

IRISH HERITAGE MONTH

March 2010

Preserving and Fostering our Heritage and Culture

Sona Feile Padraig ort.

The Men and Woman of the Reverend James T. O'Reilly Division 8 Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Irish Foundation of Lawrence have joined forces to present a series of cultural programs for Irish Heritage Month in the City of Lawrence and other venues throughout the Merrimack Valley. These events are the largest celebration of its kind north or Boston. All are welcome. You don't have to be Irish or a Hibernian to come and enjoy these events. They include special exhibits, lectures and presentations, concerts and other musical events, food, children's programs and for the sports minded a Four Mile Road Race. And last but not least the Lawrence St Patrick's Day Parade.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010

RECEPTION AND LECTURE BY DOCTOR Clarisse A. Poirier "The Pemberton Disaster: A Story of Tragedy and Survival for the Irish in Early Lawrence" While most workers eventually escaped, the tragedy brought international attention to the young city of Lawrence. Dr. Poirier will discuss the lives and experiences of those immigrant workers. Dr. Clarisse A. Poirier graduated from Merrimack College and went on to complete her master's and doctoral degrees from Boston University's American and New England Studies Program. Her doctoral dissertation was entitled "The Pemberton Mills 1852-1938: A Case Study of the Industrial and Labor History of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Reception at 2:00PM at the Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA. 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010

IRISH FLAG RAISING at 11:00AM, Across from City Hall, Common Street, Lawrence, MA. Free ALL ARE WELCOME.

SHOWCASE OF IRISH BOOKS, C. D.'S, AND D. V. D'S opens for the entire month 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. Free & Handicap Accessible

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010

139TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE sponsored by Rev. James T. O' Reilly OSA Division 8 of the AOH at the Claddagh Pub & Restaurant, 399 Canal St., Lawrence, MA from 6:00PM until 11:00PM. Music performed by Andy Healey and the Country Roads. For information and reservations please call Bob Gauthier at 978-686-2786. Tickets are \$25.00

SUNDAY MARCH 7, 2010

17th 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

FRIDAY MARCH 12, 2009

41ST 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 members of the Irish Government as well as state and local politicians. **For information and reservations call Jack Lahey 603-898-7766. Sponsored by the AOH, and the LAOH and the Irish Foundation.**

RECEPTION AT LORICA ARTWORKS 96 Main Street, Andover, MA from 6:30PM to 9:00 PM. For more information call 978-470-1829

MARCH 12- APRIL 18, 2010

IRISH ART EXHIBIT (open to the public the entire month) to be held at Lorica Artworks, 96 Main Street, Andover, MA. For more information call 978-470-1829

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010

LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING featuring Irish Author Patricia Scanlon of Dublin, Ireland, Editor of the "Open Door Series" Patricia was born and lives in Dublin. While working as a librarian she started to write and now has a full-time career as an author and writing teacher. Her bestsellers include: City Girl, Finishing Touches, Francesca's Party, Two for Joy, Double Wedding, and Divided Loyalties. She is the Series Editor and

contributing author to the Open Door series, a unique set of books first designed to enhance adult literacy. Patricia teaches creative writing and is involved in adult literacy programs in Ireland. Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA 01840. Sponsored by the AOH, LAOH and the Irish Foundation and the Friends of Lawrence Heritage State Park. For further information please call 978-794-1655.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010

TRADITIONAL IRISH BREAKFAST at the Claddagh Pub & Restaurant, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA. From 8:00 to 12:00, Hosted by Mayor William Lantigua. The Menu includes Eggs, Irish Bacon, Irish Sausage, Barry's Irish Tea, Scones, Brown Bread, Irish Soda Bread, and Black and White Pudding. Tickets are \$9.00. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH and LAOH, the Irish Foundation and the Claddagh Friendship Society. For information please call 978-688-8337.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17, 2010

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010

WHITE FUND LECTURE featuring the Rev. Father James McFadden Wenzel, OSA who will speak on "The Pemberton Mill Disaster: its effect on the Irish of Lawrence and the role of the Augustinians and Sisters of Notre Dame who ministered to them." Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 at 2:00PM Free, Handicap Accessible

SUNDAY MARCH 21, 2010

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

TUESDAY MARCH 23, 2010

SPECIAL CONCERT ANDY COONEY'S FOREVER IRISH STARRING ANDY COONEY IRISH AMERICA'S FAVORITE SON, and featuring Ireland's King of Blarney George Casey, Celtic Folk Artist Kate Purcell, the Darrah Carr Dance Troup and

Irish America's Greatest Musicians in a special Irish Musical Event at the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant, 399 Canal St., Lawrence MA. Tickets are \$25.00. Please call Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty at 978-390-3400, Mary Ellen Pelletier 978-886-5062 or William Sullivan at 978-682-4875 for tickets. Sponsored by Division 8 Ladies and Men Ancient Order of Hibernians.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010

LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING featuring Irish Author Peter Cunningham who will review his most recent book, "The Sea and the Silence" Peter Cunningham grew up in Waterford, the city on which Monument, the town in The Sea and the Silence, is based. His previous work includes a number of thrillers, written both under his own name and under pseudonyms. His novels include Who Trespass Against Us (London, 1993); The Monument Trilogy: Tapes of the River Delta (London, 1995); Consequences of the Heart (London, 1998); and Love in One Edition (London, 2001); and Taoiseach (London, 2004). Peter Cunningham lives in Kildare. At the Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St, Lawrence, MA 01840 at 2:00PM 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 978-794-1655.

SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2010

IRELAND IN SONG – CELTIC MELODIES FOR VOICE AND PIANO dedicated to the Memory of David R. Burke 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.

Cultural Programming for Irish Heritage Month was given a major award for the best diversified Cultural Programming by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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