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eanair 2010

The Center's annual celebration of Samhain, the Celtic New Year, took place on Saturday, the 31st of October.



Píobaire na Rinceoirí

Although it wasn't quite "A blethering, blustering drunken blellum", it was a convivial gathering of celtic folks from the UWM and the celtic community.

Ian Day, from the St Andrew's society, enlivened the proceedings with his delightful recitation of Burns' *Tam o' Shanter*. The Caledonian Dancers, led by Reuel Zielke, danced their lovely legs off and there were tunes from Randy Gosa and Bret Lipschutz. Celtic Studies Faculty shared their favorite ghost stories and there were Halloween treats for all.



The Caledonian Dancers

A showing of "Boy Eats Girl", a new movie about zombies in the Dublin suburbs, brought a modern twist to the otherwise traditional festivities. The evening concluded the award ceremony to honor those who dressed up for the evening. Costumes included devils and highlanders as well as a full-size penguin suit.



Randy Gosa & Bret Lipschutz
(left)

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fáilte!

croeso!

mannbet!

kroesan!

welcome!

irish fest

James Liddy, internationally renown poet and Center for Celtic Studies founding faculty member, was remembered at last summer's Milwaukee Irish Fest. In the festival's Hedge School venue, James' colleagues and friends read from his works and drank a toast to his memory.



kick-off-the-semester party

On September 23rd, the Center for Celtic Studies held its Kick-Off-the-Semester Party (or *ceili*) in Greene Hall. The purpose of the event was to introduce the activities of the Center to as wide a range of students and interested community members as possible.

Over the course of the evening, nearly 100 students were introduced to faculty members associated with the Center and learned about the Certificate in Celtic Studies and CCS classes, study abroad programs and upcoming events.

Guests took part in Irish dancing lessons under the instruction of Nancy Walczyk and Bairbre Ni Chiardha. Music was provided by members of the group *Cé*, who are former CCS students, as well as by current members of UWM's Celtic Regions Irish American Club (CRAIC).

Immediately following the *ceili*, guests were treated to a spectacular demonstration of formal and *sean nós* (old-style) Irish dancing. World champion dancer and former *Riverdance* star Seán Beglan performed with two of his star pupils in a dramatic finale to a very successful evening.

This event was free and open to the public.

uwm faculty named to irish education 100

The *Irish Voice*, the top Irish-American newspaper, selected and honored their first annual list of 100 top Irish educators in North America.

Senior Editor Debbie McGoldrick writes that "It seemed natural that we should pay tribute to the Irish who made such an indelible mark at colleges and universities throughout both the U.S. and Canada ... all of whom share a common bond - a deep pride in their shared heritage."



The list features "many educators and benefactors of Irish Studies programs that have enriched students of all different backgrounds."

Included were our own John Gleeson (pictured above) and Kevin P. Reilly, President of the University of Wisconsin system.

Congratulates all the honorees named on this prestigious list.



Above (from left to right): John Gleeson, Maureen Murphey (*Hofstra University*) Tom and Mrs Hachey (*Boston College*)

our man in eDinBURgh

Long-time supporter and friend of Celtic Studies Bob McWilliam was recently invited to speak at the Scottish Parliament.



Above (from left to right): Alex Salmond, First Minister for Scotland (in background); Prince Charles; Lord Jamie Sempill, Director of the Gathering; Bob McWilliam

Bob was in Edinburgh for the International Clan Gathering and Highland Games held in Edinburgh, Scotland July 24 thru July 27. This Gathering was the first of the Clan chiefs in over 200 years.

Bob spoke in the Debating Chambers of the Scottish Parliament to a group of approximately 140 Clan Chiefs, 200 Clan Presidents and Conveners as well as another 100 or so Senior Clan officials.

Bob was one of four panelists, along with James Hunter, President of the Highlands and Islands University; David Sellar, Lord Lyon; and Donald MacLaren, Chief of Clan MacLaren and British Diplomat.

The Moderator was Alex Ferguson, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament. Bob's subject was "The Strengths and Aspirations of the WorldWide Scottish Clans and Diaspora as they establish Links to Twenty First Century Scotland." The talk was well received.

Later, Prince Charles invited Bob across the road to Holyrood Palace for a reception where Bob regaled the Heir-apparent with news of things Celtic in Milwaukee.



19th Annual
Ceili for Peace !

Irish Music & Dancing

Saturday, January 30, 2010

**UW-Milwaukee Campus
Greene Hall
3347 N. Downer Ave., Milwaukee, WI**

Street parking is free after 6 pm

7-7:30 pm Mini concert of Irish music by Ceol Cairde
7:30-10:30 pm Ceili Dancing taught by Gail McElroy
Traditional Irish music by Ceol Cairde (Music of Friends)

Admission is free but donations gladly accepted and encouraged, both non-perishable food items & cash donations to help cover operating expenses for Casa Maria Guests.

Beverages and bakery available at the Ceili!
Certified Fair Trade chocolate too just in time for Valentine's Day! ♥

Beginners of all ages very welcome!

A Ceili (kay-lee) is a traditional gathering of friends and family joining together in a celebration of music, song and dance.

All proceeds benefit Casa Maria Shelter where Guests receive housing, food and clothing. All donations received at Casa Maria are used solely to help the homeless and needy. They receive no government or corporate funding. In addition to food needs, there will be a collection box for grocery store gift cards, healthy snacks to pack in lunches and bus tickets.

*Thank you to the dance instructors and musicians
for donating their time and talent.*

For more information, please call Kristina at 414-372-3060 or visit www.ceolcairde.com

Many thanks to the UWM Celtic Studies Program
for sponsoring this event!
www.uwm.edu/dept./Celtic

celtic studies





Robert Burns

(A Man who will never disappoint you)

Requests the pleasure of your presence at the
Robert Burns Club of Milwaukee's 23rd

Traditional Robert Burns Supper

Sunday, February 14, 2010

Place: Klemmer's Williamsburg Inn, 10401 W. Oklahoma Ave Milwaukee, WI 53227

4:30 - Fou and Unco Happy Hour (Reception and Cocktails)

5:30 - Supper (meal choices to be made the night of the supper - New York Strip, Chicken
Chardonnay or Baked Cod Almondine)

PLUS entertainment, Scottish dancing, haggis, raffle, a piper, and much more!

Reminder: Wearing the kilt is optional but welcome.

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Reservation Form

I am enclosing a check/money order made out to "Robert Burns Club of Milwaukee" for
\$_____ for _____ reservations for February 14, 2010 Burns Supper at
\$25.00 per dinner. Reservations **MUST** be made in advance.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail (optional) _____

Reservations/Cancellations **MUST** be received no later than **January 29, 2010**.

Phone 262-792-1405 or e-mail: thebarras@aol.com

Send Check and reservation form to: Robert Burns Club of Milwaukee

P.O. Box 04

Waukesha, WI 53187-0004

Lá ghaeilge - Irish Language Day

February 20, 2010

A warm welcome awaits you as tradition and talent from the heart of Ireland comes to the heart of America. Our unique cultural event features classes in the Irish language, workshops in traditional singing and old style dancing, movies, concerts and presentations. Throughout the day you can also visit Siopa Gaeilge, our Irish language books and media shop.

For the first time, the Center for Celtic Studies invites you share this day with your children. A special Children's Workshop will be held in the afternoon.

Complete Beginners Welcome!

Location: UWM's Hefter Center
3271 N Lake Dr
Milwaukee

Registration: \$25
\$15 w/out lunch
\$10 for children

FREE to all students, but pre-registration is necessary for anyone who wants lunch. Students may also purchase lunch tickets at \$10 each.

Checks should be made out to The UWM Foundation.

To register now, simply fill out the attached form and send it to:

UWM Center for Celtic Studies
Holton Hall 290
P.O. Box 413
Milwaukee WI 53201-0413



Lá ghaeilge - Irish Language Day

John Gleeson - Is the founder of the Curtin branch of the Gaelic League. A native of Ireland, he is the head of the Center for Celtic Studies and teaches Gaelic and Irish Film courses at UWM.

Dineen Grow - A founder UW Madison's Celtic Cultural Center, she is now a lecturer and Senior Academic Librarian at Madison's Memorial Library.

Bairbre Ni Chiardha - A native of Connemara, Ireland, she teaches Gaelic at UW Milwaukee.

Sean Beglan - A former lead dancer with Riverdance, Sean now owns Rince Nia, a dance school in Wisconsin.

Aine Ní Mhuineachain - A native of Connemara, she is a world-renowned, traditional Irish Singer. . A winner of the prestigious *Corn euí Roida*. her style and repertoire have made her a noted figure in the Irish Cultural heritage.

Tim McMahon - Teaches history at Marquette University. His latest book, *Grand Opportunity: The Gaelic Revival and Irish Society, 1893-1910* has been called 'ground-breaking' and is a recommended read for all students of Irish history.

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast Registration			
9:00 - 10:15	Beginners Irish Language Instruction <i>John Gleeson</i>	Intermediate Irish Language Instruction <i>Dineen Grow</i>		Advanced Irish Language Instruction <i>Bairbre Ni Chiardha</i>
10:15 - 10:30	Break			
10:30 - 10:45	Beginners Irish Language Instruction <i>John Gleeson</i>	Intermediate Irish Language Instruction <i>Dineen Grow</i>		Advanced Irish Language Instruction <i>Bairbre Ni Chiardha</i>
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch			
1:00 - 2:30	Douglas Hyde Lecture - “March of a Nation: Dublin’s Gaelic Processions” <i>Tim McMahon</i>			
2:30 - 3:30	Sean Nós Dance Instruction <i>Sean Beglan</i>	Sean Nós Singing <i>Aine Ní Mhuineachain</i>		Children’s Activites
3:30 - 3:45	Break			
3:45 - 5:00	Beginners Irish Language Instruction <i>John Gleeson</i>	Intermediate Irish Language Instruction <i>Dineen Grow</i>	Advanced Irish Language Instruction <i>Bairbre Ni Chiardha</i>	Children’s Activites
	Movie - “Kings”			
5:00 - 8:00	Dinner (on your own)			
8:00	Free Ceili at Greene Hall 3347 N Downer Av			

Lá ghaeilge - Irish Language Day

Registration Form

Name: _____

University Student: ☐ yes ☐ no

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Morning Language Workshops:

☐ Beginners ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

Afternoon Workshops:

Session 1

☐ Dance ☐ Irish Language ☐ Singing

Lunch: ☐ yes ☐ no

Session 2

Children's Lunch (number): _____ ☐ Dance ☐ Irish Language ☐ Singing

Children's Workshop: ☐ yes ☐ no Number of Children: _____



Office Use Only

Workshops: _____

Children's Workshop: _____

Total Cost: _____

Rate:

☐ General ☐ Student

Payment:

☐ Cash ☐ Check

Payment received by: _____ Date: _____

2009-2010 CCS events

September

Kick-Off Party

Wednesday September 23, 2009

7:30-9:00pm

Greene Hall, UWM

October

Celtic Women First Friday Lectures *

Friday, October 2, 2009

5:30 - 7 pm, Greene Hall, UWM

Topic: "Welsh Love Spoons"

Speakers: Joe Whitmore, Welsh Club of Milwaukee Area

Samhain Celebration

Saturday, October 31, 20089

6pm, Hefter Center, UWM

November

Celtic Women First Friday Lectures *

Friday, November 6, 2009

5:30 - 7 pm, Greene Hall, UWM

Topic: "Signing for the Hearing Impaired"

Speaker: Linda Lascelle Hillebrand, signer for Irish Masses

December

Celtic Women First Friday Lectures *

Friday, December 4, 2009

5:30 - 7 pm, Greene Hall, UWM

Topic: "Knitting – Becoming a Lost Art in Ireland"

Speaker: Shirley Grade, owner of The Yarn House

January

Celtic Women First Friday Lectures *

Friday, January 8, 2010

5:30 - 7 pm, Greene Hall, UWM

Topic: Scottish Stories and Songs

Speaker: Ian Day, Scottish native

February

Celtic Women First Friday Lectures *

Friday, February 5, 2010

5:30 - 7 pm, Greene Hall, UWM

Topic: "Kirkin' o' the Tartan"

Speaker: Peggy Ruetz, State Commissioner of Clan Donald

Irish Language Day*

February 20, 2010

9am-5pm, Hefter Center, UWM

March

Celtic Women First Friday Lectures *

Friday, March 5, 2010

5:30 - 7 pm, Greene Hall, UWM

Topic: St. Brigid Cross/Straw Workshop

Speaker: Linda Daly, experienced straw weaver and teacher

St. Patrick's Day Event

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Time & Place: TBA

April

Celtic Women First Friday Lectures *

Friday, April 9, 2010

5:30 - 7 pm, Greene Hall, UWM

Topic: "The O'Neil Family"

Speaker: Mary June Hanrahan, one of the famous family

Tartan Day

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

Time & Place: TBA

May

Celtic Women First Friday Lectures *

Friday, May 7, 2010

5:30 - 7 pm, Greene Hall, UWM

Topic: "James Joyce: Bloomsday"

Speaker: John Gleeson, Irish native

CCS Awards Ceremony

Friday May 7, 2010

Time & Place: TBA

June

Celtic Women First Friday Lectures *

Friday, June 4, 2010

5:30 - 7 pm, Greene Hall, UWM

Topic: A Session With Martin Hintz"

Speaker: Martin Hintz, Publisher of The Irish American Post

All Events are Free and Open to the Public unless otherwise indicated (*)

spring 2010 class schedule

Celtic Studies

104: Second Semester Gaelic

MW 9:30-10:45 am, John Gleeson

204: Fourth Semester Gaelic

MW 11:00am-12:15pm, Bairbre Ní Chiardha

250: Selected Topics in Celtic Studies

002: Irish Folk Beliefs and Religious Practice

W 4-5:15 pm, John Gleeson

003: The Green Screen: Images of Ireland in Film

W 6-8:40 pm, John Gleeson

004: Introduction to Irish Music

M 6-8:40 pm, Erin Stapleton-Corcoran

205: The Archaeology of Ireland

Online, Christine Hamlin

350: Advanced Topics in Celtic Studies

001: Peace and Conflict in Northern Ireland

TR 9:30-10:45 am, Timothy Crain

English Department

245: The Life, Times, and Work of a Literary Artist

001: Flannery O'Connor

MW 9:30-10:45 am, John Couture

263: Introduction to the Novel

202: The Irish Tradition

Online, Colleen Booker

306: Survey of Irish Literature

TR 11:00am-12:15 pm, Nancy Walczyk

Faculty Members

Bettina Arnold, Professor,
Anthropology. Iron Age European
Archaeology

Liam Callanan, Associate Professor,
Creative Writing,

Tim Crain, Senior Lecturer, History.
Northern Ireland, Scottish History

Kate Foss-Mollan, Lecturer. History

John Gleeson, Senior Lecturer, Celtic
Studies. Irish language, Irish history,
Film

Christine Hamlin, Lecturer.
Anthropology, Celtic Archaeology

Andrew Kincaid, Associate Professor,
English. Irish literature

Josepha Lanters, Professor, English.
Irish literature

Michael Liston, Professor, Department
of Philosophy

Bairbre Ní Chiardha, Associate
lecturer. Celtic Studies & Irish language

Gabriel Rei-Doval, Assistant Professor,
Spanish and Portuguese

Ruth Schwertfeger, Professor,
German. Irish and European cultural
studies

Nancy Madden Walczyk, Senior
Lecturer, English. Celtic and Irish
literature, Irish women's studies

Tami Williams, Assistant Professor,
English, Film

scholarships

The Irish Pub, Ancient Order of Hibernians, St. Andrews Society, Shamrock Club, Paddy Clancy, and Irish Fest scholarship applications are available in the Center for Celtic Studies Office, located in Holton Hall, Room 290. The St. Andrews scholarship funds studying in Scotland. The Paddy Clancy Scholarship funds study at the University of Limerick in Ireland. The Shamrock Club, AOH, and the Irish Pub Scholarship's provides financial assistance to any individual interested in furthering his or her knowledge of Irish culture and heritage. Irish Fest Scholarships can be applied to any area of study. Please note that the scholarships have various deadlines.



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Nancy Walczyk

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faculty spotlight

Bairbre Ni Chiardha teaches Gaelic for the Center for Celtic Studies. She will share her knowledge with our advanced Gaelic students on Irish language Day.

She is shown right presenting “Cre na Cille” as part of the Center’s October 2008 *An Leabhar Mor* reception.

Which living person do you most admire?
My Parents

What is your greatest extravagance?
Taking time to enjoy my surroundings.

In which of the Celtic regions would you like to spend a year of your life?
The western Isles of Scotland

What is your motto?
Is fearr an tsláinte ná na táinte (health is better than wealth)

Who is your favorite Celtic music performer(s)?
Altan



What recent Celtic-related book would you recommend?
The Encyclopedia of Ireland –Brian Lalor