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REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Monthly Seisiún ~ The first Sunday of each month, October thru June & second Sunday of September, 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.*

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,

As a new semester of our music school begins, we have the pleasure of announcing that Máirín Uí Chéide, our singing teacher, is also our newly elected Treorí na Gaeilge. As well, we warmly welcome Patrick Waldron as our new Youth Officer. We thank them both for their dedication to preserving our Irish traditions: our music, dance, language and culture.

On January 17th, Ceol Traidisiúnta na hÉireann held it's annual Frank Hartigan Fundraiser. We are so grateful to Frank Bane and his organization for naming our CCÉ Music School as a beneficiary of this event. Their generosity will help us to continue to provide a high level of instruction to students of all ages and abilities, in a wide range of Irish traditional instruments, as well as singing. Our heartfelt thanks!

We have two major events approaching in April. The North American 2026 Comhaltas Music & Dance Immersion Weekend is being hosted by the Institute of Irish Traditional Music in Chicago. The 2026 Mid-Atlantic Fleadh is also upcoming. We wish much luck to our area musicians who plan to compete. Details for both events are on page two.

Blessings for a hopeful 2026 to all ~ Maureen Woods, PRO

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EVENTS/NOTICES

Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ Please join us on **Sunday, February 1st**, 3:00-7:00 pm. Members \$10, non-members \$15. Canadian American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. Don't forget your coffee cup and thank you in advance for your kind donations of baked goods for tea and raffle prizes. Our monthly seisiún/céilí in March will be held on the 1st.

Weekly Set/Céilí Dance Workshops ~ are held every Tuesday with Barbara Boyd & Alanna Callendrello at the Canadian American Club, 7:30 – 9:00 pm. Spend an evening enjoying some winter exercise and some laughs!

CCÉ North American Convention 2026**April 9th – 12th****Hilton Chicago/Northbrook****2855 Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook, IL****Registration is now open!****Full weekend package includes workshops, céilís,****Friday dinner, Saturday banquet,****Saturday & Sunday brunch****\$295 members; \$320 non-members****After March 1st, there will be a \$25 fee applied**<https://cceconvention.com/#two>**Rooms are expected to sell out ~ Book now!****CCÉ Mid-Atlantic Fleadh 2026****April 17th – 19th****Crowne Plaza Princeton****900 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey****~ Competitions, Sessions,****Hall of Fame Banquet & Ceili and more ~**<https://ccemidatlantic.com/mid-atlantic-fleadh>**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. All levels welcome! \$10**The Friday Night Session Group** ~ open session every week, 7:00 pm; all musicians, singers and toe-tappers are welcome.**Spreading the Cloak: Brigid's Legacy of Leadership & Creativity** ~ in partnership with the Consulate General of Ireland, Monday February 2nd, 6:00-8:00 pm. Hampshire House, Boston. By donation.**David Geaney & the Irish Lads** ~ high energy music & dance. Friday, February 13th, 7:30 pm. \$45**Irish Pastoral Centre** ~ is now hosting a Community Lunch prior to the monthly Trad Session on the 3rd Sunday (2/22) of each month, 12:30 – 2:00. The session immediately follows, 2:00-4:00 pm. 540 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester. Advance registration is required for lunch. <https://www.ipcboston.org/event-list>**Boston College Gaelic Roots** ~ Gerry O'Connor, world renowned fiddle player from County Louth, with singer and multi-instrumentalist Kevin McElroy. Thursday, February 19th, 6:30 pm, Connolly House. Free and open to the public. <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/morrissey/sites/irish/events.html>**Irish History Courses** ~ Upcoming classes with Sean Murphy are 'History of County Limerick' and '6 Counties/Northern Ireland 1981-98'; Thursdays, February 19th- March 12th. <https://www.irishhistory.online/events-all>. 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. For more events on the Cape & south shore, as well as a wealth of Irish music, visit <http://www.capeirish.com>**Set Dancing Opportunities** ~ we'd like to list the various set dance opportunities in our area on our website. We'd appreciate if organizers would send along contact information and any details you would like listed to mo.woods@comcast.net.Tune courtesy of Bill Black <http://www.capeirish.com/ittl>**SNOW on the ROOF (reel)**



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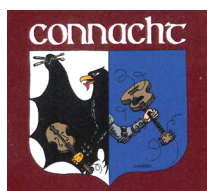
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