

Nuachlitir CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

October 2012

Deireadh Fómhair 2012

Echoes of Erin Concert

Comhaltas Tour of Canada 2012

Thursday, October 18th
8:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament
Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.

Ticket prices until October 18th:
CCÉ Members, Students, Seniors: \$20
Non CCÉ members: \$25

Ticket price at the door on October 18th:
Everyone: \$30

For information and tickets contact:
Gord McFee 613-731-1150
gord.mcfee@gmail.com

Rita Walker 613-448-2993
jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca

You may also purchase tickets on-line at:
<http://echoesoferin2012ottawa.eventbrite.com/>

The branch is in need of volunteers to billet the musicians performing at the Echoes of Erin concert. Volunteers must be able to billet two of the musicians.

**If interested, contact Sheila Scott:
613-562-5800 Ext. 3475 or
Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca**

Have information for the newsletter, contact the
PRO: 613-722-3620 or criostoir.seoirse@gmail.com



October Céilí

Saturday, October 20th

8:00 pm to 11:30 pm
Blessed Sacrament Church Hall
194 Fourth Ave.

The entertainment will be provided by Sara Shea and the Cumbrae Dance School.

Cost:
CCÉ members – \$10, Guests – \$12,
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

Your Comhaltas membership needs to be renewed each year. Invoices will be sent out to all members and we would appreciate receiving your form and payment as soon as possible.

*If you do not receive the renewal notice or have any questions about membership, please contact Pat.
Tel: 819-778-2827
or email: p_cassidy@sympatico.ca*

For information on various Ottawa Comhaltas events, online purchase of Echoes of Erin tickets, links to other Comhaltas branches and more, check out our website at:

<http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com>

Also, follow us on Facebook and Twitter:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/193752260177>
<http://twitter.com/@OttawaCCE>

Other CCÉ Events

Start of Irish Language and Set/Céilí Dance Classes

All classes will run on **Monday evenings from: September 10th to December 17th** (but, no classes will take place on October 8th – Thanksgiving)

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

If people are interested in sean-nós dancing, we will run a class from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

CCÉ Eastern Regional Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Hosted by Hamilton Irish Arts - Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann Branch

October 27th at the Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel & Conference Centre:
3063 South Service Rd, Burlington, ON

<http://www.hiburlington.ca/burlington-hotels/index.php>

BOOKING ID NUMBER: 1184185

Rates: \$129 Queen and \$134 2 dbl

Name of Event: Hamilton Irish Arts-Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann

Schedule:

8am-10am: Workshops/Hospitality Cabinet Room

10am-5pm: Meeting Burlington Room (actual meeting starts at 1pm ends at 5pm)

5pm-1am: Dance Harvester Room Rds of 8

CCÉ Ottawa Branch Annual General Meeting

The CCÉ Ottawa Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on **Monday, October 1st** at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.

The chairperson gave her address and the treasurer and secretary presented their annual reports. The new executive was elected for the coming year.

There was a nomination from the floor for Youth Officer, but the person nominated declined it. The returning members of the executive are: Sheila Scott (Chairperson), Rita Walker (Secretary), Gordon McFee (Treasurer), Carol Ann Bowers (Entertainment Officer), Lisa Wright (Youth Officer) and Christopher George (Public Relations Officer – PRO). The new members on the executive are: Craig Hamm (Vice-Chairperson), Patricia Avendano (Webmaster), Eoin Keane (Irish Officer) and Emilie Funston (Auditor).

Here is a photo of the new executive (with the absence of the Youth Officer):



Photo: Courtesy of Patricia Cassidy

Other Irish Community Events

Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce Ottawa Monthly Networking Socials

Thursday, September 13th at 5:30 pm, and the
2nd Thursday in every month afterwards

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, October 14th 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: 613-244-7373
<http://saintbrigidcentre.com/Events.htm>

Ottawa Celtic Choir's New Season

The Ottawa Celtic Choir started its new season on September 4th, 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

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 7 pm to 9 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
<http://celticcrossdancers.com/>*



Streaming: www.thegaelichour.ca e-mail: 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

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

Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre

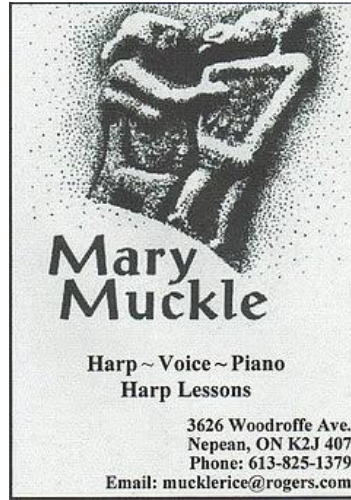
Following the 2012 Ottawa Rose selection last March, Avaleigh Eastman traveled to Portlaoise, Co. Laois, Ireland for the Regionals of the Rose of Tralee International Festival in May. In total, there was a record 54 young women who participated as Regional Roses from Europe, Australia, England, Ireland, Canada, United States and even the United Arab Emirates (as Dubai has a Rose Centre). All four Canadian Centres were present - Edmonton and Western Canada; Toronto; Newfoundland and Labrador; and of course, Ottawa. Avaleigh was one of the two Canadians selected to return to Ireland in August.

Avaleigh returned to Ireland as one of the 32 International Roses. Together, they took part in gala events, visits to heritage and community sites, and excursions to Irish tourist destinations like Croke Park and Leinster House as part of the 10-day 'Rose Tour' from Dublin to Tralee. The last five days were spent in Tralee, Co. Kerry itself for the official Festival. In addition to having an individual interview with judges beforehand, Avaleigh's on-stage interview with RTE Broadcast host Daithi O'Se took place on the first night of the Festival's two-evening finale. With the grace and that humble 'country girl' charm seen in her interview with CTV's Michael O'Byrne at the Ottawa Selection; Avaleigh made her way through her interview with ease, poise, and humour. Daithi brought up her Tyrone roots, the Eastman family in Ottawa, Avaleigh's farming background - including her role as the Queen of the Furrow, and some of the similarities she had with her escort, a fellow farmer!

This year, Luxembourg Rose Nicola McEvoy was selected to be the 2012 Rose of Tralee. Avaleigh represented our Centre marvellously well during her time in Ireland as the 2012 Ottawa Rose, and

*Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley!
Contact Janice Parton or Craig Hamm for info on music, workshops and concerts in your area!*

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



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

Come out for ...

Sean-nós dancing (beginner):
Contact Síle Scott: Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca

Set dancing (all levels):
Mondays, 6:30-8:00 PM
Contact Síle Scott: Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca

Irish Solo dance:
Mondays, 8:00-9:30 PM
Contact Caitlin Crockard: cscrockard@hotmail.com

*All classes are held at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall,
194 Fourth Ave.*

Irish language classes for beginners, intermediate or fluent speakers!

Classes are at Blessed Sacrament and we are fortunate to have some native fluent speakers as instructors. This is a wonderful opportunity to speak with some BLAS!!

Send an e-mail to Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca for details and rates.

Interested in hosting a house concert?

Contact Craig: ballyfingers@gmail.com

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

certainly helped to bring more awareness in Ireland about the Canadian Centres participating in the Rose of Tralee.

For more information, articles, and photos, please visit: www.roseoftralee.ca.

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.

Here is a photo of the 2012 Ottawa Rose Avaleigh Eastman in Tralee Co. Kerry with her escort Pat O'Connor and two supporters for the Rose of Tralee International Festival in August:



Photo: Courtesy of the Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre

News and Announcements

Caint is Comhrá Quilt Raffle Winner

The winner of the Caint is Comhrá quilt raffle is Stephen Rayner from the Harp of Tara CCÉ Branch in Kingston.

Check out ComhaltasLive Programme Listing:
<http://comhaltas.ie/music/programmes>

Also, check out the Comhaltas Archive:
<http://comhaltasarchive.ie/>

Irish Language Immersion Weekend in Arnprior

Caint is Comhrá and CCÉ Ottawa Branch would like to thank all who came out for the Irish Language Immersion Weekend in Arnprior on Sept. 21st to Sept. 23rd. It was a wonderful time, and next year we really hope more of you will come for a really great time of song, dance, all-around fun and great language lessons. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir!

Passing of Orval Strong

On behalf of Anne Strong, CCÉ Regional Chairperson, I am respectfully informing you that, after a tough battle with cancer, Elmer Strong's brother Orval, succumbed to the disease on Saturday morning, September 29, 2012. It's been a tough time for Anne and Elmer attempting to be with him every week for the past several months. Words of condolence can be sent to Elmer and Anne Strong at:
537 River Ridge Drive, Glenburnie, ON, K0H 1S0

In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice Renfrew or St. Andrew's United Church, Matawatchan would be appreciated by the family.

