

# Nuachtlitr CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

February 2013

Feabhra 2013

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Céilí

Tickets are on sale for the St. Patrick's Day dinner and céilí which is on **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**.

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

The meal is a 3-course roast beef dinner (with vegetarian options 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/>

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.



## February Céilí

**Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

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 the Comhaltas Dancers.

**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)

### 2012/2013 Céilís

November 17<sup>th</sup>

December 15<sup>th</sup>

January 19<sup>th</sup>

February 16<sup>th</sup>

March 16<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner and Céilí

April 20<sup>th</sup>

May 18<sup>th</sup>

## 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/>

*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](mailto:p_cassidy@sympatico.ca)*

*Forms for new memberships are available from Pat or on-line at: [www.ottawacomhaltas.com](http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com)*

*Have information for the newsletter, contact the PRO: 613-722-3620 or [criostoir.seoirse@gmail.com](mailto:criostoir.seoirse@gmail.com)*

## Irish Language and Set/Céilí Dance Classes

All classes will run on **Monday evenings starting from January 7<sup>th</sup>**.

All classes will take place at:  
Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.  
Contact: [Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca](mailto:Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca)

### Beginner Irish Language classes:

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
CCÉ members – \$80, Non-members – \$90

### Intermediate/Advanced Irish Language classes:

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
CCÉ members – \$105, Non-members – \$120

### Set/Céilí Dance class:

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
\$7.00 per night,  
CCÉ members – \$75, Non-members – \$90

### Irish Solo Dance class:

8:00 pm – 9:30 pm  
For more information, contact Caitlin Crockard:  
[cscrockard@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com),

or you can submit your post at:

[webmaster8617.comhaltas@blogger.com](mailto:webmaster8617.comhaltas@blogger.com)

## Branch Musical Instruments Available For Loan

The following instruments are available on a loan basis to CCÉ Ottawa members for learning Irish music on these instruments at the beginner level:

- Two 3/4 size fiddles
- One half-set of uilleann pipes

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 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."

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

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

*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/>



**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)

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

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

## Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce Ottawa Monthly Networking Socials

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/>

## Saint Brigid's Pancake Breakfast

Come one, come all. The next breakfast will be held on **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to noon** at **Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts**. This is always a lively event. This month, it will also be a **fundraiser for the Kisumba Foundation for the disabled in Kampala, Uganda, hosted by Don Kavanagh**.

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.

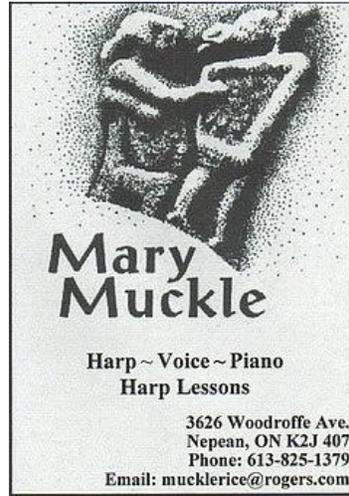
Address: 310 St. Patrick St (entrance on Cumberland Street)

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

## New Master of Arts program in Irish and Irish-American Studies

New Master of Arts program in Irish and Irish-American Studies at New York University (NYU). Glucksman Ireland House, the Center for Irish Studies at New York University, has launched a new M.A. in Irish and Irish-American Studies within the Graduate School of Arts and Science.

The program takes advantage of our unique faculty strengths, our strong connections with Ireland, and our location in the heart of New York City. It allows students to pursue an



Anyone interested in music classes, contact:  
Rita Walker  
[jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

interdisciplinary course of study in a dynamic field of Humanities and Social Science research; courses are offered in Irish and Irish-American History, Literature, Music, Irish Language, and Cultural Studies. The M.A. degree can be completed in three semesters at NYU's Greenwich Village campus in New York City, or in one calendar year with full-time summer study in New York and in Dublin. Part-time study is also available. Financial aid is available.

**Priority application deadline for Fall 2013 enrollment: February 15, 2013**

To learn more about this program:  
<http://irelandhouse.as.nyu.edu/page/graduate>

**2013 Ottawa Rose of Tralee**

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

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.

Last year, Avaleigh Eastman was selected to represent Ottawa in Ireland during the Rose of Tralee International Festival.



*Photo: Courtesy of the Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre*

**Interested in seeing all Ottawa Rose applicants, and finding out who will be the Rose this year?**

As part of the Ottawa Irish Festival, the 2013 Ottawa Rose Selection will take place **Sunday, March 17th at 3:30pm in the Official Residence of the Irish Ambassador to Canada.**

**Interested in Applying to be the Ottawa Rose?**

The Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre is now accepting applications for the 2013 Ottawa Rose. **Deadline to apply is Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 2013.**

To learn more about the Festival, eligibility criteria, or to download an application form, please visit the Ottawa Centre's website:  
[www.roseoftralee.ca](http://www.roseoftralee.ca).

The centre is also on Facebook at: Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Centre or applying to be the 2013 Ottawa Rose, please contact Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre at:  
[info@roseoftralee.ca](mailto:info@roseoftralee.ca).

**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@rmc.ca](mailto:kenny-h@rmc.ca), 613 541-6000 ext 6042

**Deposit required: \$200 by 17 March 2013**

## Ottawa Irish Festival

**March 7<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Events (subject to change),**  
Information unless otherwise specified: (613) 591-9194 or [communications@irishsocietyncr.com](mailto:communications@irishsocietyncr.com)

**March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Proclamation of Irish Week  
10:00 am, Ottawa Police Services HQ, 474 Elgin

**March 8<sup>th</sup>:** Erin Luncheon and Auction  
11:30 – 2:30, St. Patrick's Home, 2865 Riverside Dr., Tickets: \$45

**March 9<sup>th</sup>:** Irish Wake  
2:00 – 5:00 pm, Heart and Crown, 67 Clarence  
For tickets: (613) 591-9194 or  
[communications@irishsocietyncr.com](mailto:communications@irishsocietyncr.com)

**March 10<sup>th</sup>:** Pancake Breakfast  
10:00 – noon, St. Brigid's Centre, 310 St. Patrick St.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>:** 2nd Annual Authors' Day  
11:00 – 2:00, Irish Seniors Drop-In Centre, St. Margaret Mary's Parish Hall

**March 14<sup>th</sup>:** Celebration of Rideau Canal Workers Designation  
7:00 – 10:00 pm, St. Brigid's Centre, 310 St. Patrick St.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>:** 31st St. Patrick's Day Parade  
11:00 am, Parade starts in front of City Hall

**March 16<sup>th</sup>:** Post Parade Grand Irish Party  
12:00 – 4:00 pm, St. Brigid's Centre, 310 St. Patrick St.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>:** Comhaltas Ottawa Branch St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Céilí  
6:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave,  
Information: [www.ottawacomhaltas.com](http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com)

**March 17<sup>th</sup>:** St. Patrick's Day Luncheon  
12:00 – 3:00 pm, Information: [www.sbcottawa.ca](http://www.sbcottawa.ca)

**March 17<sup>th</sup>:** Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre Selection  
Residence of the Irish Ambassador, Park Road,  
Information: [www.roseoftralee.ca](http://www.roseoftralee.ca)

## Volunteers for Oireachtas Gaeilge Cheanada

**June 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>**

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 and third days, help is required in Kingston and at the Gaeltacht site in Tamworth.

On the second day, help is required at the Gaeltacht site in Tamworth.

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](mailto:Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca)

## News and Announcements

Loving wife of Pat Scott, Deirdre Scott passed away peacefully after a long illness, on Monday, 28 January 2013. She leaves behind her loving husband of 53 years, Pat Scott. She will be greatly missed by her daughters Sheila (Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh), Maureen (Danny Byrne), Siobhán (Maciej Brodowski), and Róisín (Richard Philippe). She supported Pat in the creation of the Irish Society of Ottawa, Irish theatre and the Chair of Celtic Studies at the University of Ottawa. She initiated Irish dancing and Irish language classes here in Ottawa. Such was her passion for her culture that her children and grandchildren are all active in Ottawa's vibrant Irish community.



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