

Holiday Folk Fair 2013

A Half Century of Celebrating Irish American Culture and Community

There is a saying that you do not know you are living in history while you are in the midst of it. What was once a home's interior is now a collectible display. There are a number of museums in Ireland, and the United States, that are dedicated to the collection, and recollection, of life in bygone days.

Think of Eagle, Wisconsin's, Old World Wisconsin as an example of a living history site. There are ethnic homesteads from the many and diverse groups that settled in the state.

In Ireland, the Irish Folklife division was formally established in 1974 and is, as a result, the 'youngest' of the four collecting divisions of the National Museum of Ireland. However, the collection of Folklife objects goes back to the Museum's earliest years. The simple, but effective, collecting policy at that time was to gather objects illustrating the domestic life of times that had passed away more or less recently. The first major Folklife exhibition by the Museum went on display in Kildare Street, Dublin, in 1937. In 2001, the Folklife division gained a new home at Turlough Park House outside Castlebar, Co. Mayo, when the National Museum of Ireland - Country Life became its new home.

In the North, there are two museums that focus on Irish life. The Ulster Folk and Transport Museum is located on the main Belfast to Bangor Road (A2), near Holywood. The museum contains the story of both Irish immigration and Irish life from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It also highlights folk remedies, old-style manufacturing and even fashions of the past. The Ulster American Folk Park is located 5 miles north of Omagh. The Park explores the historical link between Ulster and America, focusing particularly

on the lifestyle and experiences of those immigrants who sailed from Ulster to America in the 18th and 19th centuries. It was founded by Irish-American banker Thomas Mellon, and contains the house he was born in. The museum is themed, with volunteers dressed in period costume, often demonstrating techniques used in day-to-day tasks and occupational skills such as bread making, cooking, arts and crafts, embroidery, spinning, printing and so on. Events are marked which cover the culture of both the New World and the Old World, such as U.S. Independence Day and Halloween. Festivals often take place including Saint Patrick's Day, Appalachian, Bluegrass, Irish folk music and dancing demonstrations. Exhibitions are often scheduled to promote cultural awareness, such as Hands Across the Border.

And the Milwaukee Public Museum has the Street of Old Milwaukee. There is an Irish Cottage situated amongst the ethnic homes. The interior was furnished by members of the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin. And there is also the Curtin House, on West Grange, refurbished by the Shamrock Club in the 1960's and 1970's. It was the boyhood home of Irish-American writer and translator Jeremiah Curtin.

But Folklife also includes things such as song and story. Milwaukee has been blessed with a number of very good story

tellers. In the 1960's through the 1980's, Jerry Mahony regaled Milwaukeeans with Irish tales. Eamonn O'Neill, who arrived in the 1960's, is still entertaining people, now doing so around the globe. And John Gleeson, a Dublin native, has been active in both theatre and storytelling since he hit the shores of America, and especially Milwaukee. All had been active Shamrock Club members for decades.

An interesting phenomenon has occurred in making Milwaukee a hub of Irish song, dance and music. And the Shamrock Club has been at the center of making this happen. We have sponsored Irish dancers, sent young people to Ireland to compete in the All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil, the world series of Irish traditional music. We were also instrumental in the development of the Milwaukee Irish Fest. The festival has been cited for its work in establishing Milwaukee as a center for keeping Irish culture, music and language alive.

As for the Irish language, the Shamrock Club has also given scholarships for study of the Gaelic language in Ireland for decades. We have also awarded scholarships to deserving candidates for Gaelic immersion weekends in Milwaukee and Madison. The result is that Milwaukee has

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NOVEMBER 7, 2013 • 7 P.M.

MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue)



Football Frenzy! Sloppy Joes served at 6:30

Please bring dish or dessert to pass.

♣ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ♣

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

NOVEMBER

- 1 Celtic Women First Friday Lecture; Barry Stapleton, Speaker; ICHC; 5:30-7 pm
- 1 First Friday Ceili Dance Series; Gail McElroy, instructor/caller; Ceol Cairde; ICHC, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave.; 7 pm
- 2 Blarney Bingo; ICHC; Dinner and Bingo; 5:30 pm
- 2 Tartan Ball; Tripoli Shrine Temple, 3000 West Wisconsin Avenue; 6 pm
- 7 Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
- 9 Emerald Society Chili Cookoff; Burkes Irish Castle; 12 pm
- 15 ICHC Parlour -Red Tail Ring Concert; ICHC; 7:30 pm
- 19 Celtic Women International Book Club; ICHC; 1pm
- 22-24 61st International Holiday Folk Fair; State Fair Park
- 23 Celtic Christmas Boutique, Irish Fest Center; 1532 N. Wauwatosa Ave.; 9 am-3 pm
- 23 Monthly Set dance; ICHC; Music tba; Sets are Fermanagh sets; 7:30 pm
- 23 Hallamor Concert - Sean-Nos Dance, Music and Song from Ireland's Atlantic Coast; ICHC; 7:30 pm
- 23 ICHC Irish Christmas Boutique; Irish Cultural and Heritage Center; 6 pm
- 30 Holiday Celebration; Dennis Janzer on organ, Rob McWilliam on pipes; ICHC; 2 pm

DECEMBER

- 5 Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting/Christmas Party; ICHC; 6:30 pm
- 6 First Friday Ceili Dance Series; Gail McElroy, instructor/caller; Music of Cream City Ceili; Irish Heritage Cultural Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave; 7 pm
- 7 Nollaig Sona - A Celtic Christmas Show; With Nuala Kennedy; Andrea Beaton; Kimberly Fraser; and Troy MacGillivray; ICHC; 7:30 pm
- 12 Tallymoore; Christmas Concert; Irish Fest Center; 7 pm; 414.476.3378
- 28 Almost End of the Year Monthly Set dance; ICHC; Music tba; 7:30 pm

JANUARY

- 2 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, First Sundays, second and fourth Tuesdays, 7 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 ♣ Sundays: áthas; Brocach Milwaukee ♣

Milwaukee Membership News

As I currently continue to try and contact those members which have changed emails, addresses, or phone numbers, I want to remind you of the importance of filling out and returning the attached renewal reminder, with all of the information filled in.

I am including renewal reminders with the Emerald Reflections, both mailed, and electronic versions, in an effort to save the extra postage and time required to do it as a separate mailing.

For those of you inquiring about renewal cards. I now have enough renewed memberships to begin printing the cards. They must be printed in groups of 8 to fill a page and not waste cards, which then cannot be reused. I remind you that just because you do not have a current membership card in no way affects your membership status.

Currently we have a total of 367 members: 41 of those are complimentary and 241 are paid memberships.

- Glenn Nowak
Membership Chair, Milwaukee Chapter



Blarney Bingo at the ICHC November 2, 2013

Join us at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, on Saturday, Nov. 2nd for Blarney Bingo. The evening begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and bingo begins at 7:30 p.m. There will be cash prizes, raffles, food and music.

The cost is \$40 for the evening, and the event is a benefit for the ICHC. For more information, go to www.ichc.net or call (414) 345-8800.

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Milwaukee President's Message

Hi, I apologize for the brief letter this month. My mother passed away the morning of Oct 15th. Please keep my family in your prayers. She was a great lady and very proud of her Irish roots.

Folk Fair is November 22, 23, and 24th. Please consider volunteering, we need help in food retail and cultural areas. You can find all the details in this month's Reflections.

The final draft of our newly revised bylaws has been completed. I will be presenting it to board at the October meeting. It will be then published in the Reflections for all to review. I hope to have it discussed and passed by the general membership as soon as possible. I will have copies of the bylaws at the November General Meeting for those who are interested.

Thank you and we will see you at the November Meeting.

**God Bless,
- Kathy Donovan, President**



Kim's Corner Cupboard

This month for our monthly meeting we will do a football theme. The club will provide a big pot of Sloppy Joes and buns. Members are asked to provide a dish to pass or a desert. Please have your dish at the ICHC by 6:15 so we can eat by 6:30 and start the meeting by 7:00 pm. If you plan on partaking in the meal but cannot provide a dish to pass, a \$5.00 per person donation is requested.

We will have a basket raffle this month, so buy, buy, buy your tickets!

- Kim Nowak



Shamrock Club Honoree Dinner

The Honoree Dinner will take place on Thursday, November 14th at Alioto's Restaurant on Burleigh and 108th (3041 N. Mayfair Road). Cash bar will open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30.

There are three choices of meat: Chicken Normandy, a stuffed chicken breast with cranberries on the side; Tenderloin Tips over noodles with mushroom gravy; and Baked Cod with mixed vegetables and mashed potatoes. Everyone will receive a salad and rolls. Dessert will be cake and ice cream. Milk, tea and coffee will also be offered.

The price is \$25.00 per person or \$45.00 per couple. Payment can be made at the general meeting or the night of the event either by check, cash or credit card. There will be a sign up sheet at this month's general meeting or you can call or e-mail Kim Nowak at kmnowak@wi.rr.com or (414)466-8060.

Please join us as we honor our very deserving 2013 Irish honorees.



**Our 2013 Shamrock Club Honorees:
Irishman of the Year Rand Harteau,
Irish Rose Gail McAleese, and Parade
Marshals Dan and Maureen Konkol.**

Celtic Women Lecture November 1, 2013

Please join the Celtic Women lecture on Friday, November 1st; 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the ICHC in parlor B. Admission \$7 with tea and treats and everyone is welcome including the men. Barry Stapleton will tell us about the very exciting new collection of sheet music at the Irish Fest Center. We hope to see you there!

Nov. 1, 2013

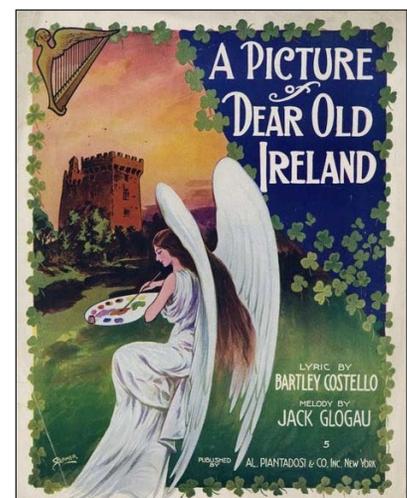
**Topic: "Sheet Music Collection at
the Ward Music Archives"**

Speaker: Barry Stapleton



The sheet music collections at the Ward Irish Music Archives at the Irish Fest Center, in Milwaukee have well over 5,000 pieces of sheet music. The music dates from the 1700s to current present times. Sheet music was published around the world but the core of our collection was from the period of 1900-1920, which we now refer to Tin Pan Alley. Did you know that Tin Pan Alley got its start with a publisher on Wisconsin Ave. in Milwaukee in 1892? These sheet music collections are available to see online as of October 15, 2013 when we went live with our new website."

- Jean Bills



Emerald Reflections Copy Deadline

Content for Emerald Reflections is due on the 15th of the month (next deadline: Nov. 15th to appear in the December 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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To become a member of the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin contact the membership chair of the chapter you would like to join. MILWAUKEE ONLY: Family membership (includes both parents and all children under eighteen) - \$25.00. Single membership - \$20.00. Membership is renewable annually on the anniversary month of the original membership. Please send all new and renewal Milwaukee club membership dues to Membership Chair, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233. Be sure to send change of address notification to Membership Chair, also. The post office will NOT forward copies of Reflections.

Shamrock Club Retail Report

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Your Shamrock Club Retail Committee is in need of eager volunteers to work in the sales booth at Holiday Folk Fair. Shifts are available during the following times:

- Friday, November 22, 9 am - 10 pm
- Saturday, November 23, 10 am - 10 pm
- Sunday, November 24, 10 am - 7 pm

We are also in need of set up on Thursday, November 21 and tear down on Sunday night.

Contact Glenn or Kim Nowak
414-940-9032

retail.shamrockclubwis@wi.rr.com

- **Kim & Glenn Nowak, Sue Dushek**
Retail Chairs



Volunteers Needed For Holiday Folk Fair



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We will need help in a number of areas. If you would like to work a shift at the Holiday Folk Fair, please contact the Shamrock Club's Holiday Folk Fair chairmen and women: General and Food Chair: Mary Culver, (262) 470-8232, or redheadgardener@hotmail.com; Cultural Chair Pam Canon, (414) 476-2595 or dpccanon@wi.rr.com; and Retail Chair Glenn Nowak, (414) 940-9032 or ganowak@wi.rr.com. Bridget Jaskulski is our dance school coordinator. Or contact us at the club's general e-mail address, volunteers@shamrockclubwis.com. You will receive the annual Folk Fair participant pin, plus admission for Folk Fair for all three days.

Admission is as follows: Adults \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance. Tickets will be available for sale at the November membership meeting. You can also use the accompanying order form to purchase tickets via mail. As a sponsoring group of the Fair we need to sell a number of tickets or make up the cost elsewhere.

2013 HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR

Celebrate the Culture of Community

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State Fair Park • November 22, 23, 24, 2012

PLEASE HELP US MEET OUR GOAL!

The Shamrock Club must sell 125 Holiday Folk Fair Tickets. Any unsold tickets must be purchased by the club at full value. Tickets are \$10 in advance and must be purchased by Monday, November 11, 2013. (Ticket price at the door is \$12) For information contact Mary Culver at (262) 470-8232, or e-mail: redheadgardener@hotmail.com.

Tickets will be sent to you by return mail and are good on any of the three days of Folk Fair. If you are a teacher, please contact us on advance tickets.

SAVE NOW ON ADVANCE SALE FOLK FAIR TICKETS

Please send me _____ advance sale Holiday Folk Fair Tickets at \$8 each.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Make your ticket request to: Shamrock Club, c/o ICHC, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53233. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SHAMROCK CLUB OF WISCONSIN

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a remarkably large population, for a city of non-immigrant Irish, of Irish speakers of all levels of expertise.

It all started with the International Institute, who helped the Shamrock Club organize in 1960, after many years of having Irish doing traditional Irish folk dancing, what we now call ceili and set dancing, at the annual Holiday Folk Fair. Each year, since our inauguration, we have been the face of the Irish at the festival. We offer up our food, our crafts, and our culture.

This year, the 70th Annual Holiday Folk Fair International will be held Friday, November 22 to Sunday, November 24, 2013 at the Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park in West Allis, Wis.

The 2013 Holiday Folk Fair International's theme is Celebrating the Culture of Community, commemorating a community of people who are bound together by common ties, such as language, customs and beliefs. They are also connected by what they think, how they behave, what they value and what they pass on to the next generation. The community gives them an identity and a sense of belonging. It helps us discover who and why we are.

The Culture of Community, sometimes called "folklore" or "folklife," is the living expression of culture woven into everyday life - anyone's culture - learned and passed on informally from person to person. It must be alive and current to be folklife, even though it may have existed over long stretches of time.

This intangible cultural heritage refers to traditions or living expressions inherited from our ancestors and passed on to our descendants, those oral traditions, performing arts, social practices, rituals, festive events, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe, and the knowledge and skills to produce traditional crafts.

Produced by the International Institute of Wisconsin, Holiday Folk Fair International celebrates the cultural heritage of the people living in southeastern Wisconsin. We are again the face of the Irish community in this area. Each year we are called upon to represent the Irish, to show the world what we are, what we have

done, and what we can do. To do that, the Shamrock Club will need volunteers for our retail, cultural, and food areas. We also need to sell tickets to the Folk Fair.

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We will need help in a number of areas. We need volunteers for our sales, cultural and food areas. Please check our "Volunteers Needed" in Reflections. You will receive the annual Folk Fair participant pin, plus admission for Folk Fair for all three days.

The Holiday Folk Fair will have a number of special events during the course of the weekend. They will include Dance Pavilion: a place to learn dances from around the world. Also: Food from around the world; unique gifts for you and someone special; international entertainment; cultural exhibits to assist you in learning about your heritage. There will be an Interdenominational Religious Service on Sunday at 10 A.M.

Holiday Folk Fair International is produced by the International Institute of Wisconsin. The International Institute is a not for profit organization dedicated to international cooperation. They try to develop a multiethnic, multi-cultural perspective, through education, exchange, communication, social activities, and immigration and naturalization services. Their website is [<http://www.folkfair.org>].

The Shamrock Club has been at the forefront of maintaining, cultivating and even helping to enlarge Irish folklife in Milwaukee and the State. We have lived Irish-American history, and we have helped to create some of our own, but we have done so very much to give the community an identity and a sense of belonging. It helped us discover who and why we are. And Milwaukee and Wisconsin are all the richer for it.

- Brian Witt



First Friday Ceili Dances

Join us at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., for family Irish dancing at its best! Beginners and all ages welcome. Instruction begins at 7:30 P.M. and continues all evening. Music and dancing begin at 8 P.M.

The dances are called, and direction is given, by one of the Midwest's best ceili instructors, Gail McElroy.

November – December 2013

- **Fri., Nov. 1 – Ceol Cairde**
- **Fri., Dec. 6 – Cream City Ceili**

Entrance is \$8.00 Adults, and \$5.00 for Students, Seniors, and Children. All proceeds benefit the work of the ICHC.

Nominations For Irish Honorees

Nominations for the 2014 Irish Rose, Irishman of the Year, and Parade Marshal, must be received by 6 pm January 31, before the start of the Shamrock Club Board Meeting. Nominations must be in writing, or e-mailed, and be made by members in good standing. Nominations can be mailed to Shamrock Club, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233, or e-mailed to Kathy Donovan at kay_dee@live.com.

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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!

Fluent in Faith - The Gift of Mary McCormick, by Donald J. Mueller and Jacqueline Hansen Maggiore will be the topic for the November 19th meeting, hosted by Sheila Isakson. Jacqueline Maggiore, who is the co-author, will be a special guest at the meeting and will participate in the discussion. She will be available for book signings immediately after the meeting.

The December 10th meeting will be hosted by Gail McAleese. The topic is TBD.

- Rosemary Walsh
rowalsh@wi.rr.com



Sunshine Report

Kathy Donovan's mother, Mary Spenner, passed away on October 15th. The club extends our deepest sympathies to Kathy and her family.

Tim O'Brien had a procedure to improve poor circulation.

Tom Smith, Jr., San Francisco Police Department, earned a Medal for Valor on the SWAT team.

Megan Walton had back surgery.

Dave Culver, Air Force, is being deployed to Dubai in October for four months.

Elyce Fisher, daughter of Rand and Char Harteau, was married to her husband, Andy, on September 14, 2013.

Liam Thomas Blaha was born to Paul and Jen Blaha on September 19, 2013. Oliver Thomas Lakatos was born to Peter and Annie Blaha Lakatos on October 13, 2013. They are grandchildren of Maggie and the late, Tom Blaha.

- Maggie Blaha, Sunshine Chair

13th Annual Fire and Police Chili Cook-Off



THE GREATER MILWAUKEE FIRE AND POLICE PIPES & DRUMS

The Greater Milwaukee Fire and Police Pipes and Drums 13th Annual Chili Cook-off takes place at Burke's Irish Castle, 5326 W. Bluemound Rd., on Saturday, November 9, 2013, from noon to 6 pm. Advance tickets are \$6, or \$8 at the door, children 10 and under are free. Chili served from 12:30 until gone. There will be great raffle prizes, music, dancing and, of course, chili! The Milwaukee Fire and Police Band, the Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums, athas and Frogwater will perform.

For more information, contact us via e-mail at info@bagpipesmilwaukee.com.

- John Finnegan



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Sean Nós Dance November 23rd

A spectacular show devoted to sean nós dance from Ireland's wild Atlantic Coast and performed by Brian Cunningham, will take place at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Joining Cunningham are three of Irish music's top singers, musicians, and storytellers.

Cunningham, characterized as the "Michael Flatley of Sean-Nós dance" by RTÉ Television, is an exciting exponent of the "old-style" dance considered a more casual and spontaneous cousin to modern competitive step dancing. It is characterized by improvised steps, "battering" footwork, and free arm movements and has been called an earlier relative of tap dance.



Cunningham has played a major role in reviving the style in Ireland and well as transforming it into a joyous display of style, skill and athleticism that has won enthusiastic fans around the world. In 2005 he was invited by the President of Ireland to perform during an official state visit to Japan and South Korea.

Joining Cunningham are top Irish musicians including accordion player Séamus Begley from West Kerry. Begley was awarded the TG4 Traditional Singer of the Year 2013 and is also one of Ireland's most popular storytellers.

Oisín MacDiarmada from County Sligo is a founding member of the band Téada and was called "one of the most gifted and creative traditional fiddlers" by Early Hitchner of The Irish Echo.

Uilleann pipes and flute player Seán Gavin is known as the instrumental "heart" of the Chicago based band Bua.

Tickets for the show are \$19 in advance, \$23 on concert day and \$10 for students with ID. To order online, visit www.ichc.net. Tickets may also be ordered by calling (414) 345-8800.

Be an Organ Donor for the ICHC

A wonderful Concert featuring Dennis Janzer and Rob McWilliam will once again begin the Holiday season at the ICHC. On Saturday, November 30th at 2:00 p.m. please join in the spirit of the season to once again hear the magnificent sounds of the Kimball 4000-pipe organ played by our beloved organ curator Dennis Janzer, along with Rob McWilliam on the bagpipes. This duo have brought beautiful music to the ICHC for all of the years that we have had the privilege of being located here.

Dennis travels to Milwaukee for the sake of the organ and its preservation as an act of musical love for the instrument. He is actively leading a fund drive in order for the upkeep and maintenance which is critically needed. All of the proceeds of this concert will enrich the organ restoration fund of the ICHC.

There will be a meet-and-greet reception following the concert to say hello to Dennis and Rob with a cup of tea. We hope to see a huge turnout. Admission is \$10. Your chance to be an Organ Donor!

- Jean Bills

Word of the Month

An Bhrog- (brogue) The Shoe
Tá mo bhróg go díreach ceart.
(Ta moe brogue go Geer-awk cart.)
My shoe fits.



13th Annual Celtic Christmas Boutique

When: Saturday, November 23, 2013
9 am - 3:30 pm
Where: Historic Irish Fest Center
1532 Wauwatosa Ave.
Wauwatosa, WI 53213
414-476-3378



Join us at Milwaukee Irish Fest as we help holiday shoppers find unique gifts from the Emerald Isle and beyond. The Celtic Christmas Boutique showcases Celtic and other vendors, artisans and craftspeople. Shoppers can also tour the Ward Irish Music Archives, home to the North America's largest collection of Irish and Irish American sheet music and other memorabilia. Lunch will also be served in Cafe Celtique, a place to relax for a while and visit with friends. Whether you're looking for that perfect gift for someone special or just shopping for yourself be sure to stop in and enjoy some Celtic Christmas Cheer!

Admission is FREE, Parking next door, in public lots or on the street, no strollers please.



Donate to the Shamrock Club

The Shamrock Club is a 501 (C) (3) corporation. Consider a donation as you plan your year-end finances. If you donate to the club, you can write this off on your taxes as a charitable donation. Donate to our scholarship fund, our general fund, or to the parade. Thank you!

Red Tail Ring at the ICHC November 15th

Red Tail Ring will fill the intimate Parlour of the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, with Appalachian roots music starting at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15.

Michiganders Michael Beauchamp and Laurel Premo push the boundaries of what is considered traditional music through interpretations of songs and tunes along with original compositions. Old-time ballads and refrains are balanced with a desire to create new melodies and stories that resonate with listeners. The duo accompanies their haunting harmonies with guitar, fiddle, banjo, octave mandolin, mandolin and jaw harp.



A review of the recently released fourth recording, *The Heart's Swift Foot*, by the UTE Reader, mentioned the "fierce, masterful fingerpicking and poignant lyrical narratives..."

Since forming Red Tail Ring in 2009, Beauchamp and Premo have toured nationally sharing bluegrass and old-time music stages with well-known performers. In 2011, they spent a week performing and teaching in Denmark where they shared styles and tunes of traditional American music.

"Red Tail Ring is reimagining Americana music with pure soul and without pretension." – Jay Lapp - *The Steel Wheel*

Tickets for the show are \$12 at the door and \$10 for students with ID. For more information, go to www.ichc.net.

- Kathy Schultz



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For Information: <http://shamrockclubwis.com>
or: www.saintpatricksparade.org

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



New Shamrock Club members attended their first meeting. A good time was had by all.