



Cheers to 35 Years of Milwaukee Irish Fest

2015 Festival to be the Largest Celebration to Date - August 13 - 16

For 35 years, Milwaukee Irish Fest has brought artists and attractions hailing from all over the world to celebrate Irish and Celtic culture here in Milwaukee. This year's annual Milwaukee Irish Fest is no exception, mixing new acts and events with traditional festival favorites. In fact, guests will be able to take part in the festival's largest celebration to date - Aug. 13 to 16 on Milwaukee's beautiful lake-front. Here's an inside look at what festivalgoers can expect at this year's celebration.

Music

Music takes center stage at Milwaukee Irish Fest. From Celtic rock to traditional Irish ballads, Milwaukee Irish Fest searches the globe to bring in the best and brightest musical acts. Returning fan favorites include the Red Hot Chilli Pipers, Scythian, Gaelic Storm and The Willis Clan – a family band previously featured on their popular television show on TLC. The lineup will also include Makem & Spain Brothers, Evans and Doherty, Tom Sweeney, Brigid's Cross, The High Kings, Celtic Tenors, and Screaming Orphans. To learn more about these artists and all the incredible acts coming to the festival, visit IrishFest.com.

Living Tradition Showcase

Every year, Milwaukee Irish Fest highlights a unique aspect of Celtic culture. This year, the festival is featuring the Living Tradition Showcase, which celebrates the brilliant sounds of a thriving Irish culture. Irish traditional music from festival favorites, as well as emerging artists, will grace the Milwaukee Irish Fest stages to share their living traditions.

Living Tradition Showcase performers will include: Cherish the Ladies, Dallahan, Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul, Flashpoint, FullSet, Goitse, John Whelan, Liz

Carroll, Lúnasa, Moloney, Keane and O'Connell, Móruga, Pride of New York, Ross Ainslie and Jarlath Henderson, Socks in the Frying Pan, Ten Strings and a Goat Skin, Tim Edey and Brendan Power, We Banjo 3, Academy of Irish Music, áthas, Atlantic Wave, Baal Tinne, Blackthorn Folly, Ceol Cairde, Chicago Reel, Cream City Ceili Band, Cuil A'Lin, Irish School of Music, Transatlantic Unplugged with Kiana, Kilmaley, Matt Malloy, John Carty and Arty McGlynn, Myserk, Nashville Ceili Band, RiRa, The Wise Maids, and Tis.

expert genealogists; learn Irish spoken word in the Gaeltacht; or shop the Moore Street Market, which hosts the largest gathering of Irish vendors and artisans in the world. At the Hedge School, speakers from around the world will teach you about Irish and Irish-American history. Check out the "Come Back to Erin" exhibit featured at the Ward Irish Music Archives Gallery. And, don't forget to submit your photo for the "Irishgram" photo contest.

Sport Events

Sports fans and rookies alike, stop by the sports activity area to learn more about the sport of hurling, currach racing and competitive tug-of-war. You can try your hand at hurling in the hitting cage or watch currach boat races in the lagoon. When the activities are over, stop by the Sports Pub for ice-cold refreshments while watching a hurling match on TV or participating in trivia hosted by Quizmaster.

Food & Spirits

"Foodies," come visit the Celtic Kitchen, an exhibit that celebrates traditional and modern Irish and Celtic food from local and international chefs. The Dance Pavilion will host a baking contest, and cooking demonstrations will be held in the Celtic Kitchen each day. Food vendors throughout the grounds will feature sweet and savory delights, such as the Irish Cream Puff, Gilles Jameson Custard or

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Crafts & Culture

Milwaukee Irish Fest celebrates all aspects of Irish and Celtic culture, including its art, history, language, theater, sports and dance. Travel through the Cultural Village where you can take in a performance in the Theatre Pavilion; browse books, meet authors in the Literary Corner or trace your Irish roots with the help of

AUGUST 6, 2015 • 7:00 PM
MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue)
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Ice Cream Social to follow. Please bring toppings and desserts.

♣ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ♣

For More Information visit <http://shamrockclubwis.com>

AUGUST

- 5 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
- 6 **Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting**; ICHC; 7 pm; Ice Cream Social to follow
- 8 Milwaukee Feis; UW-Milwaukee Student Union; 8 am
- 9 McMenamin Feis; UW-Milwaukee Student Union; 8 am
- 9 Milwaukee Hurling Club Semi-finals; Brown Deer Park; 10 am
- 12 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
- 12 Tosa Tonight presents Dallahan and Socks in the Frying Pan; Hart Park, 68th and State; 7 pm
- 13-16 35th Annual Milwaukee Irish Fest; 3 Pints Gone; Athas; Atlantic Wave; Barry Dodd; Beglan Academy of Irish Dance; Bill and Lin O'Connor; Blackthorn; Blackthorn Folly; Blarney; Brigid's Cross; Cashel Dennehy Irish Dancers; Celtic Tenors; Ceol Cairde; Cherish the Ladies; Chicago Reel; Cronin School of Irish Dance; Curtis Crossroads Band; Dallahan; Dublin O'Shea; Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul; Elders; Evans and Doherty; Finbar MacCarthy; Flashpoint; Frogwater; FullSet; Gaelic Storm; Gleasons; Glencastle Irish Dancers; Goitse; High Kings; Irish Fest Choir; Milwaukee Irish Fest School of Music; Jeff Ward; Joe Rooney: Comedian; John Whelan; Kilkennys; Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance; Leahy's Luck; Liz Carroll; Lunasa; Makem and Spain; Matt Molloy, John Carty, Arty McGlynn; McMenamin Irish Dance Academy; Moloney, Keane, and O'Connell; Morga; Myserk; Omagh Community Youth Choir; Pride of New York; Reilly; Rory Modlinski with the Trifecta Banjo Association; Ross Ainslie and Jarlath Henderson; Screaming Orphans; Scythian; Socks in the Frying Pan; Tallymoore; Tim Edey and Brendan Power; Tis; Tom Sweeney; Trinity Academy of Irish Dance; We Banjo 3; Whiskey of the Damned; Willis Clan; Henry Maier Festival Grounds
- 14 Set Dancing ; ICHC; Music by Capitol Ceili Band; 11.45 pm
- 26 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
- 3 **Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting**; ICHC; 7 pm;
- 8 Celtic Women International Book Club; *An Irish Country Village*, by Patrick Taylor; Hostess: Pat Powers; ICHC; 1 pm
- 9 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
- 11 Celtic Women First Friday Lecture; ICHC; *A Trip Through Scotland in Pictures*; Kevin Hansen, Speaker; ICHC; 5:30-7 pm

OCTOBER

- 1 **Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting**; ICHC; 7 pm

ON GOING ... Set dancing at the following: Set dancing Wednesdays, 7 PM at O'Donoghue's ♣ Craobh Curtin Conradh na Gaeilge meeting at O'Donoghue's Pub, 7 PM, last Tuesday each month ♣ Irish Emigration Library in ICHC open every Wednesday 12-6 PM ♣ Irish Sing-a-long, Irish Fest Center, First Sundays, (through May) 7 PM ♣ Irish Fest Sing-a-long: O'Donoghue's Pub, second and fourth Sundays, 7-9 PM ♣ Irish Music Sessions at the following: Session - O'Donoghue's, Sundays 7 PM; Thursdays @ Paddy's 7 PM; and The Pub in Oconomowoc, 7:30 PM ♣ Thursdays: Barry Dodd; County Clare Inn; 10 PM ♣ Fridays: áthas and Myserk; County Clare Inn; 6 PM ♣

SCCGPD Report

Summer has been slow and easy for us this year. We didn't perform at all in June and only twice in July: the Glendale 4th of July Parade and the last formal graduation ceremony for the University of Phoenix on the 25th. Unfortunately, the South Shore Frolics didn't have a parade this year and our regular sponsor for the Port Washington Fish Day parade didn't pan out. But have no worries. The month of August will more than make up for it!

Here's our performance schedule for the month. Mark your calendars and cheer us on anytime that you see us march by: Sunday, August 2nd at noon – we'll be marching in the Cascade Fireman's Parade for the first time. They are celebrating the 100 year anniversary of their firemen and first responders. Cascade is located just north of Random Lake, which is just north of the Saukville/Port Washington area.

Tuesday, August 11th – our yearly performance at Chill on the Hill at Humboldt Park, Bay View. Entertainment starts at 6pm and we'll play shortly after that. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 14th, 15th & 16th – Irish Fest!!! We will be marching in the daily parades at 6:45pm on Friday, 4:30pm on Saturday and 4pm on Sunday. We'll perform and present flags at the mass at 9:30am on Sunday, have our group performance at the Crossroads at 1:15pm on Sunday and a short performance at the main gate upon festival opening at noon either Saturday or Sunday.

Though our summer schedule has been down, our membership numbers are up! We've added four new members this summer: father and daughter Robb Caldwell (piper-in-training) and Lily Caldwell (experienced drummer and piper-in-training), Curt Hart (piper-in-training and brother of current piper Christine Albrightson) and Nathaniel Rogers (piper-in-training). We have one more FUTURE member, we hope, but she wasn't yet born at press time. Her mother is drummer Christine Kierzek, so we're sure that drumming is in her future!

We can never have too many musicians or color guard members, so if you or anyone you know is interested in joining our group, please have them contact me or any existing member. If you're musically inclined, or want to be, we give complimentary lessons on pipes and drums. Otherwise, we'd love to have you join our color guard to help lead the band in our performances. I can be reached at 414-234-0653 or malkin218@gmail.com. Hope to see or hear from you soon!

- Malkin Wallace

Milwaukee President's Message

Happy August!

Summer is passing us by again at the speed of light and again it is time for you to put a small hold on vacationing, golfing, gardening, picnicking, and boating to show off to the world how fabulous our Shamrock Club is at Irish Fest! We need all of you talented folks to volunteer to showcase our Retail and Cultural booths. Please say yes to giving of some of your very precious time and sign up to work by selling at our retail location and/or talking to folks who are interested in joining our Club at the Cultural Area. Glenn Nowak and Sue Dushek will have sign up sheets at the August meeting. If you cannot make the meeting PLEASE email them and they will gladly put you in the rotations!

We have officially installed our new Board starting with a wonderful meal at Meyer's Restaurant in West Allis. Our hostesses for the evening were Veronica Cezynski and Gail Neville, who created a beautiful party with lovely patriotic table decorations. Thank you ladies for all your hard work! Our evening ended with the swearing in of the Board by Shamrock Club member Judge Dan Konkol. Thank you, Dan, for doing the honors. Dan once again had the fun of swearing in his daughter Jackie Konkol as now Senior Trustee to the board. That will be a great memory to look back on! A big THANK YOU to Bob Lannin for his bagpipe playing and for Gene DuPrey and Joe Gautier for being the color guard. Thanks, Joe, for coming to the rescue as our second color guard!

I am excited to announce that the Budget and Audit meetings are complete and they both went fairly quickly due to all the work Taffy Anderson did getting our financials in order. Taffy has been working nonstop since October 2014 to make sure our new Treasurer, Mary Moze, has everything she needs for a smooth transition. Please thank Taffy when you see her for the huge amount of late night hours she put in over the last 8 months and, don't worry, she will be working with Mary to keep the financials running smoothly.

The SCCGPD performed at the July 4th Glendale parade. It was a nice and short parade with a wonderful crowd. A

"Big Shout Out" to our fans that came to cheer us on! We love that!!!

On a sad note - we performed on July 25th at the last University of Phoenix graduation ceremony. Our SCCGPD have been performing for their ceremony for the last ten years, but due to the lessening amount of student enrollment the university has decided not to continue with the pomp and circumstance. It is a very sad end of an era.

So everybody - lets get EXCITED! It's Irish Fest Time! See you at the August meeting!

- Mary Culver,
Shamrock Club President



Sunshine Report

Joe Gauthier, banner carrier for the Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums, had liver surgery this past month. Gene Duprey spent a short time in the hospital due to heart issues.

Mary Ann Hughes, the mother of Joe and his siblings, died July 4th. We continue to try to support Joe with prayers and good thoughts.

If you have Sunshine news, please email it to: slainte4142-shamrock@yahoo.com.

- Maggie Blaha, Sunshine Chair

Milwaukee Membership News

The month of August is upon us, and a busy time it is. Volunteers are needed to fill spots in the cultural area, staffing the Shamrock Club Membership Table. Staffing is needed for Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to Sam Bastian and Therese Dineen for covering Friday night. I will also need a couple of helpers on Wednesday August 12th to help set up the cottage in cultural. Signup sheets will be available at the general meeting.

Moving on to the end of the month, volunteers will be needed to staff the table at Waukesha Highland Games. More details to follow on this event.

As always you can contact me at 414-940-9032, ganowak@wi.rr.com, or membership.shamrockclubwis@wi.rr.com

- Glenn Nowak
Membership Chair

Retail Report Milwaukee Irish Fest

On July 18th and 19th, the Shamrock Club retail participated in two feisianna at the Pettit Center: Badger State and Cream City. Thank you to Brian Witt and Sharon Murphy for getting the Shamrock Club back into the feis rotation.

We also have Irish Fest coming up where we will have a retail booth. It is in a great location where you can hear wonderful music as you volunteer. Just a reminder that for several hours of work you get in free. The booth will be open all four days and we are looking for volunteers to cover all four days. Any hours you can give will be greatly appreciated. Please call Glenn Nowak at 414-940-9032 or Sue Dushek at 414-793-7318 to volunteer. We will also have a signup sheet at the meeting. Thank you in advance for supporting the Club.

- Sue Dushek
Retail Co-Chair
Milwaukee Chapter



Shamrock Club members Sue Dushek, Kim and Glenn Nowak, Taffy Anderson and Del Canon man the retail booth at the Badger State Feis.

Photo by Pam Canon



Emerald Reflections Copy Deadline

Content for Emerald Reflections is due on the 15th of the month (next deadline: August 15th to appear in the Sept. issue.) Copy received after that date will not appear due to deadlines. While we try to include every submission possible, due to space limitations, we cannot guarantee that every submission will be included immediately. E-mail submissions preferred, send to:

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Celtic Women International

The CWI Book Club meetings begin at 1:00 pm at the ICHC and include discussion, tea, and treats. New members and guests are always welcome to join us!

In August, we will be taking the month off so that we can enjoy Irish Fest.

Our meetings will resume on September 8th when we will discuss *An Irish Country Village* by Patrick Taylor. The gathering will be hosted by Pat Powers.

Tipperary, by Frank Delaney, will be the topic for our October 13th meeting, which will be hosted by Nancy Voss.

- Rosemary Walsh
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Word of the Month

Anocht – Tonight
Cá bhfuil tú ag dul anocht?
(Caw will too agh dool an-oekt)
Where are you going tonight?



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or small events

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Celtic Women Lecture September 11, 2015

Topic: "A Trip Through Scotland
in Pictures"

Speaker: Kevin Hansen

Kevin Hansen traces his Scottish roots in North America way back to the Little Clan in mid-1700's. They came from the Scottish Borders. Kevin is a member of Milwaukee's Saint Andrews Society and is their Whisky Master; he is also an avid photographer who will share his photos taken in 2013 Scotland. Historic views include castles, battlefields, neolithic sites, medieval ruins, monuments, churches, and distilleries. He will give their historic background as he shows the images.



Please join the First Friday Celtic Women for a delightful and enlightening hour. We will gather in Parlor B to begin with tea and treats. Parking lot available from the 23rd street alley. \$3 admission. All lectures are held from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center. This is our 19th year without interruption. The public is invited as always.

- Jean Bills
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Irish Nachos. Fine Irish whiskeys await you at the relaxing Jameson Lounge. Try a "Black 35," a whiskey Manhattan with Jameson Black Barrel Whiskey commemorating the 35th anniversary. Or, stop by the tea room for the new "Durdy Nelly's Irish Coffee Dessert," featuring Gilles Jameson Custard.

Family Fun

Milwaukee Irish Fest is all about family, so take the wee ones to the interactive Leprechaun Village or Greenwish Village. Mini-golf, Highland Games, snacks and stories at the Children's Tea Room, Pot O' Gold prizes, and a coloring and craft area are among the many free activities for the whole family. Visit the Celtic Canines to meet and cuddle with native dog breeds of Ireland. There is also ongoing entertainment for kids, including Irish dancers, music and more.



About Milwaukee Irish Fest

Milwaukee Irish Fest is North America's largest celebration of Irish, Irish American and Celtic music and culture. The four-day festival showcases more than 100 entertainment acts on 17 stages at Henry W. Maier Festival Park on Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront. The annual festival occurs every third weekend in August. The 2015 festival takes place August 13th through the 16th.

General admission for the festival is \$17 for adults, \$12 for seniors 60+ and free for kids 12 and under.

The festival offers reduced admission during special promotional periods on Thursday, Friday and Sunday. On Thurs., Aug. 13, guests can get free admission with a donation of school supplies. On Fri., Aug. 14, it's \$5 Buck Friday from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. On Sun., Aug. 16, guests can get free admission with a donation of a non-perishable food item before 11 a.m. at the South Gate. Those who donate are welcome to stay for a Liturgy for Peace

and Justice at 9:30 a.m. at the Marcus Amphitheater.

Milwaukee Irish Fest makes it easy and affordable to enjoy the festival. There are a variety of special promotions and discounts guests can take advantage of, including discounts for college students, seniors, military personnel and their families. To learn more about discounts and special promotions, visit IrishFest.com and click on the "Festival Info" tab.



4,000 Strong

More than just a festival, the Milwaukee Irish Fest organization is passionately committed to igniting a love of Irish, Irish American and Celtic culture in all people. With the help of more than 4,000 volunteers, Milwaukee Irish Fest shares Irish and Celtic music, dance, drama, sports, culture, children's activities and genealogy through year-round programming. For more information, visit www.irishfest.com.

- Kristin Paltzer
Milwaukee Irish Fest



Dawn's Corner Cupboard

Ice Cream Social Night will be at the Shamrock Club general membership meeting on August 6th! It will be a yummy time!!!

The Club will provide ice cream, Hershey's syrup and caramel sauce. Please bring additional toppings and desserts.



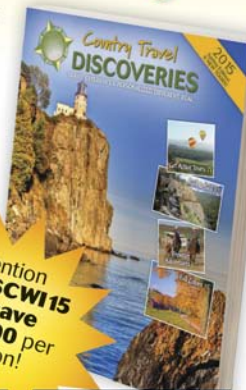
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An Old Gaelic Prayer

May the Road Rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
till the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hands.



EMERALD REFLECTIONS PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Shamrock Club 2015-16 Board is sworn in at the recent Installation Dinner.

Photo by Brian Witt