

# Nuachtlitir CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

September 2013

Meán Fómhair 2013

## Ottawa Branch AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of CCÉ Ottawa Branch will take place on **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm** at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.



The branch executive will present their year-end reports, and there will be an election held to appoint the branch executive for the coming year. Nominations for all positions will be accepted from the floor.

All are welcome to attend!

Only branch members will be able to vote in the elections.

[www.ottawacomhaltas.com](http://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](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)*

## September Céilí

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**, 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

Please note the change in price for non-members.

**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)

### 2013/2014 Céilís

**September 21<sup>st</sup>**

October 26<sup>th</sup>

November 16<sup>th</sup>

December 21<sup>st</sup>

January 18<sup>th</sup>

February 15<sup>th</sup>

March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner and Céilí

April 12<sup>th</sup>

May 17<sup>th</sup>

## CCÉ Eastern Canada Regional AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of CCÉ Eastern Canada Region will take place on **October 19<sup>th</sup>** in Toronto.

More information to come soon!

[www.ottawacomhaltas.com](http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com)

## Other CCÉ News

### Irish Language and Dance Classes

All classes will run on **Monday evenings from September 9<sup>th</sup> until December 16<sup>th</sup>**.

All classes will take place at:  
Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.

For information and prices, contact:  
[Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca](mailto:Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca)

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

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 this class,  
please contact Caitlin Crockard:  
[cscrockard@hotmail.com](mailto:cscrockard@hotmail.com)

### Irish Language Immersion Weekend

**September 27 – 29, 2013**

Galilee Mission Centre  
398 John Street, Arnprior, ON  
(45 minutes northwest from downtown Ottawa)

Cost: \$220 (includes all activities, meals and accommodation)

For beginners to fluent speakers.

For more information, contact Toni Forsythe:  
613-233-9927, or [toni144@gmail.com](mailto:toni144@gmail.com)

*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.

### 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. 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.ottawacomhallas@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.ottawacomhallas@gmail.com),

or you can submit your post at:

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

## Other Community Events

### Annual Fall Celtic Festival

Sunday, September 8, 2013

Noon to 6:00 pm

Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts  
310 St. Patrick St (entrance on Cumberland Street)

Free admission

BBQ – Bar – Refreshments

Music for all ages, with a host of local musicians and dancers on stage, as well as activities for kids.

Information:

613-244-7373, or

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

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

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in every month at 5:30 pm  
starting September 12<sup>th</sup>

Heart and Crown Pub, Clarence St., Byward Market

All are welcome! More information:

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

*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/>

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### 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/>

## Ottawa Celtic Choir's New Season

The Ottawa Celtic Choir (OCC) is beginning its 2013-2014 season on **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013**.

The OCC is a non-auditioned community choir that sings songs from the seven Celtic nations, as well as from strongly Celtic-influenced areas (such as the Atlantic provinces, Quebec, Ontario, Appalachia, etc.). We sing in the six Celtic languages as well as English, French, and Galician dialect Spanish. A grounding in the languages is not necessary; translations and pronunciation guides are provided for all songs not in English or French.

While an ability to read music is an asset, it's not necessary either; mp3s of all parts are provided on a website where choir members can go to download and learn their parts. The group is good fun and has a strong sense of community.

We rehearse on **Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, at St. John the Evangelist Church on the corner of Somerset and Elgin**. We rehearse upstairs in the choir room.

We plan on at least two major concerts a year (usually Christmas and Springtime) as well as competing in Oireachtas Gaeilge Cheanada, an Irish-language festival near Kingston in late June. This year we may also be performing at the Almonte Celfest!

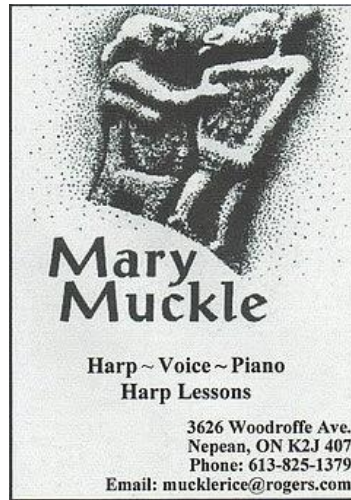
For more information, please contact Ellen MacIsaac at: [ellen@laughingbrook.ca](mailto:ellen@laughingbrook.ca)

## A House and a Half of Scotland

A lecture with slide presentation and harp performance by Mary Muckle and friends on the history of the harp in Scotland.

**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm**  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 470 Roosevelt Ave, Ottawa.

Admission is by donation.



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

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/>



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