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REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Monthly Seisiún ~ The first Sunday of each month, September thru June, 3:00 -7:00 pm at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. Musicians are invited to join in. There is set, céilí, old-time waltz and other dancing. Admission \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Refreshments served. Remember to bring along your own tea/coffee mug to help save our planet!

Set/Céilí Dance Workshops ~ With Sally & Joe Harney and Barbara Boyd are held each Tuesday at the Canadian-American Club, September thru May, at 7:30 pm. *All levels welcome.*

Boston Comhaltas Music School ~ Offers two 10-week semesters in the spring and fall for most traditional Irish instruments, including banjo, bodhran, button accordion, concertina, flute, guitar, harp, mandolin, tin whistle, and uilleann pipes, as well as singing. Fall class information will be posted in late summer.
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Δ Chairde,

Along with the welcome arrival of summer, there are a number of upcoming events to entertain us this month. Following our final céilí of the season on June 4th will be the much-anticipated concert by Frankie Gavin and Catherine McHugh at the Irish Cultural Centre on June 9th. Please join us for this lively evening!

Equally anticipated is the CCÉ North American Convention in Bethesda, MD on June 29th to July 2nd. This year's gathering has the added enticements of being a special anniversary celebration of 50 years of Comhaltas in North America, along with its location and timing: Washington DC during Independence Day weekend. It will be a perfect opportunity to explore our nation's capital and celebrate our American heritage while celebrating our Irish heritage at the convention.

The youth of our branch and members of our community and music school made a most impressive showing at the Mid-Atlantic Fleadh last month. We could not be more proud of all of you. Our finalists are listed on page 2. Congratulations!

This month we also celebrate all the special men in our lives...dads, step-dads, granddads, uncles – our heartfelt thanks to you all for all you do. Happy Father's Day!

ḡoḃ bless everyone...Maureen Woods, P.R.O.

~ For newsletter items or suggestions, call Maureen Woods (978) 518-0436 or email mo.woods@comcast.net ~

EVENTS/NOTICES**FRANKIE GAVIN CONCERT JUNE 9th**

In partnership with the Irish Cultural Centre, we will be hosting a concert with renowned fiddler

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Friday, June 9th at 7:30 pm at the ICC

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frankie-gavin-catherine-mchugh-cd-launch-concert-live-at-the-icc-tickets-580900618387>

Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ Join us for our final gathering before the summer break on Sunday, June 4th, 3:00 - 7:00 pm, at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Donations of raffle prizes and baked goods are greatly appreciated.

Tuesday Set Dance Workshops ~ at the Canadian-American Club with the Harneys are on summer break. See you all in September!

**CCÉ 50th ANNIVERSARY
NORTH AMERICAN CONVENTION**

June 29 – July 2, 2023

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<https://www.ccepotomac.org/convention2023.html#/>

****Important notes: If you will be attending the banquet at the convention, please notify Maureen Woods as soon as possible. We will be able to reserve tables of 10, but must submit the names in advance.**

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Also, please check for room availability prior to registering for convention as rooms are now limited..

Mid-Atlantic Fleadh ~ Congratulations to all the participants, especially to the members of our branch who placed: Niamh McGillicuddy, Yurly Bane, Misha Bane and Dan Jalonski. Other Boston area winners include Seamus Noonan, Simon Lace, Eamon Sefton and Rory Coyne. Well done to all! Best wishes as well to Madelyn Morrell of Maine, winner of the Larry Reynolds Cup. For full results, visit: <https://www.cce-ma.com/mid-atlantic-fleadh>. Good luck to everyone who will be traveling to Mullingar in August.

Fleadh Cheoil ~ returns this year to Mullingar Westmeath from August 6th – 14th. Lovers of all Irish cultural traditions are invited to the founding town of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. <https://fleadhcheoil.ie/>

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

- ♦ To Anne Darcy on the passing of her dear brother William (Billy) Greene.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Irish Cultural Centre ~ The Friday Night Session Group holds an open session every week starting at about 6:00 pm; all musicians and singers are welcome. Mass and Irish Breakfast on June 4th. Frankie Gavin concert on June 9th. "Sounds of Summer" on June 17th. For more info, visit <https://www.irishculture.org/whats-on/events/>

Irish History Courses ~ Sean Murphy presents courses on the history of Ireland and its people, virtually via Zoom. For his current offerings and information, visit www.irishhistory.online or seanmurphy630@gmail.com Sean holds Set Dancing Workshops at O'Shea's Olde Inn in West Dennis on Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm year-round.

Cork Club/Knights & Ladies of St. Finbarr ~ This month's dance will be held Saturday, June 10th at 7:00 pm. Music by Tommy Byrne & Jerry Bailley. Knights of Columbus Hall, 15 Winslow Street, Arlington. \$10

18 Dearbhrathairín Ó Mo Chroidhe

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Francis Roche, ed., *Collection of Irish Airs, Marches and Dance Tunes, Vol. 1*, Dublin, 1927, p. 12



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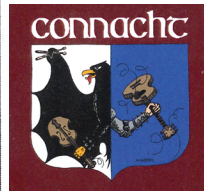
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