

Nuachtlir CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

June 2013

Meitheamh 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

Buy your tickets on-line:
<https://ottawatulipball2013.eventbrite.com/>

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:
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

Oireachtas Gaeilge 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

Many CCÉ members are participating in the Oireachtas this year. Come out on Saturday and support them, while enjoying all the best that Irish culture has to offer!

- Our ceili band
- Our set dancers
- Our sean-nós dancers
- Our Irish language students

Our ceili band is also playing at the ceili on the Saturday evening, and our youth members are volunteering. Comhaltas can be proud of its support for Oireachtas Gaeilge Cheanada.

Other CCÉ News

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

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. 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.ottawacomhallas@gmail.com,
or you can submit your post at:
webmaster8617.comhallas@blogger.com

Other Irish Community Events

Saint Brigid's Pancake Breakfast

Come one, come all. The next breakfast will be held on **Sunday, June 9th 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: 613-225-1830, ann@scbcottawa.ca
<http://saintbrigidscentre.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/>

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, 11 am to 1:30 pm
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/>

Ottawa Celtic 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

Irish Language Immersion Weekend in Keswick

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

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

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

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

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.

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/>

For information on the Irish immersion week:
http://www.srayner.ca/comhaltas/M_Language.htm
Or, contact Stiofáin Ragnar:
stephen.rayner99@gmail.com
(613) 379-5578 or (613) 384-8921



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