



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Nuachtlitr | Newsletter

Bealtaine 2016 May

Craobh OTTAWA Branch

Tráth na gCeist | *Trivia Night*



May 19 Bealtaine
7:00 i.n. | pm



PATTY BOLAND'S
101 Sráid CLARENCE Street

Toisc gur bhain muid an-taitneamh as tráth na gceist i Mí Feabhra, tá ceann eile i Mí na Bealtaine againn! \$10 an duine, 4 don fhoireann ar a mhéad. Ceisteanna dhátheangach (Gaeilge-Béarla) a bheidh ann.

Following the fun and success of the February trivia night, we would like to present one in May! \$10 per person, maximum 4 per team. BILINGUAL (English-Irish) event!

Duaiseanna áille le fáil! | *Win some great prizes!*

Tuilleadh eolais | More information:
info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com



COMHALTAS

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is an incorporated cultural non-profit organisation.

If you have an event or a piece you would like included in next month's newsletter, please send an email to Oscar at info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com.

CÉILÍ

May 14 Bealtaine
7:00 i.n. | pm

Halla BLESSED SACRAMENT Hall
194 Ascaill FOURTH Avenue

Costas | Tickets:



Baill — \$10 — *Members*

Aíonna — \$15 — *Guests*

Scoláire — \$5 — *Students*

Faoi 12 — *Saor in aisce*

Free — Children 12 and under



Entertainment at intermission will be provided by local (step) dancers!



Photo by P. Avendano

Grianghraf le P. Avendano

Please contact Carol Ann if you are interested in providing soda bread, baked goods, or entertainment

at this or future céilís:

819-595-1094 or CABowers@videotron.ca

An céilí deireanach roimh
Mhí Meán Fómhair
Final céilí of the season
until September.

Irish Seniors Drop-in Centre

Every Tuesday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. George's Church Hall, 415 Piccadilly Avenue
(near Island Park/Byron).

Join the gang for potluck lunch, stories, music, and great craic!

Kay 613-829-8467 or Margo 613-837-4164

HELP WANTED!

The Ottawa set dancers would love to win FIRST PRIZE again at **Oireachtas** Gaeilge Cheanada this year, but we need you to make at least one set of 8 dancers! Commitment of 1 or 2 practices per week until the Oireachtas in July.

Interested in this?

Contact Carol Ann (CABowers@videotron.ca)

Oireachtas Gaeilge Cheanada



Beidh an ard-fhéile na Gaeilge i Meiriceá Thuaidh ar siúl i nGaeltacht an Oileáin Úir (Tamworth, Ontario) ar 25-26ú Meitheamh. Ráta speisialta do lóistín agus pacáiste don fhéile iomlán le fáil. Tuilleadh eolais: agus clarú: Aralt (h-kenny@rmc.ca).

The premier Irish-language festival in Canada takes place at the North American Gaeltacht (Tamworth, ON) this Canada Day weekend (25-26 June). Special rates for hotels; weekend packages available. Information and registration: Aralt (h-kenny@rmc.ca).

OIREACHTAS.CA



THE GAELIC HOUR
Sunday 8:00am - 10:00am
cjll 97.9fm



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

Ranganna Gaeilge | Irish-language Classes

Oíche Dé Luain go dtí an 30ú Bealtaine
| Monday evenings until 30 May

Halla BLESSED SACRAMENT Hall
(194 Ascaill FOURTH Avenue)



Bunrang | Beginners'
6:00–7:00 (i.n. | pm)

Bunrang + | Advanced Beginners'
6:00–7:00 (i.n. | pm)

Meánrang ▽ Ardrang | Intermediate & Advanced
7:00–8:30 (i.n. | pm)

Tuilleadh eolais, téacsleabhar, costas le fáil ar:

For more information, textbooks, prices:

Sheila.Scott@uOttawa.ca

Ottawa Comhaltas Blog:
ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.com

is now taking submissions in English
and in Irish. Please email our webmaster at

webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com

Spring Rain Weekend Festival

13-15 May

Fergus & Belwood, Ontario

Weekend of workshops (including harp workshops led by Mary Muckle, language, dance, and cooking) and céilís here in Ontario. Prize for most outstanding performer in the advanced harp workshop! Info: Marilyn Abraham (519-787-0096).

Irish-Music Lessons

*CCÉ has **instruments** available for loan.
- 1 children's fiddle*

*Please check our website
<http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com/music.php>
for availabilities and applications!*

Ottawa-Valley Step Dancing

For lessons,
Contact Dawn Dewar: 613-794-3296



Dance Classes

Monday Evenings
Blessed Sacrament Hall,
194 Fourth Avenue

Set/Céilí Dance Class:

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Irish Solo Dance Class:

8:00pm – 9:30pm

For more information and cost for classes,
please contact Caitlin Crockard:

cscrockard@hotmail.com

Celtic Cross is a local performance group made up of adult dancers from the disciplines of Irish, Highland, and Ottawa Valley Step dance with a roster of over 20 dancers with decades of experience as teachers, choreographers, performers and competitors, the group performs 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!

Email: celticcrossottawa@gmail.com

Website: <http://celticcrossdancers.com/>

Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley

Contact Craig Hamm or Charles Dunlap (cdunlap@explornet.com) for information on music, workshops and concerts in your area! New blog posts to come.

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

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Events in the Region | Imeachtaí Sa Cheantar

1 May, 2:00pm, Travelling Pub Quiz

Test your knowledge (and get some practice for the Comhaltas trivia night) with the travelling pub quiz. Prizes for winners, \$40 for teams of 4. Hosted at O'Grady's Outpost (25 Tapiola Crescent). Information: Danó (DublinDan59@yahoo.com).

1 May, 7:30pm, Easter Rising Commemoration

Heart & Crown in Little Italy (353 Preston Street) is hosting a centenary commemoration event of the Easter Rising. Details: 613-726-7583.

7 May, 8:30pm, Ottawa Gaels Trivia Night

The Glen (6081 Hazeldean Road) in Stittsville hosts the Ottawa Gaels May trivia night. \$15 per player, limited places, so register early at vicepresident@ottawagaels.ca.



8 May, 10am-noon, Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Serving monthly a buffet breakfast with live Irish music, St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts (310 St Patrick Street) has **pancakes**, ham, sausages, tea, juice, and more for \$6 adults, \$4 children. All welcome. Information: Ann@SBCOttawa.ca or 613-225-1830.



22 May, TEG Preparation Course

A course to help participants in their level A1 TEG (European Irish-language certification) tests. The course is to take place at the University of Ottawa (the same location as the actual TEG exams). Contact Aralt (h-kenny@rmc.ca) for more information. Register by 6 May.

28 May, 8am-4pm, Caint is Comhra Glebe Garage Sale

Following the success of last year, this year Caint is Comhra will be selling again at the popular community event. Location of stand TBD. Help them out and arrange to have donations picked up or dropped off by contacting Kristina (sparklegirl18@sympatico.ca), Toni (toni144@gmail.com) or Bríd (briguglich935@rogers.com). Contact also to find out what donations are needed and to volunteer.

Amharc Siar | A Look Back

May is the start of CCÉ Ottawa's summer break (though newsletters will continue to be sent until classes resume in September). We would like to thank all members and volunteers for supporting us throughout the year.

We have made many memories at our weekly classes and monthly céilís, as well as other special events on this centenary year. We were quizzed at our trivia night, assembled at AGMs and conferences, Gaeilicised at the Arnprior retreat, and made magic happen on St. Patrick's week. Did you miss our St. Patrick's Céilí and our own Easter Rising commemoration? Luckily Pat Cassidy has taken some pictures and posted them on Flickr! See some great shots of the big night here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/pat4792/sets/72157665861951476/>.

Hope to see you in September!

Upcoming TEG

The A1 **preparation course** (i.e. crash course) is happening on 22 May at the University of Ottawa! Register by 6 May. Information: Aralt (h-kenny@rmc.ca).

The A1 is the introductory level of the **Irish-language** standardised tests, and Ottawa one of only three testing centres outside Ireland this year (with Paris and NYC). A1 tests



are take place 28 May; A2 on 21 May. See TEG.ie for details on the test and how to register. Contact us for more information on other people who are taking the exam at info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com.

Mí na Bealtaine