



SCÉALA

Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
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CÉAD míle fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes



Meitheamh | June 2022

ITS PLAY TIME ONCE AGAIN!

Clan na Gael is pleased to announce the spring production of "**Outside Mullingar**" by John Patrick Shanley has been rescheduled.

This four person play featuring Tristen Cole, Valerie Huegal, Susan Maxham and Mike O'Mara tells two intertwined stories of a long standing land dispute, between neighbors, which has kept the second story, about a rather one sided romance, on the back of the turf stove for many years. It is by turns, poetic, uplifting, dark and funny!

The play is being directed by Jillian Plomin and produced by Peg O'Leary.

"Outside Mulligan" New Production dates: August 18, 19, 20 at 8:00 and Sunday August 21, at 2:30

Reservations can be had at:
playresvcng@gmail.com or 203-377-1070

HIGH SCHOOLERS PLAYWRIGHT WORKSHOP

Calling all aspiring writers! Clan na Gael Óg is hosting a playwriting workshop Wednesdays 6-8pm, June 15th - July 20th for high school students.

Email Jillian at jplomin@gmail.com for more info and to register. Finished works that meet the requirements for Clan na Gael's Playwriting competition may be entered to win!

WEEKEND MUSIC IS INDOORS 8-11PM

Friday	Jun 3	Jerry O'Sullivan (6-8pm) Peader Hickey (8-11pm)
Saturday	Jun 4	Keltic Kick
Friday	Jun 10	Sharon & Her Band
Saturday	Jun 11	Jolly Beggars
Friday	Jun 17	Camac
Saturday	Jun 18	Ruff Dogs
Sunday	Jun 19	Keltic Kick (12-3pm) Alen Gogarty (3:30-6:30pm)
Friday	Jun 24	Madz & Ladz
Saturday	Jun 25	Susan & Gerard

ONE ACT PLAYWRITING CONTEST



The Clan Na Gael sponsored One Act Playwriting Contest has returned. This contest that strives to support and encourage emerging playwrights and to provide a stage for scripts that might not otherwise find one. Playwrights of all ages are encouraged to enter.

The contest is seeking original One Act plays of not less than 15 mins and not more than 30 minutes in length and must be the original writing of the submitting playwright. Scripts are restricted to plays that have not been produced, published or won other contests. Submissions to this contest must have an Irish theme. Playwrights under the age of 18 must have their guardian's permission to submit their play. One script per playwright accepted each contest year.

This is our 9th contest. It runs from May 1st thru August 1st, 2022. All entries must be submitted by email no later than August 1st, 2022 to be considered.

For the first time, monetary prizes will be rewarded for the three winning plays, \$200.00 for 1st place, \$100.00 for 2nd place and \$50.00 for 3rd place. The winners will also receive a staged reading of their play at the Gaelic American Club in 2023.

COMPLETE 2022 RULES & INSTUCTIONS

<https://cngplayers.org/one-act-playwriting-competition/>

For Submission Form

email: cngoneactplay@gmail.com

COMING SOON

Clan na Gael's Fall production will be announced soon ~ but we've got the dates!!

Production Dates November 17-20

**Auditions are Saturday, Sept. 10
and Sunday 11th from 1:30-3:30.**

All auditions are open. No Experience is Necessary. We are an Open, Welcoming and Friendly group. Come Play with us!



MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS?

Please direct all your Membership questions to the membership committee: membership@gacemail.org

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday June 10th @ 8PM
Members are encouraged to attend!

MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

The white membership card with your name and a 5 digit number is used for both entering the club and scrip DO NOT DISCARD AFTER USING UP YOUR SCRIP. \$10 replacement fee for lost card. You can mail or drop off payment with your info to the Attn: Membership. To check Scrip balance, log into gac.campuscardcenter.com/ch/login.html. For more information contact membership@gacemail.org

GAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meets monthly and can be reached Via email at executive@gacemail.org

BUSINESS & TRADES DIRECTORY

To place your professional listing in the GAC Business Directory Trades List at www.gaconline.org. send info to communications@gacemail.org. And when you need a business or trade service check the list and support your fellow members.

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

We are getting into our busy times at the GAC and we do need to have people to volunteer to sit for a few hours at the front desk. It's a great way for new members to meet new people. Ideally we like a 3 (or more) hour shift - once a week, a month or year! We have roughly 6000 members, yet we only have 3 volunteers to sit at the front desk. Please volunteer to help out. No experience necessary. Please call Bette Leary at 203-767-0117. Thank you

FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

The group practices Mondays at 6:30pm in the Carolan Room of the GAC. For more info visit fairfieldgaelicpipeband.org or call 475-329-0202.

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMB ÉIREANN

Meets 2nd Saturday of the month @ 10:30am in the O'Keefe Room and via zoom. This month's meeting is June 11th. (next meeting will be in September) For information or link contact FESecretaryGAC@gmail.com.

Club ACTIVITIES

GOOD & WELFARE

Mass Cards were sent to: Patty K. Lenihan & family on the passing of her husband, Bob Lenihan; To Jane Burnett & family on the passing of their Mother, Clare.

Sympathy cards were sent to: Rose Close on the passing of her Mom, Mary Crowley; To Pat and Betty Carolan on the passing of their grandson, Patrick Joseph Carolan II; To Chris Cronin on the passing of her brother, James McCullagh.

And a get well card was sent to Chris Lussen.

A deceased member plaque was engraved for James Ruddy

Notify Mary Alvarez of all member news at alvarezmp@icloud.com.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton, House Chairperson
203-372-1280

IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP

Thursday Evenings via Zoom

6:45 beginners | 7:30 intermediate
For more information: Cait Thopsey
203-459-9686

LIBRARY

The library will NOT be accepting donations at this time.

SCEALA SUBMISSIONS

Submissions are due June 10th
Communications@gacemail.org

SENIOR LUNCH

Thursday June 30th
please make reservations by Sunday, June 26th. Cost of Lunch is \$8 for members. \$10 for non-members. Shirley McMenamy 203-268-5083; Sally Savage 203-366-4826. This will be the last lunch until September.

SET DANCING

Lace up your dance shoes because Set Dancing is back every Thursday at 7:30pm. Contact Brian Reynolds
203-214-2921.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

contact social@gacemail.org.

TRAD MUSIC SESSION

The Shamroques host an Irish Trad Music Night every Wednesday from 7-9pm in the Carolan Room. All are welcome to join in or just listen.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Meetings are held at the GAC every 3rd Thursday of the month. The AOH is a fraternal group that mixes social functions and Christian charity on a regular basis. Join your fellow Irish Catholic brothers for good times and on-going charitable works. Contact Mark Ryan at 203 258-9846 or mark.ryan@sbcglobal.net.

TRIVIA NIGHT - JUNE 3RD @ 8PM

Trivia is Friday June 3rd @ 8pm in the Carolan Room. This month the color is orange. As always, brush up on all that useless information and win some awesome stuff!

FATHERS DAY AT THE GAC

Just for dear old Dad we've got two fan favorite bands playing (Ketic Kick 12-3 & Allen Gogarty 3:30-6:30) and a great selection of food on the menu! So let's honor those great guys in our lives with a fun fulfilled afternoon at the GAC.

THE GAA AT THE GAC

Every weekend the GAC brings you the best in GAA competition. Join the ranks of Irish sports fans and cheer on your team, enjoy some pub food and perhaps a beverage or two during the game.

SATURDAY MOVIE NIGHT

The very popular Family Movie Night will be returning to The GAC side yard on Saturday Evenings. So keep on eye on GAC's Weekly Bulletins for movie times and dates

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Schedule

Mon & Tues
Wed & Thurs
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Kitchen hours

4pm - 9pm
4pm - 10pm
12pm - 10pm
12pm - 8 pm

pub hours

Closed
4 pm - 10 pm
4 pm - 12 am
12 noon - 12 am
12 noon - 9pm

How To Reach us

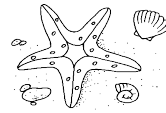
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CÉAD MILE FÁILTE



Sunday DOMHNACH	Monday LUAN	Tuesday MÁIRT	Wednesday CÉADAOIN	Thursday DEARDAOIN	Friday AOINE	Saturday SATHARN
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i wonder what it would be like to live
in a world where it was always June.
— Lm. MONTGOMERY



5	6 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	7 Executive Committee Meeting 7pm Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	8 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	9 Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	10 Membership Meeting 8pm Sceala Submissions Due ♪ Sharon & Her Band	11 Genealogy Group Fréamh Eiréann Meeting 10:30am ♪ Jolly Beggars 8-11pm
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19 Father's Day Keltic Kick (12-3pm) Allen Gogarty (3:30-6:30pm)	20 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	21 1st Day of Summer  Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	22 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	23 Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	24 ♪ Madz & Ladz 8-11pm	25 ♪ Susan & Gerard 8-11pm
26 	27 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	28 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	29 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	30 Senior Lunch 12 noon Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	1 ♪ TBA 8-11pm	2 ♪ TBA 8-11pm



OF IRISH INTEREST

**THE HIGH KINGS AT RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE
SATURDAY JULY 30TH AT 8PM**



The High Kings set the bar for Irish Folk bands across the world and are widely regarded as the forefront of the genre. Formed in June 2007, the band specializing in traditional Irish music, and play 13 instruments between them, creating the

unique sound and atmosphere that they showcase to this day. For tickets call The Ridgefield Playhouse box office at 203-438-5795. VIP Meet & Greet Upgrades are available! GAC Members receive 10% OFF balcony tickets using the code: DUBLIN.

WHAT SHE LEFT AND WHAT SHE KEPT
Art Exhibition by Sean Gallagher whose paintings and drawings are a tribute to his grandmother and heritage of West Cork, Ireland.

May 26 - June 26, 2022
Opening: Thursday May 26 from 6 - 9pm
Closing Reception & Artist Talk
Sunday June 26, from 3 - 6pm
Kehler Liddell Gallery 873 Whalley Avenue
New Haven, CT 06515

THE IRISH FAMINE SUMMER SCHOOL

The 2022 conference is titled 'Heroes of Black '47.' It will be held at Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University on June 1-3 2022. The keynote speakers include Professor Christine Kinealy (Quinnipiac University), Dr Gerard Moran (NUI Galway), Kirk Prichard (Concern Worldwide) and Dr Jason King (Irish Heritage Trust). For more info: <https://www.strokestownpark.ie/famine/summer-school/>

FRIDAY NIGHT TRADITIONAL MUSIC - JUNE 3RD @ 6-8PM

Jerry O'Sullivan will close out this series of Friday Night Trad Music Sessions.
So come out and enjoy this very talented musician.
Not to worry, the Friday night Sessions will return in October.

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