfast will be held on **Sunday, April 14th from 10:00 am to noon** at **Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts**. This is always a lively event. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and includes a great breakfast plus musical entertainment by very talented musicians from the local Irish community.

Address: 310 St. Patrick St (entrance on Cumberland Street)

Information: 613-244-7373

<http://saintbrigidscentre.com/Events.htm>

Irish Language Immersion Weekend in Kingston

April 26 – 28, 2013 in Kingston, Ontario
Register by April 12th

Full Package costs \$220, and includes:

- All meals (Friday supper to Sunday lunch)
- 2 nights accommodation at the Peachtree Inn (<http://www.peachtreeinn.net/>)
- Irish language instruction
- Cultural Workshops (Music, Dance, Singing)
- Banquet and céilí

For other package prices, and to register, visit:
<http://www.srayner.ca/comhaltas/DSG2013.htm>

Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce Ottawa Monthly Networking Socials

Every 2nd Thursday in every month at 5:30 pm
Peter Devine's Pub
67 Clarence St., Byward Market

All are welcome! More information:
<http://www.iccott.org/>

Oireachtas Cheanada

June 28 – 30, 2013

**Permanent North American Gaeltacht,
#298 Gilmore Rd,
Tamworth/Erinsville,
Ontario**



Accommodation:
Days Inn and Conference
Centre, 33 Benson St, Kingston, Ontario

Show off your talents!

Compete for awards in music, dancing, or in oration, poetry, or writing in the Irish language.

More information: <http://www.oireachtas.ca/>, or
Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh
(613) 541-6000 x6042, kenny-h@rmc.ca

North American Gaeltacht Irish Language Immersion Week

August 11 – 17, 2013

**Permanent North American
Gaeltacht,
#298 Gilmore Rd,
Tamworth/Erinsville, Ontario**



Would you like to learn your ancestral language, or revive the "cúpla focal", nó comhluadar a roinnt le Gaeilgeoirí eile in atmaisféar lán-Ghaeilge ar feadh seachtaine?

Why not come to the North American Gaeltacht?
Come for a few days or the whole week.

Camp at the Gaeltacht site, or stay in nearby accommodations.

Also, there will be workshops in singing, dancing, and in arts and crafts.

More information:
http://www.srayner.ca/comhaltas/M_Language.ht

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Stiofáin Ragnar: stephen.rayner99@gmail.com
(613) 379-5578 or (613) 384-8921

Ottawa Celtic Choir's New Season

The Ottawa Celtic Choir has started its new season and it's shaping up to be a great one! The choir will be performing with two guest choirs this year, the Montreal Welsh Men's Choir in December, and Ar n-Oran, Ottawa's Scots Gaelic choir.

New members are welcome. If you are interested, contact the director, Ellen MacIsaac:
613-552-3964 or ellen@laughingbrook.ca

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location: St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Somerset and Elgin

2013 Ottawa Rose of Tralee

... 'twas the truth in her eyes ever dawning, that made me love Mary, the Rose of Tralee....

Keira Kilmartin has been selected to represent Ottawa in Ireland during the 2013 Rose of Tralee International Festival.



Courtesy: Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre

What does it mean to be a Rose? The qualities of a Rose are defined by the words of the song, "The Rose of Tralee" and crystallised by the young woman who is chosen as the Rose of Tralee at the end of the International Festival in County Kerry, Ireland every August.

A Rose reflects the intelligence, compassion and independence of modern Irish women. Over the years our Roses have mirrored a changing Ireland

and the definition of Irishness that is celebrated by so many different people around the world. Roses have come to reflect the widening of Irish borders and the embracing of our global diaspora in a positive and refreshing way.

A Rose represents the collective aspirations, social responsibilities and ambitions of young women from a variety of communities and backgrounds, united by their desire to celebrate their Irish heritage.

To learn more about the Festival, please visit the Ottawa Centre's website: www.roseoftralee.ca.

Photo From St. Patrick's Day Céilí



Courtesy: Michael Kramer



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