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My warm wishes for St. Patrick's Day blessings and festive celebrations to all ~ Maureen Woods, PRO



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### REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES

**Monthly Seisiún** ~ The second Sunday of September and then 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,

Máirín Uí Chéide, our new Treorí na Gaeilge, is a 'guest contributor' this month with some lovely and thoughtful words on spring.

#### Mí na Márta buailte linn! (March is upon us!)

March arrives as daylight stretches, as if challenging nightfall to paint a beautiful evening sky—full of color and the promise of nature's renewal. Spring starts on March 20th and we will be witnessing the brave daffodils pushing their way up through the lingering groundcover of snow drifts. Antoine Ó Raifteirí, the blind poet, born 1779, sadly blinded by small pox at 8 yrs. of age, wrote a beautiful poem called Cill Aodáin, praising his birthplace, where he will find renewal of mind, body and spirit as he returns home in the springtime. It also speaks to the hope of our reemerging spirit, no matter how dark and dreary the previous months have been.

#### Cill Aodáin

Anois teacht an Earraigh  
beidh an lá dúl chun síneadh,  
Is tar eis na féil Bríde  
ardóigh mé mo sheol.  
Go Coillte Mach rachad,  
'S ní stopfaidh me choíche  
Go seasfaidh mé thíos  
i lár Chondae Mhaigh Eo.  
Fágaim le huacht é  
go n-éiríonn mo chroí-se  
Mar a éiríonn an ghaoth  
nó mar a scaipeann an ceo

Nuair a smaoiním ar Cheara  
nó ar Ghaileang taobh thíos de  
Ar Sceathach an Mhíle  
nó ar phlánaí Mhaigh Eo;  
Cill Aodáin an baile  
a bhfásann gach ní ann,  
Tá sméara is subh craobh ann  
is meas de gach sórt  
Is dá mbéinnse i mo sheasamh  
i gceartlár mo dhaoine  
D'imeodh an aois díom  
bheinn arís óg.

In short the poet tells us that on returning to his birthplace, one of extraordinary abundance, with the return of spring, he will want for nothing, be renewed and reenergized. There, in fact, he will find the mythical fountain of youth awaiting him.

Ar aghaidh linn mar sin, ag cur fáilte roimh an earrach le dóchas agus misneach. Can amhrán, cas port nó buail cois air!

Sing a song, play a tune or step it out! ~ Máirín Uí Chéide

**EVENTS/NOTICES**

**Monthly Seisiún/Céilí** ~ Please join us on **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, 3:00-7:00 pm. Members \$10, non-members \$15. Canadian American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown.

**Reminder: There will be no seisiún/céilí in April due to Easter falling on the first Sunday.**

**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 traditional dancing and some laughs!

**Membership Reminder** ~ If you haven't submitted your dues yet for the 2025/2026 CCE year, please consider continuing your membership. See our website for further details.

**CCÉ North American Convention 2026**  
April 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Hilton Chicago/Northbrook  
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Full weekend package includes workshops, céilís, Friday dinner, Saturday banquet, Saturday & Sunday brunch  
<https://cceconvention.com/#two>

**CCÉ Mid-Atlantic Fleadh 2026**  
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**CONDOLENCES & SYMPATHY**

\* We extend our heartfelt condolences to Helen McGowan Gardner and all her family on the loss of her dear sister Maureen C. (Shea) Greichen on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

\* To Elizabeth Carey, and her sister Pat Callahan, on the loss of her son Bill Carey on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remember Elizabeth, Pat and all their family in your prayers.

**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.

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration** ~ at the UMass Club. Liam Harney will receive the Gradam Dóchais award. Weds, 3/4. 6 pm.

**St. Patrick's Weekend** ~ Music, dance, art & crafts & more. Saturday & Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Irish Pastoral Centre** ~ **Monthly trad Session**. Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00-4:00 pm. 540 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester.

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration** at Florian Hall. Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am-3:00 pm. <https://www.ipcboston.org/event-list>

**Boston College Gaelic Roots** ~ Céilí with Jackie O'Riley and Sheila Falls Keohane. Friday 3/27. 6:30 pm. Gasson Hall.  
<https://events.bc.edu/event/gaelic-roots-ceili-with-jackie-oriley-and-sheila-falls-keohane>

**Irish History Courses** ~ Sean Murphy will offer a live presentation on the Life & Times of St. Patrick via zoom. Friday, 3/13. 6:00-7:30 pm. <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.

**Powers Music School** ~ hosts a Community Irish Céilí. Dances called by Jackie O'Riley. Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 pm. 160 Lexington St., Belmont. <https://powersmusic.org/event/irish-ceili-2026/>

**Vivo Performing Arts** ~ presents an Irish Celebration with Martin Hayes & Common Ground Ensemble. Symphony Hall, Boston. Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 pm.  
<https://www.vivoperformingarts.org/productions/martin-hayes-and-the-common-ground-ensemble/>

**Bill Black & Cat's Melodeon** ~ session at The Auld Triangle, 412 Main Street, Hyannis. Saturdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. **Golden Lane** performs at Westport Grange, Main St., Westport. Sunday 3/8, 2:00 pm. Also at Highfield Hall, Falmouth. Sunday 3/15, 4:00pm. <http://www.capeirish.com>

7. The Bonnie Green Tree



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

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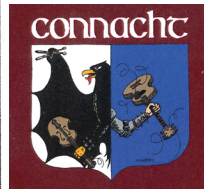
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