



# Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

## Nuachtlitir | Newsletter

Ottawa Branch

Nollaig | December 2013

### Fáilte | Welcome

Happy holidays!

This issue will surely be a delight. In addition to our usual pieces on upcoming events, our dance and language classes, and notices from the friends of the Comhaltas, you will find some details about the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance, the Ottawa Rose of Tralee, the Oireachtas and a great recipe for easy-to-make soda bread!

We are also looking for donations to the Toques & Toes drive, and also for baked goods for the Christmas Céilí bake sale! Proceeds stay with the Ottawa Branch so that we can offer bigger and better things!

Next month we look forward to an interview with a prominent Irish community leader, a little history of the CCE Ottawa branch and some other fun features.

If you have any pieces you'd like to include, please send us an email. All the details are on the last page!

Please enjoy this issue, and have a safe and happy holiday season!

Love, CCE Ottawa

**Upcoming Events**

### December Céilí

#### **Saturday, December 21**

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

**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)

### Monthly Céilís

September 21st

October 26th

November 16th

**December 21st**

January 18th

February 15th

March 15th

Dinner and Céilí

April 12th

May 17<sup>th</sup>

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance

CCE Ottawa strives to make the Irish culture an experience in Ottawa. To celebrate one of Ireland's most notable feast days, CCE Ottawa's March céilí is a dinner and dance.

Catered by local catering star Franz Gierer, the dinner includes non-vegetarian, vegetarian and gluten-free options, and it's always delicious!

Tickets will be available at the next céilí. Get them before January 1 at the early-bird price of \$30, and after January 1 at the regular price of \$35!

Dinner will start at 6:00 pm and the dancing will follow at 8:00 pm.

The location is 194 Fourth Avenue, Ottawa, in the hall of Blessed Sacrament Church.

Tickets are available online at:  
<https://stpats2014.eventbrite.ca>

Tickets are available in person as well. Please email [Caitlin at sec.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com](mailto:Caitlin@sec.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

Ottawa Comhaltas Blog:  
[ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.com](http://ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.com)

is now taking submissions in English  
and in Irish. Please email our webmaster at  
[webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com)

## Irish Language Classes

Classes run Monday evenings from  
September 9<sup>th</sup> until December 16<sup>th</sup> at  
Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.

### 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

For information, textbooks, and prices, contact:

[sheila.scott@uottawa.ca](mailto:sheila.scott@uottawa.ca)

## Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce

### Ottawa Monthly Networking Socials

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

Heart and Crown Pub, Clarence St.,

Byward Market

All are welcome! More information:

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



# COMHALTAS

*Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is a registered  
cultural non-profit organization*

## OTTAWA COMHALTAS ROSE

Attention unmarried women aged 18-28:

CCE Ottawa is looking to sponsor a Rose for the 2014 Rose of Tralee.

Since 2009, Ottawa has participated in the international Rose of Tralee festival, celebrating hard-working, compassionate and dedicated women who encompass what it means to be an Irish woman. Ottawa has been represented by some amazing women in the past four years, and we are looking to send another phenomenal woman to the world stage.

If you are or know someone who is interested, visit [www.roseoftralee.ca](http://www.roseoftralee.ca) for more details.

Meet Nora, the first Ottawa Comhaltas Rose!



To view her full profile, visit the Rose of Tralee website!



**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)

## 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/>

Contact Rita Walker if you are interested in lessons:  
[jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca](mailto:jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca)

## Irish Music Lessons and Sessions

CCE has instruments available for loan. Please check out our website [www.ottawacomhaltas.com](http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com) for availabilities and applications!

### Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley!

Contact Craig Hamm or Charles Dunlap at [cdunlap@xplornet.com](mailto:cdunlap@xplornet.com) for information on music, workshops and concerts in your area!

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

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

**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/>

**The Ottawa Celtic Choir** has a few performances this holiday season you might be interested in. Come out for some celtic-y songs of Christmas and of the winter season!

### **A Celtic Christmas**

Sunday, December 15, 2013

Where: St. Luke's Anglican Church, 760 Somerset Street West

When: 7:30 pm

Cost: admission by donation

### **Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Christmas Ceili**

Saturday, December 21, 2013

Where: 194 Fourth Avenue, Ottawa

When: Ceili starts at 8 pm

Cost: Members – \$10, Non-Members – \$15, Students – \$5, Children under 12 years of age – free.

**National Anthem**, Ottawa 67's Game (Ottawa v.s. North Bay) – a portion of all tickets sold via the choir will go to the choir!

Saturday, January 4, 2014

Where: Scotiabank Place

When: 2 pm

Cost: \$22. Tickets available from Choir members, or by contacting [ellen@laughingbrook.ca](mailto:ellen@laughingbrook.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 613-837-41

## **Dance Classes:**

Classes run Monday evenings from

September 9<sup>th</sup> until December 16<sup>th</sup> at

Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.

### **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 classes, please contact Caitlin Crockard:

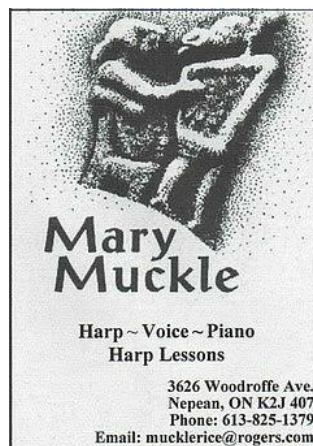
[cscrockard@hotmail.com](mailto:cscrockard@hotmail.com)

## **Ottawa Valley Step Dancing**

Lessons:

Contact Dawn Dewar

(613) 794-3296



**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)



**A Chance to Represent Ottawa in Ireland**  
**rose of tralee**  
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL  
OTTAWA CENTRE  
18 to 27 with Irish Ancestry?  
Involved in Your Community?  
Participate in one of Ireland's largest and longest running festivals with other young women from around the world  
**Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre**  
Now Accepting Applications  
Submission Deadline: Monday February 04th 00:11:09pm  
E-mail: [info@roseoftralee.ca](mailto:info@roseoftralee.ca)  
Web: [www.roseoftralee.ca](http://www.roseoftralee.ca)  
Phone: 613-800-1855  
Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre  
Ottawa Rose of Tralee  
@OttawaRose  
A Celebration of Culture and the Modern Irish Woman  
Summer 2014

## Quick and Easy Soda Bread

In their book *Irish Pub Cooking*, Love Food offers a recipe that is so easy, even CCE PRO Lisa can make it!

Here's a simple recipe that you can bring to the next céilí or serve at the next family dinner:

### Ingredients:

Vegetable Oil, for brushing

4 cups all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting

1 tsp salt

1 tsp baking soda

1 ¼ cups buttermilk

### Instructions:

◆Preheat oven to 425 F or 220C. Brush a baking sheet with oil.

◆Sift the flour, salt, and baking soda into a bowl. Make a well in the center and pour in most of the buttermilk. Mix well, first with a wooden spoon and then with your hands. The dough should be very soft but not too wet. If necessary, add the remaining buttermilk.

◆Turn out the dough onto a lightly floured counter and knead lightly and briefly. Shape into an 8-inch/20-cm round. Put the loaf onto the prepared baking sheet and cut a cross in the top with a sharp knife.

◆Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, until golden brown and the loaf sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool slightly. Serve warm.

It's that easy!

Love Food. *Irish Pub Cooking*. Parragon Books Ltd. 2010. p 57.

## Oireachtas Gaeilge Éireann

Calling all dancers, musicians and Irish speakers:

Are you looking for a weekend to celebrate all of the training that you have worked hard at this past year? Tar isteach agus bí linn! Come join us at the Oireachtas on the weekend for June 27 to 29, 2014.

If you are interested in participating, volunteering or attending, please contact Sheila Scott at [sheila.scott@uottawa.ca](mailto:sheila.scott@uottawa.ca).

## The University of Ottawa Celtic Studies Program Presents:

Student Lecture Series in Celtic Studies. January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Location: University of Ottawa

For details contact Oscar:

[celtic.uottawa@hotmail.ca](mailto:celtic.uottawa@hotmail.ca)

## Ottawa CCE Toques & Toes Drive

Geimhreadh (winter) can get pretty cold in Ottawa, and as part of our cultural generosity, each year we run the CCE Toques & Toes drive, an initiative to share in our wealth during the cold season.

We are asking that you generously donate new toques, mittens, gloves, socks, scarves, etc. to Ottawa's underprivileged. Please bring your items to the céilí, or contact the branch for details.



## December Bake Sale

Saturday, December 21, 2013 we will be holding a Christmas Bake sale at our December Céilí. Please contact Carol Ann Bowers [cabowers@videotron.ca](mailto:cabowers@videotron.ca) to indicate what you are bringing! Please make note if there are any allergens such as peanuts, almonds or nut products in your baked goods!



**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/>

## EVENTS IN THE REGION:

### Saint Brigid's Pancake Breakfast

The next pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to noon at Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts.

Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

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

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

### Ottawa Gaels Annual 12 Pubs of Christmas

To keep the GAA family spirit alive this holiday season, the Ottawa Gaels invite you to come to its annual pub crawl Saturday, December 7, 2013. Ugly Christmas jumper mandatory. For information, contact Eoin Keane [evinocathain101@gmail.com](mailto:evinocathain101@gmail.com).

If you have an event or a piece you would like included in next month's newsletter, please email Lisa at [info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com](mailto:info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com)