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A Chairde,

As we recoup from a hectic March, we look forward to spring weather and the abundant opportunities available for enjoying our Irish culture in the Boston area and beyond; many are listed on page two.

The months of planning by the Northeast Branches for the North American Provincial Convention are coming to an end as many of us head to Buffalo to enjoy the classes, céilís, sessions, special presentations and more. The craic will be mighty with singing, dancing, playing and learning amidst the camaraderie of friends new and old. Many thanks to all the musicians, instructors and volunteers from our branch for their contributions ensuring the success of the event.

The next major event on the CCE calendar is the Mid-Atlantic Fleadh which will be held May 10th – 12th at the Hilton Parsippany Hotel in New Jersey. You will find more information on page two. **Please note: the competition entrance deadline is April 20th.** Qualifiers will be eligible to compete in the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Wexford in August.May the blessings of the Easter continue through each day of the coming months...**MAUREEN WOODS, p.r.o.**~ For newsletter items or suggestions, call or text Maureen Woods (978) 518-0436 or email mo.woods@comcast.net ~~ For address updates call Maureen Conway (617) 895-6108 or email mauconway@aol.com ~

EVENTS/NOTICES

Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ Due to our CCE convention in Buffalo, there will be no monthly seisiún/céilí in April. Our next get-together will be Sunday, May 5th, 3:00 -7:00 pm, at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. \$10 members/\$15 non-members.

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. Come join the fun!

Mid-Atlantic Fleadh 2024 ~ will be held May 10th - 12th at the Hilton Parsippany Hotel in Parsippany, NJ. All are welcome to participate. There will be music, singing, language, storytelling and dance competitions. Rules, requirements, updates, links for booking hotel rooms and other information can be found on the website <https://ccemidatlantic.com/mid-atlantic-fleadh>. **The competition entrance deadline is April 20th; register here:** <https://www.feisweb.com>. This event serves as a qualifier for **Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2024**, which will be held in Wexford Town, County Wexford, August 4th - 11th. <https://fleadhcheoil.ie/>

PRAYERS & GET WELL WISHES

- For Bob Davis, for a speedy return home from rehab after a hospital stay. The nurses will miss you, but Barbara needs you to keep her laughing at home.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Boston College Gaelic Roots Series ~ In concert: Máire Ní Chathasaigh & Chris Newman, Thursday April 11th and Cillian Vallely, David Doocey & Alan Murray, Thursday April 25th. Both events will begin at 6:30 pm, Connolly House. <https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/mcas/sites/irish.html>

IAHS Spring Céilí ~ Glynn-Girl Power Céilí Band at the Irish American Home Society, 132 Commerce Street, Glastonbury, CT. Sunday, April 14th, 3:00 pm. \$15.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR (cont'd)

Irish Cultural Centre, 200 New Boston Drive, Canton
Check the ICC website for more 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, Mondays, 7:00 pm.

Pop-up Gaeltacht on Saturday, April 20th, 5:00 pm in the pub.

Irish Language Courses with Cumann na Gaeilge ~ Beginner & Intermediate: April 10th - May 29th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm; Advanced: April 11th - May 30th, 7:00 - 9:30 pm.

Monthly Mass & Breakfast ~ Sunday, April 7th, 11:00 am.

Irish History Courses ~ No courses scheduled in April. Sean's set dance workshops will be held at O'Shea's Old Inn, West Dennis, Tuesdays April 2nd, 9th & 30th. 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

John Murphy & Friends are sponsoring a céilí with live music at Rí Rá Pub, Sunday, April 14th, 3:00 -5:00 pm. 72 Commercial Street, Portland, ME. \$20. For more info: 207-720-0160.

ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS (please save this information as it can be listed only when space allows)

Irish Pastoral Centre ~ **Monthly trad session**, 3rd Sunday of each month, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. All musicians, all levels, all ages welcome. Tea & coffee served. 540 Gallivan Blvd, Boston.

Bill Black & Cat's Melodeon session at The Auld Triangle, 412 Main Street, Hyannis. Saturdays, 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

Irish Session at Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington St., Watertown; 1st Thursday of every month, 7:30 - 10:00 pm. \$7.

Milton Set Dancing ~ Fridays, 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Church of Our Savior, 453 Adams Street, Milton. No experience necessary.

Carrollrj339@gmail.com

Danvers Set Dancing ~ Thursdays, 7:30 - 10:30 pm. Danvers Art Association, 105 Elliot Street, Danvers. Beginners especially welcome. eileen_ken_dugal@yahoo.com

Seacoast Set Dancers ~ Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 20 Madbury Road, Durham, NH. All levels welcome. Sue@seacoastsetdancers.org

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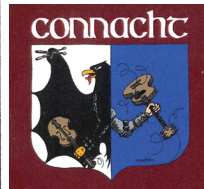
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