

Nuachtlitr CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

March 2013

Márta 2013

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>

Reserve a standard room before **March 13, 2013** and receive the special convention rate of \$104/night by requesting the block of rooms called "CCE CONVENTION."



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 cristoir.seoirse@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Céilí

Saturday, March 16th at
Blessed Sacrament
Church Hall,
194 Fourth Ave.

Doors open: 5:15 pm
Dinner: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Céilí: 8:00 – 11:30 pm

Tickets still available:

The tickets cost \$35 and they can be purchased from branch executive members, or on-line, for a small convenience fee, at:

<http://stpatsceili.eventbrite.com/>

The meal is a 3-course roast beef dinner (with vegetarian options available).

Last year's dinner and céilí was a sellout and a huge success. In fact, last year, we had to turn people away at the door. So, get your tickets early.

Cost for the céilí only (subject to available space due to occupancy restrictions):

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

The entertainment will be dancers from the Trillium School of Irish 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 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.

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

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>

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

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/>

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.

Comhaltas Ottawa Branch Rose

CCÉ Ottawa is happy to announce that Nora Villarreal, branch member and daughter of Chairperson Sheila Scott, is representing CCÉ as a contestant for the Ottawa Rose of Tralee.

If she wins, she goes to Ireland in May for the qualifying round. If she gets through the qualifying round, she competes in the actual Rose of Tralee event in Trá Lí (Tralee) in August. At all times, she will be representing CCÉ Ottawa!

The Selection for the 2013 Ottawa Rose of Tralee will be on **Sunday afternoon, March 17th, 3:30 – 5:30 pm, at the Residence of the Irish Ambassador, 291 Park Road, Rockcliffe Park.**

Tickets are \$25. Please go to the following website to purchase your tickets for the selection event:

<http://roseoftraleeottawaselection2013-es2005.eventbrite.com/?rank=1#>

It would be fun to have a large support group for Nora from our CCÉ Ottawa branch.

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/>

Other Irish Community Events

Gaeltacht Gathering Tour 2013

Chance of a Lifetime. A community visit to Ireland's Gaeltacht areas as part of "The Gathering Ireland 2013" (<http://www.thegatheringireland.com/>) and "The Year of the Irish Language" (<http://gaeilge2013.ie/>), they will be as excited to meet us as we are to meet them.

Dates: 20 October – 2 November 2013

Cost: \$1,700 (U.S. or Canadian)

What is special about this trip? In every location that we visit there will be a Gaeltacht community waiting to welcome us.

Contact: Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh, kenny-h@rnc.ca, 613 541-6000 ext 6042

Deposit required: \$200 by 17 March 2013

Matt Cranitch And Jackie Daly Concert

Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00 pm
Saint Brigid's Centre – Kildare Room
310 St. Patrick St (entrance on Cumberland Street)

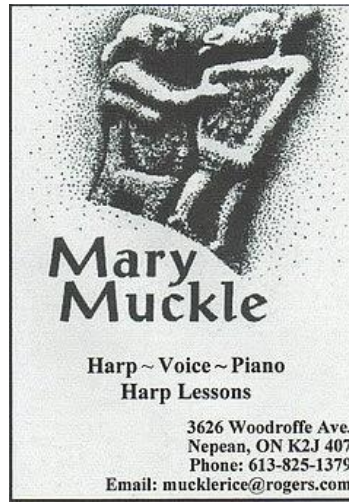
Presented by Irish Music Ottawa, which is not-for-profit and volunteer-run.

Tickets:

Adults: \$22 (on-line), \$30 (at the door)
Students, Youth (16 and under), Senior (65+):
\$15 (on-line), \$25 (at the door) – college and university students must show valid ID at the door

Purchase tickets on-line at:
<http://mattandjackie.eventbrite.ca>

Information: <http://irishmusicottawa.ca>



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/>

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/>

Thurlough O'Carolan and the Italians

The Life and Times of an Irish Harper and his Italian Composer Contemporaries – Geminiani, Marcello and Tartini.

Featuring: Mary Muckle – harp & harpsichord; Kirsten Carlson – flute; Kelly Aminian & Kahlan Miron – harps; and Doug Brierley – violin

Saturday, March 23rd at 7:30 pm
St. Luke's Anglican Church, 760 Somerset St

Tickets, \$12 General, \$10 Seniors & Students are available at: The Leading Note, 370 Elgin St; The Folklore Centre, 1111 Bank St.; and at Granata Music, 1558 Merivale Rd, as well as at the door.

For further information, see Events at <http://www.mucklemusic.com/>, or call 613-825-1379

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

Ottawa Celtic Choir Concert

Sunday, March 24th at 7:30 pm
St. Luke's Anglican Church, 760 Somerset St

Admission is by donation.

For more information, contact ellen@laughingbrook.ca or 613-552-3964.

Ottawa Irish Festival Events March 7th – 17th

The events are subject to change. The latest event details are available at:

<http://www.irishsocietyncr.com/eventsIrishFestival.html>

March 7th: Proclamation of Irish Week
10:00 am, Ottawa Police Services HQ, 474 Elgin

March 8th: Erin Luncheon and Auction
11:30 – 2:30, St. Patrick's Home, 2865 Riverside Dr., Tickets: \$45 – available from the St. Patrick's Home reception, or the Foundation Office at 613-260-2738

March 9th: Lá Gaelige – Learn the Irish Language

Registration and welcome: 8:30 to 9:00 am
Classes from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Lunch from 12:00 to 1:00)
Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave
Enjoy a fun day of learning the Irish Language organized by the Ottawa Irish Language Group, Caint is Comhrá, under the auspices of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Ottawa Branch. Just in time for St. Patrick's Day!
No experience necessary. All levels are welcome.
Cost: \$25 (includes lunch and snacks)
More information: toni144@gmail.com

March 9th: Lecture: Cosy Homesteads: The Life and Lore of Traditional Irish Dwellings
Main floor auditorium at Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa.
10:00 am to 11:30
Free. Refreshments available.

March 9th: CWL Hosts 7th annual St. Patrick Celebration
6:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 153 Woodroffe Ave
Live Irish music, special guests Acacia Lyra – harp and voice duo
Tickets are \$15, and include Irish stew, soda bread, buns, tea, coffee, desserts.
Advance ticket available after all Masses
Information: 613-726-7583

March 10th: Saint Brigid's Pancake Breakfast
10:00 – noon, St. Brigid's Centre, 310 St. Patrick St. (entrance on Cumberland Street)

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.

Information: 613-244-7373

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

March 10th: Cookery Class, Dinner & Kitchen Party

4:00 – 7:00 pm, Loblaws Community Room, Gloucester Mall, 1980 Ogilvie Road, Gloucester
Reservations mandatory – limited capacity.
Tickets are \$30 and are available on the Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre website. (wine not included in price)

www.roseoftraleeottawacentre.ca

March 12th: 2nd Annual Authors' Day

11:00 – 2:00, Irish Seniors Drop-In Centre, St. Margaret Mary's Parish Hall

Free for Drop-In Centre members and \$5 for non-members.

March 13th: Irish Wake – The Irish Society NCR presents The Passing of our 2012 Honourary St. Patrick's Parade Marshall

5:00 pm, Heart and Crown, 67 Clarence
Tickets are \$35, and are available at the Heart and Crown, or from Peter Rock at (613) 237-0665

March 14th: Celebration of Rideau Canal Workers Designation

7:00 – 10:00 pm, St. Brigid's Centre – Kildare Room, 310 St. Patrick St. (entrance on Cumberland Street)

March 15th: VERSeFest features Irish Showcase with Poets

7:00 pm at Knox Presbyterian Church, 120 Lisgar Street at Elgin Street, Ottawa
Poets Matthew Sweeney (County Donegal) and Rita Ann Higgins (Spiddal, County Galway)
Admission: \$15.00

Information: David O'Meara 613-867-4858 or

www.versefest.ca

March 16th: Ottawa St. Patrick's Day Run 10K, 5K and Family Fun 1K Run

Sponsored by Ottawa Irish Rugby Club and Running Room

Start: Immaculata High School, 140 Main Street, Ottawa

Times: 10K – 9:00 am, 5K – 9:15 am and Family Fun – 9:30 am

Information: www.events.runningroom.com

March 16th: 31st St. Patrick's Day Parade

11:00 am, Parade starts in front of City Hall and ends near the Library and Archives Canada building.

March 16th: Post Parade Grand Irish Party

12:00 – 4:00 pm, St. Brigid's Centre, 310 St. Patrick St.

Food and beverage service provided.

March 16th: Comhaltas Ottawa Branch St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Céilí

6:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave,

Information: www.ottawacomhaltas.com

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

12:00 – 3:00 pm, St. Brigid's Centre, 310 St. Patrick St.

Limited seating – advanced ticket sales only - \$35.00

Contact: 613-224-7373 or 613-222-0710 or

www.sbcottawa.ca

March 17th: Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre Selection

3:30 – 5:30 pm at the Residence of the Irish Ambassador, Park Road, 291 Rockcliffe Park
Tickets are \$25, and can be purchased through the Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre website:

www.roseoftralee.ca



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