

# Nuachlitir CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

May 2012

## May Tulip Ball

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm**

**Residence of the  
Ambassador of Ireland  
291 Park Road,  
Rockcliffe Park**



Join us for music, dancing, chatter and craic!  
This event is being organized by the CCÉ  
Ottawa Branch Youth Officer.

**No jeans, please. Formal/semi-formal attire  
only.** Please enjoy the bar responsibly.

Tickets:

18 and under: \$20 (\$25 at the door)  
Students, Youth, CCÉ Members: \$25 (\$30 at  
the door)  
Non CCÉ members over 25: \$30 (\$35 at the  
door)

Contact any member of the CCÉ Ottawa  
Branch executive for tickets, or you may  
purchase tickets on-line at:  
<http://ottawatulipball.eventbrite.com/>

More details on the CCÉ Ottawa Facebook  
group web page (under Events):  
[http://www.facebook.com/events/2585181042  
35612/](http://www.facebook.com/events/258518104235612/)

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

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

Have information for the newsletter, contact the PRO:  
613-722-3620  
[criostoir.seoirse@gmail.com](mailto:criostoir.seoirse@gmail.com)

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## May Céilí

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 pm to 11:30 pm**  
Blessed Sacrament  
Church Hall  
194 Fourth Ave.

**Entertainment** – The  
entertainment for the  
May céilí will be  
provided by Donna-  
Marie Sullivan's band.

Cost:  
Members – \$10,  
Guests – \$12,  
Students – \$5,  
Children under 12 – free

### 2011/2012 CCÉ Céilís

November 19<sup>th</sup>

December 17<sup>th</sup>

January 21<sup>st</sup>

February 18<sup>th</sup>

March 17<sup>th</sup> – Dinner/Céilí

April 21<sup>st</sup>

May 19<sup>th</sup>

## May Events

### Fiddler's Friends Concert

**Sunday afternoon on May 6, 2012 at the  
Almonte Old Town Hall**

Performers include The Barley Shakers and  
Monday Night Fiddlers as well as others and  
recipients of the Danny O'Connell Memorial  
Award.

Tickets, \$15, are available from Couples  
Corner, Mississippi Mills Musicworks, and by  
telephone from Mill Street Books:  
(613) 256-9090  
Tickets will be available at the door as well.

Further information: (613) 256-3786  
Posted on: <http://irishmusicottawa.blogspot.ca/>

## **Brockville Irish Cultural Society at the Brockville Multicultural Festival**

**Friday, May 4th from 5 pm to 11 pm, and Saturday, May 5th, from 11 am to 10 pm**

The Brockville Irish Cultural Society will have a booth at this festival. Information: 613-659-2734

Admission: \$4.00 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and students, free for children under 5

Festival information: 613-342-1469  
<http://www.brockvillemulticulturalfestival.com/>

## **Saint Brigid's Pancake Breakfast**

Come one, come all. The next breakfast will be held on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 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)  
Info: 613-225-1830

## **Cape Breton Ceilidh and Square Dance**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm – midnight**  
**Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts**  
**310 St Patrick St, Ottawa**

Andrea Beaton, Allan Dewar, Troy MacGillivray.  
Square set instruction/refresher begins at 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at the Ottawa Folklore Centre.  
All ages welcome, cash bar.

For more information, contact Brent:  
613-233-3047 or [cbession@cbession.com](mailto:cbession@cbession.com)  
<http://www.cbession.com/squaredance.htm>

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Ottawa Valley Fiddle Camp**

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

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

[http://www.sherrylfitzpatrick.com/SF\\_fiddlecamp.html](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>

### **Irish Language Immersion Weekend**

**June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 379 Bouchier St., Keswick, ON (just North of Toronto)**

Cost: \$195

Contact Allyson ([allyson@chockablock.ca](mailto:allyson@chockablock.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*

## Celtic Fest

**June 16<sup>th</sup> 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/>

## June Art Fundraiser for the North American Gaeltacht

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. Submissions reflect the theme "Our Roots" and are examined by a jury. As this is a fund-raising event, artists are being asked to contribute a percentage of the sales.

This fund-raising exhibition will be held at **Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts** from **June 21 – 24, 2012**. More details to come.

**Volunteers are needed** to help run the exhibition.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Toni Forsythe:

613-233-9927 or [toni144@gmail.com](mailto:toni144@gmail.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](mailto:ellen@laughingbrook.ca)  
Blog:

## Oireachtas Cheanada

**July 6 – 8, 2012**  
**Permanent North American Gaeltacht,**  
**#298 Gilmore Rd,**  
**Tamworth/Erinsville,**  
**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/>  
Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh  
(613) 541-6000 x6042, [aralt@anghaeltacht.ca](mailto:aralt@anghaeltacht.ca)

## 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](mailto:bowesjulie@sympatico.ca)  
[http://www.srayner.ca/comhaltas/M\\_Language.htm](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.

## Echos of Erin Concert

This is an advance notice that there will be an Echos of Erin concert in Ottawa in October. More details to follow.

## 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](mailto:ballyfingers@gmail.com)

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

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/>



**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)

Anyone interested in music classes, contact:  
Rita Walker  
[jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca](mailto:jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca)

Ottawa Valley Step Dancing Lessons:

Contact Dawn Dewar  
(613) 794-3296

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**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)

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](mailto: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](mailto:Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca)

Irish Solo dance:  
Mondays, 7:00-8:30 PM, Blessed Sacrament Church Hall  
Contact Caitlin Crockard: [cscrockard@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca) for details and rates.

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## News and Announcements

It is with sadness that CCÉ Ottawa informs you of the passing of longtime member Vera Donnelly. Vera was the wife of the late Con Donnelly and sister-in-law of Cecilia Donnelly, wife of Don Kavanagh. Vera passed away peacefully in her home, with family by her side, on Friday, April 20, 2012.

I have a sad message to pass on from Ena O'Brien. A number of you know Mary Carr of the Langan-Gorman Branch in Toronto. Mary Carr's brother in law, John Shrubsall, passed away on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, after a fairly short, but debilitating illness. As everyone knows, Mary has been a loyal and consistent individual in carrying out her duties as secretary on the Langan Gorman Branch. Notes of condolences can be sent, and would be much appreciated, to Mary Carr, 1229 Eldorado Avenue, Oshawa, Ontario L1K 1H8. John was in his 66th year. May God grant him peace and a place by his side.

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.

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](http://www.ireland.flashalerts.ca), or contact Dara O hUiginn at [dara@ohuiginn.ca](mailto:dara@ohuiginn.ca).



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