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REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Monthly Seisiún ~ The first Sunday of each month, September/October 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 Chairtoe,

Happy summer to all! Our tune this month, 'The Rainy Day', is a reflection on the prolonged soggy start to the season. Let's enjoy the sun and warmth that has finally arrived.

Congratulations and many thanks to the O'Neill Malcolm (Potomac) Branch on a most successful and enjoyable convention in Bethesda, MD. Our branch had a healthy number of attendees enjoying the music, classes, céilís and special events. Next year's convention will be held in Buffalo, NY, on April 4th – 7th, and hosted by the branches of the Northeast Region, including our own RHC branch. Join us and dance to a local Boston favorite, Connacht, at the Friday night céilí. An extra special event, a rooftop viewing of the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th, will be an additional draw and a reason to enjoy a bonus night with CCÉ friends. (Buffalo is in middle of the 'path of totality' for next year's solar eclipse.) Register now at <https://www.cceconvention.com/>.

We are delighted to announce, in collaboration with the Irish Cultural Centre, that the much-anticipated concert with Frankie Gavin and Catherine McHugh has been rescheduled. Originally planned for June, but postponed due to unexpected events, the new date is Saturday, September 9th, at the ICC in Canton. Don't miss the 'fastest fiddle player in the world' according to the Guinness Book of World Records. <https://frankiegavin-dedannan.irish/index.php/frankie-gavin-solo/>

Wishing much success to all participants in the Fleadh Cheoil 2023 in Mullingar, Westmeath, and an enjoyable trip to all attending the gathering this month. <https://fleadhcheoil.ie/>

ḡoo bless everyone...MAUREEN WOODS, P.R.O.

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(978) 518-0436 or email mo.woods@comcast.net ~

EVENTS/NOTICES**FRANKIE GAVIN CONCERT
RESCHEDULED to SEPTEMBER 9th**

In partnership with the Irish Cultural Centre, we will be hosting renowned fiddler **Frankie Gavin** and pianist **Catherine McHugh** Saturday, September 9th at 7:30 pm at the ICC \$20 members/\$25 non-members/under 12 free ~ Don't miss this "Musical Force of Nature" ~ <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frankie-gavin-catherine-mchugh-live-at-the-irish-cultural-centre-tickets-679546821837>

Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ Due to Labor Day weekend, there will be no seisiún on the first Sunday in September. Our next gathering following our summer break will be Sunday, October 1st, 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 welcome and greatly appreciated.

Fleadh Cheoil Larry Reynolds ~ A weekend to celebrate Larry's life and promote the east Galway style of music will be held once again this year in his hometown of Ballinasloe, Galway, September 7th – 10th. The Reynolds family are assisting the organizers in putting together a slideshow of pictures, stories and memories of Larry and would appreciate your contributions: Do you have a favorite memory of Larry? A picture and story to go with it? Please share them with Sean and Sheila Reynolds via email, text or USPS mail.

Email: seansheilareynolds@yahoo.com

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Deadline for photos is Sunday August 20, 2023. Any non-digital photos sent via USPS will be returned to the sender. Many thanks for participating in this celebration of the man who continues to be the spirit of our branch.

Weekly Set Dance Workshops ~ Tuesday workshops with the Harneys are on summer break.

CCÉ Music School ~ Keep an eye on your 'inbox' for information on the start of the fall semester music classes. An email will be sent out in mid-August.

<https://bostonirishmusicschool.com/>

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

- ♦ To Bridget Clooney on the passing of her dear brother John Joyce.
- ♦ To Chris and Mike Hoke, long time members of our sister branch in Utica, NY, and officers in our Northeast Region, on the passing of their daughter Rani Hoke Piccola.

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. Be sure to stop in and enjoy the craic.

Don't miss out on a chance to win two roundtrip tickets to Ireland in the 'Boston to Ireland' raffle. The drawing will be held August 13th.

Set dance workshops with Cait Bracken continue to be held throughout the summer on Monday evenings, 7:00 pm.

Sign up now to join us for the 5K run/walk on Sunday, September 10th. <https://www.irishculture.org/whats-on/>

Irish History Courses ~ Sean Murphy will be presenting his new program, due to begin on August 24th: 'Ancient Ireland up to the Arrival of the Celts' and 'History of Waterford'. <https://www.irishhistory.online/events-all> 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.

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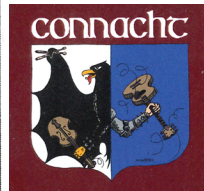
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