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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 Barbara Boyd & Alanna Callendrello are held each Tuesday, September - May, at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown at 7:30 pm. \$7. *All levels welcome.*

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Δ Chairde,

Our annual CCÉ North American Convention, this year renamed "Comhaltas Cultural Experience", is being held April 3rd – 6th. We wish all attendees safe travels and an uplifting weekend enjoying the craic, the talent and the many facets of our Irish cultural heritage.

The CCÉ Mid-Atlantic Fleadh Cheoil will be held this month, as well (April 25th – 27th). Many competitions are offered, including: instrumental solo, duet, trio, céilí band, grúpaí ceoil, singing, sean nós dance, céilí dance, set dance and Irish language. The location has changed for 2025; it will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Princeton, NJ. Winners placing first or second in each category qualify to compete in the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in County Wexford this summer.

Wishing all a joyful spring as we give thanks for the message of hope, renewal and new life that Easter brings us.

May God shower you with blessings, love, and peace this Easter
...Maureen Woods, P.R.O.

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EVENTS/NOTICES

Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ Due to the CCÉ convention in Orlando scheduled for the first weekend in April, **our April céilí will be held the second Sunday of the month, April 13th**, 3:00-7:00 pm at the Canadian American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. As always, thank you for your generous donations of baked goods and raffle prizes.

Weekly Set Dance Workshops ~ Every Tuesday with Barbara Boyd & Alanna Callendrello. 7:30 – 9:00 pm at the Canadian American Club. Tuesday classes will not be affected by the CCÉ Convention schedule. All levels are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please join us!

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**Mid-Atlantic Fleadh Cheoil 2025**

April 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

Crowne Plaza Princeton, NJ  
 (Note new location!)

Entries now being accepted on [www.FEISWEB.com](http://www.FEISWEB.com)  
 All competitors will require a FEISWEB profile in order to enter competitions. Avoid paying a \$50 late fee by registering before April 10<sup>th</sup>.

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CONDOLENCES & SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Eamon McCarthy, especially his parents, Margaret & Stephen, and his grandparents, Sally & Joe Harney.

GET WELL WISHES & PRAYERS

- To Frank Kennedy as he continues his recovery and also to Frank's and Regina's grandson Christopher, who is recovering from major surgery.
- To Nyssa Patten as she continues to recover from Long Covid. We miss seeing you on the dance floor.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Irish Cultural Centre, 200 New Boston Drive, Canton
 Check the ICC website for more events:

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

Set dance workshop with Cait Bracken, Mondays, 7:00 pm.

The Friday Night Session Group ~ open session every week, 7:00 pm; all musicians, singers and toe-tappers are welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt & Family Day ~ Saturday, April 12th, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Tara Breen, Pdraig Rynne & Jim Murray ~ in concert, Thursday, April 17th, 7:30 pm.

Diarmuid Ó Meachair ~ Young Musician of the Year, performs Friday, April 25th, 7:30 pm.

Irish Pastoral Centre ~ **Monthly trad session** Sunday, April 27th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. All musicians, all ages, all levels welcome!

Blood Drive ~ Thursday, April 24th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

540 Gallivan Blvd, Boston. <https://www.ipcboston.org/events>

Irish History Courses ~ Sean Murphy's April courses will be 'County Down' and 'Anglo-Irish Treaty and Irish Civil War'. April 17th – May 8th. (Zoom) <https://www.irishhistory.online/>. Sean's set dance class is held at O'Shea's Old Inn, West Dennis. Tuesdays, 5:30 pm.

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

Cat's Melodeon entertains during the **Woods Hole Trad Stroll** from Coffee Obsession's Porch at 12 noon.. For more events on the Cape & south shore: www.capeirish.com.

Boston College Gaelic Roots Series ~ *From Cork to Boston: The life & Music of Irish Accordion Master Jerry O'Brien*. Lecture by Dan Neely followed by Diarmuid Ó Meachair performance. Thursday, April 10th, 6:30 pm, Connolly House. All events are free and open to the public. <https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/morrissey/sites/irish.html>

Cork Club Dance ~ Saturday April 12th, Knights of Columbus Hall, 15 Winslow St., Arlington. 7:00-10:00 pm. Music by Kenneally & Keohane. Admission \$10.00

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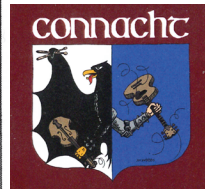
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