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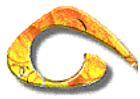


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Monthly Seisiún ~ The first Sunday of each month, October thru June, 3:00 - 7:00 pm at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. Musicians are invited to join in. There is set, céilí, old-time waltz and other dancing. Admission \$10 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.

<https://bostonirishmusicschool.com/>

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Δ Χαίρομαι,

St. Patrick's Month 2024 is ushering in the expected plethora of events; several are listed on page two. My apologies for not having a tune this month; the Community Calendar is so full, it didn't allow room. The spirit of Ireland certainly is alive and well in Boston. Enjoy celebrating!

I'd like to welcome our new advertiser: Kevin McElroy of Portland, ME, purveyor of fine violins and bows. Thank you for your support!

And thank you to all who are advertising in the CCE Convention Journal. Your contributions make all the difference in the success of the event. If you act quickly, you still may be able to submit an ad for your business, organization or in honor of a special someone. The deadline is February 29th. <https://cceboston.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-CCE-Convention-SELL-SHEET-Updated-1.20.24.pdf>

Our branch officers have been very busy with the planning and details of the upcoming convention. A fun way to represent our branch and be more involved is to volunteer for an hour or two. Openings include: registration desk, door checker for workshops/céilís, and liaison for the workshop instructors. As a door checker or liaison, you will be able to audit the workshop for free! Please contact me if interested.

If you would like to order convention merchandise, here is the link: https://www.ccebuffalo.com/cce_buffalo_convention_/shop/home Order by February 29th if you'd like to pick up your items at the convention.

The hotel is sold out. To join the waitlist, use this link: <https://www.cceconvention.com/hotel.html>. There are also hotel possibilities available at the Buffalo airport and in Seneca Falls, both a 15-20 minute drive from the convention location.

ḶḶḶ bless us ḶḶḶ...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/Céilí ~ Will be held Sunday March 3rd, 3-7 pm, at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Many thanks to the musicians who share their talent and for the donations of raffle prizes and baked goods.

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

Our RHC Musicians ~ will be playing at a **St. Patrick's Week Céilí** at the Irish Cultural Centre, 200 New Boston Drive, Canton, on Saturday, March 9th, 2-5pm. \$15.

"Breaking Trad" ~ in partnership with the Irish Cultural Centre, we are sponsoring a concert with David Doocey, Donal Murphy & Mike Galvin on Sunday, March 10th, 3-5 pm. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/breaking-trad-david-doocey-donal-murphy-mike-galvin-live-in-concert-tickets-827522460957>

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Consider proudly representing our RHC Branch by volunteering at the convention for an hour or two.

Please see page 1 for more information.

CONDOLENCES & SYMPATHY

To Austin and Mary O'Malley & family on the passing of Austin's dear brother John, in January.

To Bridget McNerney on the loss of her beloved husband John, this past November.

To the Looney family & friends on the passing of Alice on February 14th. Alice was a devoted member of our branch, donating many hours, including organizing afternoon tea at our Sunday céilís for many years. A truly lovely lady.

PRAYERS & GET WELL WISHES

Your prayers are working! Jacquie McManus has returned home from the hospital/rehab center. Thank you.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Irish Cultural Centre ~ Check the ICC website for more St. Patrick's Month events:

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

The Friday Night Session Group holds an open session every week starting at about 6:00 pm; all musicians, singers and toe-tappers are welcome.

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

Green Road from County Wexford performs Friday, March 8th, 7:30 -10 pm. General \$40/Member \$35/U18 \$10/U12 free.

Trevor Sexton & Ger O'Donnell in concert Saturday, March 9th, 6-9 pm. \$30-\$40.

Family St. Patrick's Day Celebration ~ Saturday, March 16th, 11 am -5 pm. \$25, U12 \$10, U3 free.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration! Events all day.

Sunday, March 17th, 11 am – 9 pm. \$20, U12 free.

Cape Cod Irish Village/Emerald Resort ~ Irish Festival 2024. March 8th -10th. Music & events all weekend.

35 Scudder Ave, Hyannis.

<https://theemeraldresort.com/event/irish-festival-2024/>

Irish Pastoral Centre ~ <https://www.ipcboston.org/events>

St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Friday, March 15th, 11 am -3 pm. Florian Hall, 55 Hallett St., Boston. Mass, blessing of shamrocks, dinner & music with Erin's Melody. \$30

Monthly trad session every 3rd Sunday, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. All musicians, all levels, all ages welcome. Tea & coffee served. IPC, 540 Gallivan Blvd, Boston.

Boston College Gaelic Roots Series will be hosting a traditional céilí with Kieran Jordan, Sheila Falls & friends.

Friday, March 22nd, Gasson Hall, 6:30-8:30 pm. Free.

https://events.bc.edu/event/gaelic_roots_traditional_irish_ceili

Danvers Set Dancers will be hosting a St. Patrick's Céilí on Sunday, March 24th, 3-7 pm, 105 Elliot Street, Danvers. \$7

Community Céilí with Jackie O'Riley ~ on Saturday, March 30th, 6-8 pm, at the Tracy Powers Concert Hall, 160 Lexington Street, Belmont. \$5 per person, \$10 per family.

IAHS Spring Céilí ~ Girl Power will return for a céilí at the Irish American Home Society, 132 Commerce Street, Glastonbury, CT. April 14th, 3:00 pm. \$15.

Irish Session at the Canadian-American Club, is held the first Thursday of every month, 7:30 - 10:00 pm. \$7.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/519741194792000/>

Irish History Courses ~ Sean Murphy will be presenting History of Lietrim and The Tudor Conquest of Ireland, Thursdays during March via Zoom. \$100. For details, see <https://www.irishhistory.online/events-all>.

John Murphy & our friends in Maine are sponsoring a céilí with live music at Rí Rá Pub, Sunday, April 14th, 3-5 pm. 72 Commercial Street, Portland, ME. \$20. For more info, call John Murphy 207-720-0160.



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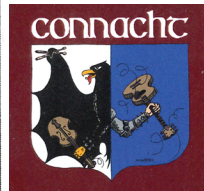
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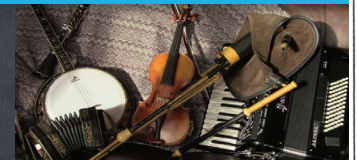


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