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REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Monthly Seisiún ~ The first Sunday of each month, 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. Rental instruments are available to enrolled students.

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A Chairde,

Thank you to our members who attended our Annual General Meeting on October 22nd. Your presence and input is vital in order for our branch to remain vibrant. A huge thank you to Joe Harney as he retires from his many years as our branch auditor, as well as for his other countless contributions to our organization. We are delighted to announce that Cait Bracken was elected to fill the auditor position for the coming year. Congratulations and thank you, Cait. We are grateful to all the other officers who are returning for another year, as well. Pam Nourse was the lucky winner of the door prize: a free year's membership!

The primary mission of our branch is to support young musicians and it is with great pleasure that we announce this year's recipients of our music scholarships: Declan Bundy will be awarded the Larry Reynolds Memorial Scholarship; Patrick Waldron and Layla Waldron have each won a General Scholarship. Congratulations!

We also offer our gratitude to Mary Lou Philbin, owner of Oissian USA, one of our advertisers, for her 30+ years of contributions to traditional music. Mary Lou will retire after the holidays and is "offering the business for sale to pass our Torch of Traditional Music on to someone with a passion, knowledge of business and an appreciation for the musicians who record and share their efforts". Spread the word!

GoD bless us all this Thanksgiving

...MAUREEN WOODS, P.R.O.

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EVENTS/NOTICES

Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ Will be held **Sunday, November 5th**, 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 always welcome and greatly appreciated.

Weekly Set Dance Workshops ~ with the Harneys and Barbara Boyd are held each **Tuesday**, Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

Membership Renewal ~ *It's not too late!* Please take a moment to renew your membership to CCÉ. This can be done online at <https://cceboston.org/membership-dues/> or by mailing a check to the address on page one. If possible, opting for email delivery of the newsletter helps defray the cost of printing and mailing and enables us to better support other branch activities.

CCE 2024 North American Convention ~ Sponsored by the North East Branches, in Buffalo, NY, April 4th -7th. Register now! <https://cceconference.regfox.com/cce-north-american-province-2024-convention> To reserve hotel: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/BUFFA/G-CMHC> **Please note: hotel rooms are going quickly! Reserve as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.**

RHC Music Scholarships ~ Congratulations to our scholarship recipients: Declan Bundy ~ Larry Reynolds Memorial Scholarship; Layla Waldron and Patrick Waldron ~ General Scholarship Award. Well done!

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Brian O'Donovan, former Executive Director of the Irish Cultural Centre and creator of *A Celtic Sojourn*. Brian's impact was felt throughout the Irish community and will live on through the many artists and lovers of Irish music he influenced. May he rest in peace.

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.

Set dance workshops with Cait Bracken are held on Monday evenings, 7:00 pm.

Mass followed by Irish breakfast held the first Sunday of the month at 11:00 am.

Beginner Children's Step Dancing with HPK Academy Winter Session, 6 weeks beginning November 7th.

<https://www.irishculture.org/events-programs/beginner-childrens-irish-step-dancing-with-the-hpk-academy/>

Boston College Gaelic Roots Concert ~ There will be three concerts presented this month! **Frankie Gavin** with Catherine McHugh on November 2nd, **Kevin Burke** on November 9th and **Doimnic MacGiolla Bhríde** on November 30th. All will be held in Connolly House, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. https://events.bc.edu/group/gaelic_roots_series Boston College marks the 30th anniversary of the first Gaelic Roots Festival, which led eventually to the current Gaelic Roots Series. BC is archiving audio and video clips from the festivals and will be posting them online in the future. We're so fortunate to have the Gaelic Roots program, and soon the archived clips, available to us.

Irish History Courses ~ Sean Murphy presents courses on Irish history via Zoom on Thursdays. This month will include "The Christianization of Ireland" and "The History of County Carlow". <https://www.irishhistory.online/events-all>. Sean holds set dance workshops at O'Shea's Olde Inn in West Dennis on Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm year-round.

The Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr (Cork Club) ~ Benefit dance for the Irish Pastoral Centre on November 11th at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury. Mass will be offered at 6:30, the "Fr. Dan Finn Award" will be presented. Music by Erin's Melody. \$15.

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Francis Roche, ed., *Collection of Irish Airs, Marches and Dance Tunes*, Vol. 3, Dublin, 1927, p. 20



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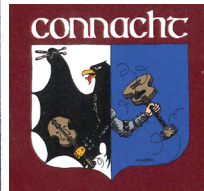
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