



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Nuachtlitir | Newsletter

Nollaig 2015 December

Craobh OTTAWA Branch



As colder weather comes, we will be collecting donations of warm clothing for our city's less privileged. Cash donations welcome.

- Toques
- Scarves
- Socks
- Mittens
- Gloves

Donations collected at the the December 12 céilí.



COMHALTAS

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is a registered 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.

Ottawa Comhaltas Blog:
ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.com
is now taking submissions in English
and in Irish. Please email our webmaster at
webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com



CÉILÍ



December 12 Nollaig

7:00–10:30 i.n. | pm

Halla BLESSED SACRAMENT Hall
194 Sráid FOURTH Avenue

Costas: | Cost:

Baill — \$10 — *Members*

Aíonna — \$15 — *Guests*

Scoláire — \$5 — *Students*

Faoi 12 — *Saor in aisce*

Free — Children under 12



Photo by P. Avendano

Griangraf le P. Avendano.

If you are interested in providing
soda bread, other baked goods, or
entertainment for the céilí, please contact

Carol Ann:

819-595-1094 or cabowers@videotron.ca

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

Stay Tuned...

We are planning a trivia game sometime early February. We have varied categories (music, sport, history...) with a focus on Irish-related topics.



Great prizes! Great fun!

If you have a suggestion for a location, for questions, or in general, we would love to hear from you!

3rd Annual Celtic Studies Student Conference

This tradition of gathering students interested in Celtic Studies from all over North America had its beginnings in Ottawa. This third edition is being held in Concordia University, Montréal, 22-24 January 2016.

Any research submitted to a post-secondary class can be the basis of a 20-minute presentation, but abstracts are due 16 December. Spectators welcome (general registration deadline is 18 December) Details: cis.submissions@outlook.com.

Ottawa GAA



The Ottawa Gaels invite you to watch a TG4.ie documentary on the team. The team would also be delighted to have you join their winter practices. Details to come at OttawaGaels.ca.



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



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

Ranganna Gaelige | Irish-language Classes

Oíche Dé Luain | Monday evenings
Go dtí 14ú Nol. | Classes run until 14 Dec.

Halla BLESSED SACRAMENT Hall
(194 Sráid 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

Condolences

We would like to offer our most sincere condolences to Bridget Guglich on the passing of her sister and Carol McFee on the passing of her brother.



Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dílse.

ATTENTION MUSICIANS!

Videos, sheet music, and more at:

<http://comhaltas.ie/music/>

ComhaltasLive programme listing:

<http://comhaltas.ie/music/programmes>

Check out the Comhaltas Archive:

<http://comhaltasarchive.ie/>

Irish-Music Lessons

*CCÉ has **instruments** available for loan.*

- *Accordion*
- *2 children's fiddles*
- *Uileann pipes*

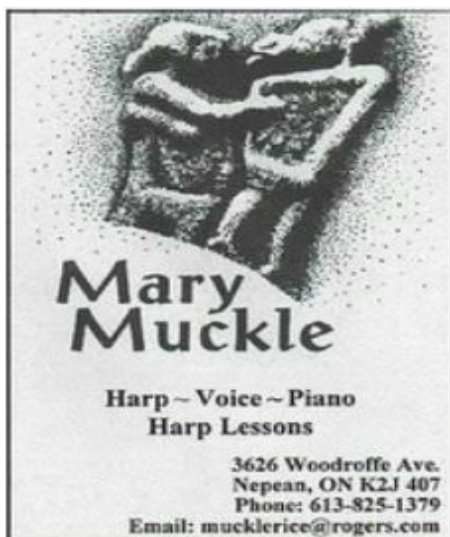
Please check our website

*<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@xplornet.com) for information on music, workshops and concerts in your area! New blog posts to come.

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

<http://irishmusicottawa.blogspot.com/>

Events in the Region | Imeachtaí Sa Cheantar

1 December, 6:35pm, Irish Entry to the EU Film Festival

Bytowne Cinema (325 Rideau Street) is hosting the **30th European Union Film Festival**, where every EU member-state sends one film to screen. **Brooklyn**, the 2015 Irish entry, stars Saoirse Ronan as an immigrant to the titular NYC borough. \$13 per ticket, \$9 for members of the Canadian Film Institute or Bytowne. See Bytowne.ca for details.



4 December, 7:30pm, Bright Beautiful Isle Concert

Ellen MacIsaac (vocalist), Susan Toman (harpist), and Ross Davidson (uilleann pipes, whistle) present "song and dance tunes from Ireland." Residence of the Irish Ambassador (291 Park Road). Concert and reception. RSVP at 613-552-3964; tickets at the door \$20.

5 December, 7:30pm, Celtic Songs of Christmas

Local community musical group directed by Ellen MacIsaac, the **Ottawa Celtic Choir** sings in all six Celtic languages plus English. The Choir is performing Celtic Christmas songs at Metcalfe United Church (2677 Eighth Line Road, Metcalfe). Contact Ellen MacIsaac for more information on the concert or the Choir at 613-552-3964.



13 December, 10am-noon, Santa Pancake Breakfast

Serving a buffet 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. Bring the kids to see **Santa**. Call Ann for information at 613-225-1830. Additionally, **Éire Óg hurling team** will hold a bake sale to help fund their youth training sessions held at the Boys and Girls Club. **Irish Eyes** will also be offering great gift ideas from Ireland.



13 December, 3:00pm, Carolling Workshop/Performance

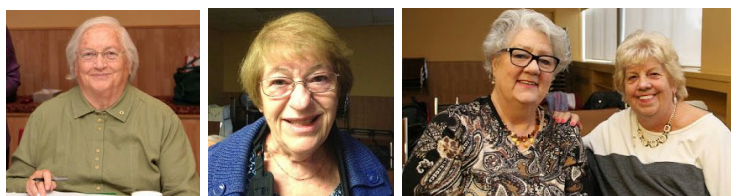
Cymdeithas Cymru Ottawa (Ottawa Welsh Society) presents a workshop/performance by an ad hoc **choir**. Contact Bob Price (robertprice@magma.ca) to join the choir. Performance: Westminster Presbyterian Church (470 Roosevelt Avenue).



From Our Blog | As Ár mBlag

Thogh an Réigiún Oirthear Ceanada coiste feidhmiúcháin úr ar an chrinniú bliantúil ar 7ú Samhain. Buíochas do gach éinne a chuaigh go Kingston ag plé le cursaí tabhachtaí. Tuilleadh tuairiscí le fáil ar ár mblag (www.ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.ca).

The AGM for the Canada East Region took place on 7 November and a new executive committee was elected. Thank you to all the Ottawa members who went to Kingston to deal with important issues. More detailed accounts may be found on our blog (www.ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.ca).



CCÉ Ottawa in Kingston: Bríd Guglich, Pat Cassidy, Toni Forsythe, Maureen Maher
Griangraif le | Photographs courtesy P. Cassidy & P. Avendano

Coiste Feidhmiúcháin Réigiúnach 2015–2016

Regional Executive Committee

Cathaoirleach | Chair ——— Ena O'Brien (TO)
Leascath. | Vice-Chair ——— Maureen Mulvey O'Leary (TO)
Rúnaí | Secretary ——— Crystal McCollom (SB)
Cisteoir | Treasurer ——— Sara Van Hamme (HA)
Oif. Caidrimh Phoiblí | PRO ——— Ann Gorman-McKinney (HA)
Treoraí na Gaeilge | Irish Off. ——— Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh (OT)
Oif. na nÓg | Youth Officer ——— Geneviève Robinson (TO)
Reachtair | Auditor ——— Bridgit Ripley (SB)
Reachtair | Auditor ——— Craig Hamm (OT)
Ionadaí | Delegate to Province ——— Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh (OT)
Ionadaí | Delegate to Province ——— Steafan Hannigan (KG)

Beirt eile ó Ottawa le ról tabhachtaí sa Chrinniú: Pat Cassidy mar Oifigeach Ballraíocht agus Bríd Guglich mar Oifigeach Toghcháin.

Other Ottawa members playing important roles at the Meeting include Pat Cassidy in the capacity of Membership Officer and Bríd Guglich in the capacity of Election Officer.

Mí na Nollag