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Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year filled with many blessings



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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,

And just like that...we're in the middle of the holiday season! As always, many festive events are planned throughout the greater Boston area. Several are mentioned on page two, including the annual favorite St. Stephen's Day céilí which will return to the Irish Cultural Centre this year.

Once again, I'd like to offer a gentle reminder: if you haven't done so, kindly renew your membership and please encourage others to join us. Strong membership is vital to our branch...let's continue on in keeping the tradition growing!

Active planning by all the CCÉ North East Branches is ongoing for the convention in April at the Hyatt in Buffalo, NY. The hotel is beautiful and the opportunity to visit Niagara Falls is enticing. A full schedule is on tap, with a local favorite ~ Connacht ~ featured at the Friday night céilí. The incomparable Joannie Madden and her All Stars will wow us all at the Ceili Mor on Saturday evening. We'll be Boston Proud with an impressive lineup of local talent teaching workshops & holding presentations: Regina Delaney, harp; Mairin Uí Cheide, sean-nós singing; Patrick Hutchinson, uilleann pipes; Jackie O'Riley, sean-nós dance; and Sean Murphy, Irish history.

With wishes for joy in your world at the holidays and always ~ Merry Christmas to all and a year ahead filled with new adventures and good fortunes.

GoD bless us all...Maureen Woods, P.R.O.

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

EVENTS/NOTICES

Monthly Seisiún/Céilís ~ Will be held **Sunday, December 3rd and Sunday, January 7th**, 3:00 - 7:00 pm, at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Many thanks for your generous donations of raffle prizes and baked goods.

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. **All CCÉ members & friends are invited to attend a special Christmas Party with tea & goodies on December 12th**. Classes will resume on January 9th after a holiday break.

Music School ~ While the spring semester schedule is not yet finalized, it is expected registration will occur in early January and classes will begin later in the month. Watch your 'inbox' and check the website for registration information. <https://bostonirishmusicschool.com/news/>

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PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

- To Jacquie McManus, hospitalized for pneumonia, for a quick return to good health. Prayers also on the passing of her husband Billy on Thanksgiving morning.

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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR, continued

Set dance workshops with Cait Bracken are held on Monday evenings, 7:00 pm. \$10

Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 2nd, 11:00 am. Music, crafts & more! \$25 / under 3 years old, free.

New Year's Eve Gala with Erin's Melody, 7:00 pm. Champagne toast at midnight. \$85.

Check the ICC website for more events:

<https://www.irishculture.org/whats-on/events/>

Irish History Courses ~ Sean Murphy will be presenting courses via Zoom during December and January. For details, see <https://www.irishhistory.online/events-all>.

The Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr (Cork Club) ~ monthly dance on December 9th at the K of C, 15 Winslow Street, Arlington, with Tommy Byrne & Jerry Bailey. \$10

Other Christmas Parties ~ with local set dance clubs:
Friday, December 15th: South Shore Céilí Club, Church of Our Savior, 453 Adams Street, Milton. 7:00 pm.
Sunday, December 17th: Danvers Set Dancers, Danvers Art Association, 105 Elliot Street, Danvers. 3:00 pm.

All are welcome to join in the fun at these events!

St. Stephen's Day Céilí ~ is scheduled for December 26th at the Irish Cultural Centre. Planning is ongoing. Watch your 'inbox' for details and updated information.

Cape Cod Céilí Weekend Update ~ Unfortunately, this popular annual January event has been canceled for 2024. The organizers plan to send an email notice soon.

Boston College Gaelic Roots Concert ~ with Caoimhín Ó Fearghail, Uilleann pipes & flute, January 25th, Connolly House, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Free & open to the public.
https://events.bc.edu/group/gaelic_roots_series

Irish Session ~ at the Canadian-American Club, Watertown, is held the first Thursday of every month, 7:30 -10:00 pm. \$7. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/519741194792000/>

7. The Bonnie Green Tree

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



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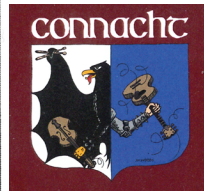
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