



# Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Nuachtlitir | Newsletter Ottawa Branch

Eanáir | January 2014

## Fáilte | Welcome

Bhliain nua sásta,  
Happy New Year!

This month we look forward to a number of exciting things. Our céilí falls on the 18<sup>th</sup> this month, and we look forward to welcoming the Ottawa Scottish Country dancers back for a fun and interactive demonstration of their set dancing!

We are also gearing up for our St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance, and you will find more information about tickets and times on the next page.

We are also seeing a Celtic Studies conference at UOttawa and we are looking ahead as well to the Oireachtas in the summer!

We are looking for a representative for the Rose of Tralee in Ottawa this spring, and we are also thinking ahead to the Tulip Ball. Finally, we will be seeing a fantastic recipe for the traditional Irish Barm Brack dish, and looking at what is coming up in the community!

If you wish to include any information in the February newsletter, please email Lisa by January 25<sup>th</sup> at [info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com](mailto:info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com).

We wish you the best of luck with your New Year's resolutions and we look forward to seeing you at our many events this year!

## Upcoming Events January Céilí

### Saturday, January 18

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

#### Cost:

CCÉ members	\$10
Guests	\$15
Students	\$5
Children under 12	free

**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](mailto:cabowers@videotron.ca)

## Monthly Céilís

September 21st

October 26th

November 16th

December 21st

**January 18th**

February 15th

March 15th

Dinner and Céilí

April 12th

May 17<sup>th</sup>

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance

CCÉ Ottawa strives to make the Irish culture an experience in Ottawa. To celebrate one of Ireland's most notable feast days, CCÉ Ottawa's March céilí is a dinner and dance.

Catered by local catering star Franz Gierer, the dinner includes non-vegetarian, vegetarian and gluten-free options, and it's always delicious!

Tickets will be available at the next céilí and from any member of the executive. Tickets are \$35.

Dinner will start at 6:00 pm and the dancing will follow at 8:00 pm.

The location is 194 Fourth Avenue, Ottawa, in the hall of Blessed Sacrament Church.

Tickets are available online at: <https://stpats2014.eventbrite.ca>

Tickets are available in person as well. Please email [Caitlin at sec.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com](mailto:Caitlin@sec.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

*Ottawa Comhaltas Blog:  
ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.com  
is now taking submissions in English  
and in Irish. Please email our webmaster at  
webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com*

## Irish Language Classes

Classes run Monday evenings starting January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.

### Beginner Irish Language classes:

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

### Advanced Beginner Irish Language classes:

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

### Intermediate/Advanced Irish Language classes:

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

For information, textbooks, and prices, contact:

[sheila.scott@uottawa.ca](mailto:sheila.scott@uottawa.ca)

### Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce

#### Ottawa Monthly Networking Socials

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in every month at 5:30 pm

Heart and Crown Pub, Clarence St.,

Byward Market

All are welcome! More information:

<http://www.icccott.org/>



*Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is a registered cultural non-profit organization*

## OTTAWA COMHALTAS ROSE

If you are interested in representing Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Ottawa Branch, please send your application to Lisa at [info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com](mailto:info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com) by January 31, 2014! Decisions for the branch Rose will be made with plenty of time before the centre's applications are due.

### Comhaltas NASC 2014

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann world branch's annual fundraiser is upon us once again. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Prizes include 500, 200 and 100 Euros and the branch can win 1000 Euros, 250 Euros and other prizes.

Tickets are available from any executive member, at dance and language classes, and at all of the céilís. If you are interested in purchasing or selling tickets, please contact Sheila Scott [sheila.scott@uottawa.ca](mailto:sheila.scott@uottawa.ca)



**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)

### 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/>

Contact Rita Walker if you are interested in lessons:  
[jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca](mailto:jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca)

### Irish Music Lessons and Sessions

CCÉ has instruments available for loan. Please check out our website [www.ottawacomhaltas.com](http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com) for availabilities and applications!

#### Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley!

Contact Craig Hamm or Charles Dunlap at [cdunlap@xplornet.com](mailto:cdunlap@xplornet.com) for information on music, workshops and concerts in your area!

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

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

**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](mailto:ellen@laughingbrook.ca)

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

## Interested in Representing Ottawa in Ireland this Summer?

It may be hard to believe it is that time already, but we are starting the search for 2014 Applicants. If you know of a young woman who would represent us well in Ireland at the 2014 Rose of Tralee International Festival encourage her to get in touch with us at the Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre: [info@roseoftralee.ca](mailto:info@roseoftralee.ca). You will find the 2014 Ottawa Centre Brochure and Application form on our website: [www.roseoftralee.ca](http://www.roseoftralee.ca)

For Canadian Rose Applicants: Applications are submitted to the Centre closest to your current residence. There are four Canadian Centres: Newfoundland and Labrador, Ottawa, Toronto, and Western Canada.

### Eligibility Criteria

All entrants must:

- a) Be 18 years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 and will not have reached your 28<sup>th</sup> birthday on or prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.
- b) Be unmarried or never been married.
- c) Be born in Ireland or an Irish citizen or of Irish origin by virtue of one of your ancestors having been born in Ireland.
- d) Be living in the region you wish to represent for a minimum of one year and recommend that if selected as the Rose that you will remain resident in this region for the following 12 months.
- e) Never have previously represented any Centre as a Rose in the Regional Festival or International Rose of Tralee Selection.
- f) Be available for Rose Selection events and if selected be available for the Regional Festival and International Festival events.

***2014 Ottawa Rose Applicants must be available to participate in the Ottawa Rose Selection Weekend from the evening of Friday March 14th to the evening of Sunday March 16th. Full details can be found in the 2014 Ottawa Rose Application Form.***

## 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 613-837-41

## Dance Classes:

Classes run Monday evenings starting January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at

Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.

### 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 for classes, please contact Caitlin Crockard:

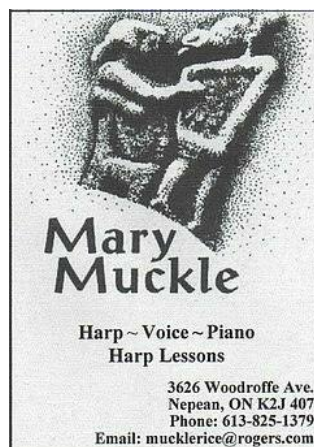
[cscrockard@hotmail.com](mailto:cscrockard@hotmail.com)

## Ottawa Valley Step Dancing

Lessons:

Contact Dawn Dewar

(613) 794-3296



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



A Chance to Represent Ottawa in Ireland

roseoftralee  
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL  
OTTAWA CENTRE

18 to 27 with Irish Ancestry?  
Involved in Your Community?  
Participate in one of Ireland's largest and longest running festivals with other young women from around the world.

Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre  
Now Accepting Applications  
Submission Deadline: Monday February 24th 2014 11:59pm

E-mail: [info@roseoftralee.ca](mailto:info@roseoftralee.ca)  
Web: [www.roseoftralee.ca](http://www.roseoftralee.ca)  
Phone: 613-800-1853

Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre  
Ottawa Rose of Tralee  
@OttawaRose

A Celebration of Culture and the Modern Irish Woman  
Summer 2014

# Oireachtas Gaelige Éireann

Calling all dancers, musicians and Irish speakers:

Are you looking for a weekend to celebrate all of the training that you have worked hard at this past year? Tar isteach agus bí linn! Come join us at the Oireachtas on the weekend for June 27 to 29, 2014.

If you are interested in participating, volunteering or attending, please contact Sheila Scott at [sheila.scott@uottawa.ca](mailto:sheila.scott@uottawa.ca).

## The University of Ottawa Celtic Studies Program Presents:

Student Lecture Series in Celtic Studies: January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Location: University of Ottawa

For details contact Oscar:

[celtic.uottawa@hotmail.ca](mailto:celtic.uottawa@hotmail.ca)

## Memberships

Notice: memberships are now past due. If you have not received your renewal form please contact Pat Cassidy:  
[p\\_cassidy@sympatico.ca](mailto:p_cassidy@sympatico.ca)

**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](mailto:celticcrossottawa@gmail.com)

<http://celticcrossdancers.com/>

## EVENTS IN THE REGION:

### **Saint Brigid's Pancake Breakfast**

The next pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 12<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.

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

Information: 613-244-7373

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

### **Ottawa Gaels Indoor Training**

Looking for a great way to get in shape for 2014? Join Ottawa's finest learning the skills and drills of Gaelic Football and Hurling. For a training schedule and information, email [ottawagaels@gmail.com](mailto:ottawagaels@gmail.com) or visit [www.ottawagaels.org](http://www.ottawagaels.org)

If you have an event or a piece you would like included in next month's newsletter, please email Lisa at [info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com](mailto:info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com)