

Nuachlitir CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

June 2012

Meitheamh 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.mcfree@gmail.com

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

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

Play Gaelic Football

Come out to play for the Ottawa Gaels!

Practices take place at Pierre Elliot Trudeau
elementary school in Gatineau.

Men's team: Tuesdays, Thursdays at 6:00 pm
Women's team: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and
Sunday at 1:00 pm
Youth team: Sundays at 12:00 pm

June Art Fundraiser for the North American Gaeltacht

Art Show and Sale June 21 – 24, 2012



Reception: June 21st, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Open House: June 22nd and 23rd, 11:00 am –
7:00 pm, and June 24th, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

**Free Admission (but donations gladly
accepted)**

Music provided by Acacia Lyra, and Frank
Cassidy, Dennis Alexander and friends.

Artists, who engage in any of the visual and
sculptural arts, are participating in an art
exhibition sale and fund-raising event, with
proceeds to go to the Permanent North
American Gaeltacht, or Irish language
speaking area, which is located in
Tamworth/Erinsville near Kingston.

The art works reflect the theme "Our Roots".
As this is a fund-raising event, artists are being
asked to contribute a percentage of the sales.

If you are interested in volunteering for the
exhibition, please contact Toni Forsythe:
613-233-9927 or toni144@gmail.com

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

June Events

Ottawa Valley Fiddle Camp

June 1 – 3, RCMP Campsite, Long Island Locks, Manotick, ON

For registration information:
sherryl@sherrylfitzpatrick.com, (613) 440-4343

http://www.sherrylfitzpatrick.com/SF_fiddlecamp.html

For those wishing to register, a non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is required.

Reel Blast Irish Set Dancing Weekend

June 1 – 3, 2012 in Toronto

We are excited to announce that Pat Murphy will be our instructor for the weekend.

The schedule for the weekend includes céilís on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, plus workshops on Saturday and Sunday.

Additional information is available on the Reel Blast web site:
<http://www.set-dance.ca/reelblast/ReelBlast.htm>

Saint Brigid's Pancake Breakfast

Come one, come all. The next breakfast will be held on **Sunday, June 10th 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.

Also, come say farewell to Paula Molloy, who is moving on from her post at the Irish embassy.

Address: 310 St. Patrick St (entrance on Cumberland Street)
Info: 613-225-1830

Fundraiser for Jim Maher

June 10th, from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm, at the Heart and Crown in the Byward Market, 67 Clarence St.

Come out to support Jim and to enjoy live Irish entertainment: Brandy and Port, Syd Baxter and Rafferty, The 2 Paddy's, Irish dancers from the Trillium Academy of Irish Dance, and more.

For more details, please contact:
Danny Byrne (celtic.x@rogers.com), or
Angie Maher (maherang@hotmail.com)

Irish Language Immersion Weekend

June 8th – 10th, 379 Bouchier St., Keswick, ON

Cost: \$195
Contact Allyson (allyson@chockablock.ca)

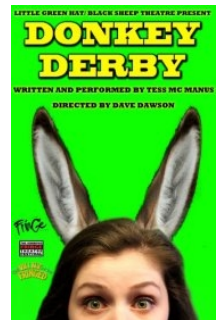
Irish Play at the Ottawa Fringe Festival

Donkey Derby – Written and performed by Tess McManus

June 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd: 10:00 pm
June 16th and 17th: Noon and 10:15 pm

In the Arts Court
"Courtroom", 2 Daly Ave.
Tickets: \$10

Donkey Derby is the story of Mary, a young Irish girl in Letterkenny, co. Donegal, Ireland. Her family enters her into the town's annual donkey derby in a misguided attempt to help her overcome her crippling social anxiety. Mary is stuck with the decision either to face her fears, and ride that donkey, or somehow find a graceful way out of the competition. A comedy that opens discussion of peace in Northern Ireland, the politics of war affecting youth and the working class, and the story of one girl struggling to maintain her Irish nationality, and overcome her fears and self-efficacy.



Russell Celtic Fest

June 16th from 2:00 pm until 11:00 pm

Russell Fair grounds (which is directly north of the Russell Curling Club)

1084 Concession Street, Russell, ON

This is a full day of entertainment brought to you by Russell Legion Branch #372.

Tickets:

\$10 in advance (from Russell Pronto or the Russell Legion Club Room)

\$15 at the gate

Free for children under 10 years of age

More information: <http://celticfest.ca/>

Upcoming Events

Oireachtas Cheanada

July 6 – 8, 2012

**Permanent North American Gaeltacht,
#298 Gilmore Rd,
Tamworth/Erinsville,
Ontario**



Group rate

**accommodation available at the Days Inn,
33 Benson St, Kingston (Reserve using "Irish
Language Celebration" before June 15th)**

Show off your talents!

Compete for awards in music, dancing, or in oration, poetry, or writing in the Irish language.

Information and registration:

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

Or, contact Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh
(613) 541-6000 x6042, aralt@anghaeltacht.ca,
kenny-h@rmc.ca

Volunteers are needed to run the event. Please contact Sheila (Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca) before June 26th.

North American Gaeltacht Irish Language Immersion Week

August 12 – 18, 2012

**Permanent North American
Gaeltacht,
#298 Gilmore Rd,
Tamworth/Erinsville, Ontario**



Would you like to learn your ancestral language, or revive the "cúpla focal", nó comhlúadar 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.

More information:

Stiofán Raghnaigh

(613) 384-0161, bowesjulie@sympatico.ca

http://www.srayner.ca/comhaltas/M_Language.htm

Rideau Canal Festival

This year's Rideau Canal Festival will be taking place on **August 3 – 6, 2012**. More details to come.

Information: <http://www.rideaucanalfestival.ca/>

Twinning of the Two Navans

A group of Irish musicians are coming from Navan, Co. Meath to Navan, ON as part of the twinning of the two Navans. They will perform at the Navan Fair, which takes place from August 9 – 12, 2012. More details to come.

Sessions

Pub sessions from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Royal Oak Pub, 318 Bank St. (at MacLaren)

Dates: May 6, May 20, June 3, June 17.

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/>

Interested in hosting a house concert?

Contact Craig: ballyfingers@gmail.com

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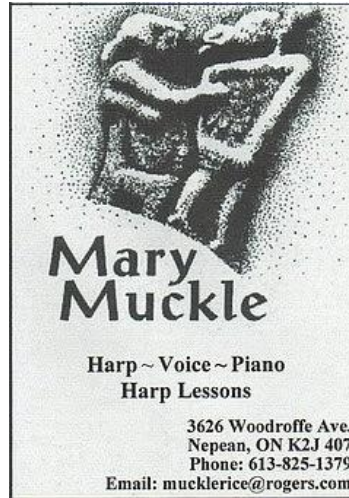
News and Announcements

The CCÉ Ottawa Branch won the highest sales among all the branches for the Nasc tickets. The award is a cheque for 250 Euros. Thank you to everyone who bought, sold and or otherwise helped our Branch to achieve this win.

A sad announcement from the CCÉ Montréal Branch. The mother of Patti McCurdy passed away on May 20th. Her mother had been ill for quite some time. Notes of condolence may be sent to: 349 2e Av, McMasterville, QC, J3G 1C5

A get-well message to Tom McSwiggan following his surgery. We all hope you are feeling better.

Please continue to keep both Maureen Maher and her son, Jimmy, in your prayers and caring thoughts at this time as they face health challenges.



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



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Come out for ...

Sean-nós dancing (beginner):
Wednesdays, 7:00-7:30 PM, Bronson Centre – Grey Court room
Contact Síle Scott: Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca

Set dancing (all levels):
Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 PM, Bronson Centre – Grey Court room
Contact Síle Scott: Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca

Irish Solo dance:
Mondays, 7:00-8:30 PM, Blessed Sacrament Church Hall
Contact Caitlin Crockard: cscrockard@hotmail.com

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.

Want to Purchase an Apartment in Ireland?

CCÉ Ottawa Branch member Dara is looking for people to go in on purchasing an apartment in Ireland:

Why not have a great two bedroom apartment in Dublin that is shared ownership? With six owners in a fractional real ownership each owner could have two months of usage every year. Think of a month in the summer and another month in the off season. For further information, see the details at www.ireland.flashalerts.ca, or contact Dara O hUiginn at dara@ohuiginn.ca.

Photo of Seán O'Carroll receiving his 2012 CCÉ Service Award at the May céilí:



Photo of the Roses at the May Tulip Ball:



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/>*



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
613-740-1160 or ellen@laughingbrook.ca
Blog: <http://ottawacelticchoir.blogspot.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*

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

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



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