IRISH HERITAGE MONTH
March 2009

Preserving and Fostering our Heritage and Culture
Sona Feile Padraig ort.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009

TRADITIONAL IRISH BREAKFAST at the Claddagh Pub & Restaurant, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA. From 8:00 to 11:00AM, Hosted by Mayor Michael Sullivan. The Menu includes Eggs, Irish Bacon, Irish Sausage, Barry's Irish Tea, Scones, Brown Bread, Irish Soda Bread, Black and White Pudding. Tickets are $8.00. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH and LAOH, the Irish Foundation and the Claddagh Friendship Society. For information please call 978-688-8337.

IRISH FLAG RAISING at 11:30AM, Across from City Hall, Common Street, Lawrence, MA. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Sunday March 1, 2009

IRISH ART EXHIBIT (open to the public the entire month) to be held at Lorica Artworks, 90 Main Street, Andover, MA. For more information call 978-470-1829

15th ANNUAL IRISH CLASSIC 4 MILE ROAD RACE AND WALK to benefit cancer research begins at 11:00 AM at the Claddagh Pub & Restaurant, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA. For information please call 978-688-8337. Sponsored by the Claddagh Friendship Society

SHOWCASE OF IRISH BOOKS, C. D.'S, AND D. V. D'S opens at the Lawrence Public Library, South Lawrence Branch, 135 Parker Street, Lawrence, MA. The Library is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday's from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Sponsored by the AOH and the LAOH and the Irish Foundation.

WHITE FUND LECTURE: "Lawrence's Contribution to the Boston Irish Heritage Trail", featuring Michael Quinlin, author, journalist and historian at 2:00 P. M. at the Northern Essex Community College, White Building, Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA. Free Admission – Handicap Accessible, Refreshments. Sponsored by the Irish Foundation, AOH and the LAOH and the White Fund of Lawrence, MA. For more information please call 978-683-9007

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 2009

GRAND OPENING AND RECEPTION FOR AN EXHIBIT FEATURING 35 PANELS OF IRELAND IN MUSIC. THE EXHIBIT COVERS THE ROLE OF MUSIC IN IRELAND'S CULTURE AND WILL HONOR TOM GAVEY WHO WAS INDUCTED INTO THE CCE HALL OF FAME IN OCTOBER 2008. Reception at 6:30PM at the Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA. Special guest of Honor will be Brian O'Donovan, WGBH Celtic Sojourn Host and Boston's Irish Music Historian. Free, Handicap Accessible. Sponsored by the AOH, LAOH and the Irish Foundation and the Friends of Lawrence Heritage State Park. For further information please call 978-683-9007.

FRIDAY MARCH 6, 2009

IRISH CHILDREN'S STORY TELLING by Deidre Ni Fhallurn Vice Council of the Irish Consulate in Boston and Mayor Michael J. Sullivan reading Irish Children's Stories at the Lawrence Public Library, South Lawrence Branch, Parker Street, Lawrence, MA. At 11:30 AM. Refreshments, Handicap Accessible, for information please call 978-794-5789**.** Sponsored by Division 8 AOH and LAOH and the Irish Foundation and the Friends of the Lawrence Public Library.

SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2009

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXIBIT AND SALE ACCIDENTIAL BEAUTY, Images of Ireland and Lawrence by Robin Grausam will open with a Reception from12:00-2:00 pm on March the 7TH. The exhibit will be open during normal library business hours thereafter. The Lawrence Public Library, Sargent Auditorium, 51 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE sponsored by Rev. James T. O' Reilly OSA Division of the AOH at the Claddagh Pub & Restaurant, 399 Canal St., Lawrence, MA. Music by John O'Connor and the Irish Express direct from Ireland For information and reservations please call 978-686-2786. Tickets are $25.00 each.

THE MAKEM BROTHERS WITH MICKEY AND LIAM SPAIN in Concert at the Rogers Center at Merrimack College, North Andover, Ma at 7:30PM. Advance Tickets: $20.00, Seniors and Students $18.00, Tickets are the Door $22.00. Call the Rogers Center Box Office at 978-837-5355 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM for tickets.

SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2009

LAWRENCE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE for information please call 978-683-4792.

FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2009

40TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON at the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA. Music by the Silver Spears Band. Special Guests include Mairtin Murlleoir, CEO and Publisher of the Irish Echo. **For information and reservations call: 603-898-7766. Sponsored by the AOH, and the LAOH and the Irish Foundation.**

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2009

IRISH GENEALOGY DAY AT THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY AT STARTING AT 11:30AM at the Lawrence Public Library, Sargent Auditorium, 51 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA Special Guests include Janice Duffy of TIARRA IRISH GENEOLOGY SOCIETY who will discuss the Five Steps for Beginners. Activities include lectures on how to begin a genealogy project, resources and assistance. Sponsored by the AOH, LAOH, the Irish Foundation and the Friends of the Lawrence Public Library. For more information please call 978-794-5789

RECEPTION AT LORICA ARTWORKS 90 Main Street, Andover, MA from 6:30PM to 9:00PM . For more information call 978-470-1829

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009

LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING: Author Diarmaid Ferriter visiting professor of the Burns Library at Boston College will discuss his recently published book, "***Judging Dev"*** the number one selling book in Ireland winner in two or three categories of the Irish Book Awards. Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA at 2:00PM. Free, Handicap Accessable. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH, LAOH, and the Irish Foundation and the Friends of Lawrence Heritage State Park. For further information please call 978-794-1655.

MONDAY, MARCH 16 THRU MARCH 17, 2009

IRISH FILM FESTIVAL 11:00AM at the Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH, and LAOH Free, Handicap Accessable**.** For further information please call 978-794-1655.

TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2008

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

IRISH MUSIC ALL DAY at the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant, 399 Canal St, Lawrence, MA. For information and reservations please call 978-688-8337.

IRISH MUSIC ON WCCM, 12:00 to 5:00PM with Tom Garvey as your host.

SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2009

LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING: Author, Historian, Journalist, Holy Cross Professor and Historical Columnist for Irish Echo, Edward O'Donnell at the Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH, and LAOH, the Irish Foundation and the Friends of Lawrence Heritage State Park, Free, Handicap Accessable. For further information please call 978-794-1655

SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2009

AN IRISH SING ALONG ON A STEINWAY PIANO performed by Terri and George Kelley at the Lawrence Public Library, Sargent Auditorium, 51 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA at 2:00 PM Sponsored by the Friends of the Lawrence Public Library, Free Handicap Accessible.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2009

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC CONCERT, at the Claddagh Pub & Restaurant, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA. Featuring Brendan Grace and his Band directly from Ireland. Sponsored by the Claddagh Friendship Society. For more information please call 978-688-8337

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