

Nuachtlir CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

May 2013

Bealtaine 2013

Tulip Ball

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



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

Tickets (bought in advance):
Students/branch members: \$25
Everyone else: \$30

Tickets at the door: \$35 for everybody

Dress Code: formal

The 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

May Céilí

Saturday, May 18th
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
Ross Davison and his
Glengarry Pipe Band.

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.

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 was in Washington, DC at the CCÉ North American Convention. If you were 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.

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>

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

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

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/>*



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cjll 97.9fm

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

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

Saint Brigid's Pancake Breakfast

Come one, come all. The next breakfast will be held on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th 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.

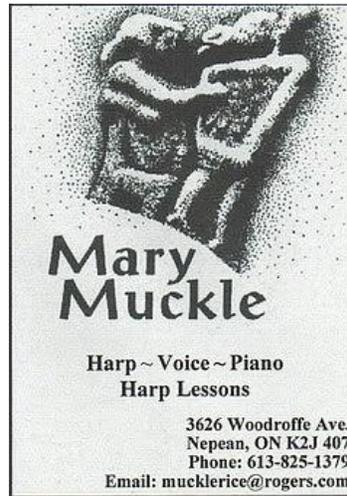
Address: 310 St. Patrick St (entrance on Cumberland Street)

Information: 613-244-7373
<http://saintbrigidcentre.com/Events.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/>



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

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/>

The Irish Cultural Society of Brockville at the Brockville Multicultural Festival

Visit the society's Ireland booth at the festival!

Friday, May 3rd: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Saturday, May 4th: 11:00 am – 10:00 pm

Adults: \$4.00, Seniors/Students: \$3.50, Free for children under 5 years of age.

Fiddlers Plus providing entertainment on Sat.

Conference for the North American Association for Celtic Language Teachers (NAACLT)

May 29 – June 1 at the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute, University of Ottawa

To register and view the conference brochure, visit: www.naaclt.org

This international conference welcomes researchers, Celtic language enthusiasts, language policy makers, Celtic language musicians, community-based Celtic language teachers as well as university professors.

Please consider attending our conference. This is certainly an opportunity for our local Celtic language community to shine.

Keynote Speakers:

Janet Muller is the CEO of Pobal, an Irish language umbrella organization with headquarters in Belfast.

Pobal creates partnerships and cooperation between Irish language groups, Irish language communities and government agencies. The primary aspects of Janet's current work are advocacy (including the Irish Language Act in the Six Counties), and strategic support of Pobal's member organizations.

Sylvie Lamoureux is a faculty member with the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute at the University of Ottawa.

Her areas of expertise include language planning and policy, curriculum foundations and analysis, teaching and learning in minority language and bilingual settings, higher education and leadership in minority language settings.

Irish Language Immersion Weekend in Keswick

June 8 – 10, 2013 in Keswick, Ontario (North of Toronto)

Cost: \$200, and includes all meals and accommodation

A unique weekend in the magical setting of "Loretto Maryholme"

Announcement:

<http://www.oireachtas.ca/pdfs/Keswick.2013.jpg>

Registration Form:

<http://www.oireachtas.ca/pdfs/Keswick.2013.pdf>

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.htm

or Stiofáin Raghnaid:

stephen.rayner99@gmail.com

(613) 379-5578 or (613) 384-8921



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