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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.*

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 CHAIRŌE,

Mairin's "June/July ramblings" ~

Cá dtósóidh mé? Where shall I start? I could write for days about these two months in our ancient Celtic traditions, rituals, and beliefs, which transcended into our Christian calendar.

Mi Meitheamh, croilár na bliana Cheilteach: June has the longest day of the year ~ Grianstad an tsamhraidh, our Summer Solstice. This happens on the 21st of the month. The day was dedicated to Étain, the fertility goddess and the sun. Of course, the Tintí Cnámh, Bonfires, (Bone fires) came on the night of the 23rd, usually lit on the highest grounds or at the crossroads. Oíche Fhéil' tShin Sheáin, in my childhood days, was epic. Preparation started weeks ahead, old wood, old rags, straw, and in fact anything that would burn was piled high. It was a friendly competition between villages to see whose fire could be seen farther in the distance. I remember the few meat bones discreetly thrown in as the fire blazed, as in olden times, to ward off evil and destruction. In pre-Christian days, ashes were spread on crops to increase their yield, and farmers would drive their livestock through the ashes to keep them safe from the Fae.

Then July arrived, bridging the peak of Summer to the harvest season. It was also known as the Month of Hunger because the previous year's food stores were nearly depleted. Yet it was also the month of weddings and pilgrimages. The last Sunday of July was dedicated to bilberry foraging, in preparation for Lúghnasa, the Celtic Sun God. These days we have Reek Sunday, when we climb Croagh Patrick barefoot! And of course, in our music world at Comhaltas, we are preparing for a glorious feast of music at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Belfast! We are, like the other celebrated element in July, the Oak Tree, deeply rooted and branching out. Go neirí go geal lenár niarrathóirí uilig I mBéal Feirste ~ Máirín Uí Chéide (Treoirí na Gaeilge)

My wishes to all our wonderful Dads for a very happy Father's Day. "To her, the name of father was another name for love." ~ Fanny Fern

May God Bless America on our 250th Birthday and always!

...Maureen Woods, PRO

EVENTS/NOTICES

Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ This month's céilí will be held on Sunday, June 7th. This will be our final céilí for the season. We'll gather again on Sunday, September 13th. 3:00-7:00 pm. Members \$10, non-members \$15. Canadian American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown.

Weekly Set/Céilí Dance Workshops ~ with Barbara Boyd & Alanna Callendrello are on summer break. Workshops will resume in September at the Canadian American Club, Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:00 pm.

Mid-Atlantic Fleadh ~ Congratulations to all our young members who participated in the Mid-Atlantic Fleadh in April. Several saw their talent rewarded by placing in their chosen competitions. We couldn't be prouder of you all!
 Rose Bundy, Whistle, Under 12, 3rd
 John Paul Tattan, Piano Accordion, Over 18, 3rd
 John Paul Tattan, Piano, Over 18, 3rd
 Padraig O'Donnell, Banjo, Over 18, 2nd
 Eve Reinig, Fiddle Slow Airs, Under 12, 2nd
 Hannah Reinig, Fiddle Slow Airs, 12-15, 3rd
 Olivia Reinig, Fiddle Slow Airs, 15-18, 1st
 Anton Kukhto, Irish Singing, Over 18, 1st
 Your hours of practice have paid off. For those heading to Ireland, our very best wishes follow you to the Fleadh Cheoil.

CCÉ Cultural Experience 2027
April 1st – 4th
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
<https://cce-canada-east-region.bloomtickets.ca/event/1006>

PRAYERS & BLESSINGS

Please send your prayers and warm, caring thoughts to our beautiful, fun-loving, always smiling member, Maryanne Dineen Norton.

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 will continue throughout the summer. Mondays, 7:00 pm. All levels welcome!

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

Onóir ~ Donegal-based vocal power-house quartet returns Sunday, June 7th, 4:00 pm.

Gareth ~ Tyrone born singer, blending traditional country & Irish folk music, performs Sunday, July 19th, 7:30 pm.

The Voices of Ireland ~ Don Stiffe, Ger O'Donnell & Trevor Sexton will take the stage on Saturday, June 27th, 7:30 pm.

Irish Pastoral Centre ~ Monthly Trad Session, 2:00-4:00 pm. Sunday, June 21st. All musicians, singers, dancers & listeners welcome. 540 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester.
<https://www.ipcboston.org/event-list>

Irish History Courses with Sean Murphy ~ Classes begin June 4th: 'History of County Waterford' and 'Ancient Ireland up to Arrival of the Celts' <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. Bill and Cat's Melodeon will perform at the Falmouth Arts Alive Festival on Sunday June 14th, 1:30 pm, in the Music Tent on the Falmouth Library lawn. Bill's website contains an updated sessions list for the Cape & south of Boston area, as well as Rhode Island.
<http://www.capeirish.com>

Cork Club ~ Monthly dances are held the second Saturday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 15 Winslow St., Arlington. 7:00-10:00 pm. \$10. Refreshments served.

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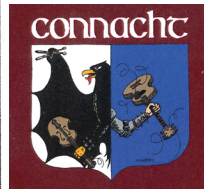
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