



APOLOGIES ACCEPTED AFTER THE 9/11 POSTER OUTRAGE

By Martina Branagan

Photo courtesy of Victor Boyle

Social media ignited when three large election posters, two advertising the Parti Québécois and one the Liberals, were noticed next to the Black Rock in the median of Bridge St. near the Victoria Bridge on September 11th, 2018, the half-way point of Quebec Provincial Election campaign.



People were outraged at the desecration of this sacred Irish space that commemorates the 6,000 Irish immigrants who escaped the Great Famine only to die of typhus in Montreal and be buried in mass graves near the bridge. They wanted those posters removed straight away.

The media (The Montreal Gazette, CJAD, CTV, and CBC) quickly carried the story and the PQ signs were down by 10 a.m. on the 12th September.

However, Catherine Maurice, a spokesperson for the Liberals, said her party's sign was not within the fenced-in area near the Black Rock.

When it was made clear that the entire area is a cemetery, that the Liberal poster was sitting where twelve coffins discovered in 1942 had been reburied and the fences only serve as decoration, Maurice said she would look into the issue. And she did. Gregory Kelley, the Liberal candidate in Jacques-Cartier riding, later told the Gazette that "the (Liberal) sign will be removed as soon as possible."

Both political parties offered their apologies saying it was an honest mistake.

The Irish Community is grateful for all the support, from politicians, interested individuals and the media.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,

Well the summer of 2018 was truly memorable and not just for the spectacular weather! The spring season ended on a high note with Ciné Gael's well attended "Maze X film" (even Ambassador Jim Kelly was there); a tribute to our Vice-president Carol McCormick, hosted at the St. James Club by the St. Patrick's Basilica in honour of her many years of service there as Cantor and finally, SPS Vice-president Ken Quinn's 50th birthday at McKibbin's West Island... all on the same night in May!

Our 23rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament, held at the Belle Vue Golf Course in Ville de Lery, closed out our year on June 19th with beautiful weather and another great turnout. Many thanks to Chairs Dave Dubeau, Wayne Hogan and Honorary Chair Paul Doyle, for putting on another outstanding event. A new silent auction and an expanded event brochure were well received by all and will become a regular feature at this now classic event. A shout out as well to all the great golf committee members, volunteers and corporate sponsors.

On July 1st, under hot and sunny skies, there was another great turnout by Society members at the Canada Day Parade. Kudos to SPS Director and UIS President Paul Loftus for organizing the Irish-Montreal community involvement once again this year.

On a more serious note, there were many meetings over the summer between the Montreal Irish Monument Park Foundation, Hydro Quebec and the City of Montreal as they work towards a fitting and permanent memorial site for the 6,000 Irish immigrants who perished from typhus in the summer of 1847 and are buried beneath and around the Black Rock on Bridge Street. Headed by Park Foundation directors Victor Boyle and Fergus Keyes (who are also SPS Directors), the Irish community partners committee also includes SPS Past-president and Ciné Gael founder Lynn Doyle, UIS President Paul Loftus and myself. Talks are proceeding very positively and there will hopefully be much to report later this fall about the progress there.

By now most of you will have received your membership renewal notices. This year, when your renewal is received, you will be sent a new membership card. This card allows for an expanding range of discounts and special purchases on a range of goods and services. Hurley's, Baton Rouge West Island, Kennedy Celtic Boutique, Ciné Gael and The Centuar Theater are offering specials to all our members. So, please carry your new card with you and take advantage of these deals by patronizing their businesses. More information regarding these goods and services and links to participating stores, pubs and restaurants will be available online shortly. Please take the few minutes to pay your dues online at spsmtl.com or drop a cheque in the mail to our office.

Looking forward, please save the dates for the following events:

1. Just around the corner, the 13th annual Concordia University School of Irish Studies free lecture series, sponsored by the St. Patrick's Society, is to be held on Thursday October 4th at 7 p.m.
2. We have our AGM (Annual General meeting) coming up on Thursday November 8th at the Montreal West Curling Hall.
3. I am also delighted to announce the return of our very popular annual Christmas Concert on Saturday December 1st at a new downtown venue - see "Events" page.
4. Finally, don't miss our annual Christmas Party on Thursday December 6th being held once again at Hurley's Irish Pub.

All the details on these events are available in this issue.

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This will be my last article for Nuacht as your President and I would like to take a moment to say what an honour it has been to serve the Society over the last few years. I am very proud of the tremendous work that has been accomplished by the wonderful people who make up the Board of Directors of St. Patrick's Society and wish to thank them for their hard work and dedication to our mission.

Ours is a volunteer charitable and cultural organization that serves its members and the Montreal-Irish community at large. It has, in my view, never been stronger, more relevant or more needed than it is today. Our mission is to support other Montreal not-for-profits, cultural and sporting organizations as well as doing our best to help educate the youth and the newly arrived to our great city about the history and contributions that the Irish have made to our city, province and country. This mission must continue despite challenges, changing trends and evolving social demographics. The work we do now will pay off with a united and involved community for many years to come. As our 200th anniversary approaches in 2034, we look to keep St. Patrick's Society as one of the key pillars and key players in the Montreal-Irish community as we work together towards a better present for our members and friends and a better future for all our children.

A very Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family and I look forward to seeing you over the fall season.

Sláinte!

Scott Phelan
President

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SPS Membership - *New*

St. Patrick's Society is now issuing membership cards. We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with various merchants and businesses (like Hurley's and the Centaur Theatre etc.) so that when you show your card you will receive special discounts from them.

There are many other reasons to become a member of this dynamic, historic and oldest fraternal organization in Canada:

- attend annual charitable events including the St. Patrick's Ball, the St. Patrick's Luncheon, the St. Patrick's Society's Christmas concert and Golf tournament
- support this registered federal charity, sponsor of a large number of cultural and educational activities that are open to all and significant donor to other Montreal charities and not-for-profit organizations that serve the less fortunate, homeless, children, families and elderly of the city, both Irish and non-Irish

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THE THOMAS D'ARCY MCGEE INTERNATIONAL FORUM 2018

By Dr. Jane G. V. McGaughey

I was delighted to be invited to speak at the re-conceptualized Thomas D'Arcy McGee International Forum in Carlingford this past August.

The three days of panels and cultural events organized by the Ireland-Canada University Fund began with an opening address by His Excellency Kevin Vickers, Canada's ever-popular ambassador to Ireland. I was not only charmed by Mr. Vickers' self-deprecating demeanour, but also very pleased to see that he stayed for most of the three days, demonstrating his personal interest in exploring how Thomas D'Arcy McGee's legacy has continued to frame Irish-Canadian relations. My own panel explored the role of women in the hundred years since they achieved suffrage in Ireland and Canada – topics ranged from the stigma attached to women without children, female participation in Irish politics, and the lack of awareness about Irish women in Canada in the nineteenth century. My paper gave many people in the audience their first encounter with the ghost of Mary Gallagher, and I hope it sparked interest in the unexplored possibilities that still exist in Irish Canadian historiography.

Two of the main highlights of the week were the James M. Flaherty Lecture, given by award-winning Canadian author Jane Urquhart, and the presentation of the first Thomas D'Arcy McGee Award to General John de Chastelain, best known for his pivotal role in the Northern Irish peace process. Ms. Urquhart gave a lecture that mixed family history with local Irish legends in Canada – including a deft analysis of the Black Rock's importance to Irish Montreal – and which also included a poignant anecdote about how she had once been on a train to Toronto and had the surreal experience of seeing James Flaherty, then Minister of Finance for Ontario, reading her own book, "Away".

The ceremony for General de Chastelain was also moving in a different way. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting the general, he is one of the most gracious and humble individuals to have such a high international reputation. His speech after receiving his award underscored this: rather than dwelling on his own remarkable achievements

General John de Chastelain



in taking the gun out of Irish politics, General de Chastelain spoke of nearly a dozen other individuals who were key to the peace process, noting each of them by name and how their participation as judges, politicians, and humanitarians had created a new era in the north of Ireland. He also spoke of his concerns about what the future might hold, showing his continuing focus on the region years after his official duties ended. Canada is all the richer for having someone like the general inherit McGee's legacy as a voice for the Canadian values of moderation and tolerance in an increasingly chaotic world.



General John de Chastelain, Ciaran Cannon TD (Minister of State for the Diaspora), and James Kelly, President of ICUF

For those of you interested in McGee, Irish-Canadian relations, or what the future holds for our two countries, I urge you to consider attending next year's forum. Carlingford is a charming town – even in the August rain – and the conference offers a great opportunity for academics and community members to come together regarding their shared interests. Also, given the appalling lack of awareness in Ireland of who McGee was, having more Canadians on the ground can only entrench his transatlantic importance.

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A GLORIOUS DAY

By Dave Dubeau Photos: St. Patrick's Society

The 23rd annual Society Golf Tournament was held on June 17th at the Bellevue Golf Club. The luck of the Irish held true as it was a beautiful sunny day.

Golfers fueled their energy with a pre golf brunch. After limbering up on the driving range and putting green, the shotgun start began at 12:30. As has been the tradition, golfers were kept hydrated on the course with Guinness and shots of whisky compliments of Hurley's Irish Pub.

After golf there was a 5 à 7 where golfers renewed friendships and made new ones. A delicious prime rib dinner with wine followed.

There was a raffle during dinner and golfers won great prizes. For the first time we initiated a limited silent auction with great success. In total we raised in excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15K) to help promote the charitable works of the Society.

For those who attended we hope to see you again next year. For those who couldn't make it, we hope to see you next year - it is a great event.

SAVE THE DATE:

JUNE 18th 2019



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.I.S. - 90 YEARS YOUNG

By Ken Quinn

This year (2018) marks the 90th year of existence of the United Irish Societies of Montreal (U.I.S.). Being mentioned in the same breath as the storied St. Patrick's Society is certainly something to be proud of, the St. Patrick's Society having organized the iconic parade in the 1800s from the organization's founding in 1834. The parade was originally organized by Michael O'Sullivan and friends for the first 10 years from 1824 - that is a story for another day. Our friends in the Ancient Order of Hibernians also organized the parade for a time. Of note, both St. Patrick's Society and the AOH were members of the UIS, which was conceived as an umbrella organization of Irish societies and Montreal area Catholic parishes that today is a standalone organization comprised of individual members.



For ninety years, the United Irish Societies of Montreal has been active in the community. From the early years to the present day, the organization and its members have made every effort to make a difference in the community. In 1937, President John Loye brokered an agreement between Canadian National Railways and the Montreal Fruit Terminal Company to confer the privilege of collecting fruits and vegetables in the terminal to the Grey Nuns, the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Franciscans, and the Sisters of Mercy.

On December 15th, 1967 the UIS promoted a Christmas Draw at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Cavendish Boulevard during Richard Cooper's UIS presidency. Did you know Mr. Cooper is the only person to have presided over both St. Patrick's Society and the UIS? The proceeds of this project went to welfare and social services. A cheque in the amount of \$154 was donated to the Montreal Children's Hospital for the purchase of a special wheelchair. To put this in perspective, according to Bank of Canada's Inflation Calculator, goods that cost \$154 in 1967 would cost \$1,136 in 2018. This was the start of the annual Christmas Draw, which today allows the UIS to feed roughly 60 families in need at a time of year when they are most vulnerable.

Around the same time, the organization began visiting hostels, hospitals, and homes to entertain those who could not otherwise enjoy a little music, song and dance, a practice discontinued in 2014.

In 2001, the U.I.S. organized and promoted a concert held at St. Patrick's Basilica for the benefit of the Irish Studies programme at Concordia University. The entertainment for the evening was the University of Notre Dame Concert

Band. Proceeds were presented to the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation.

In 2006, a Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament was held at McKibbin's Irish Pub on Bishop Street. Proceeds were directed toward the Montreal Children's Hospital, Hopital Ste. Justine, and the Shriners Hospital.

In the last two years, a group of members has raised money for Special Olympics Quebec through their participation in the Polar Bear Plunge, jumping into the ice cold water in Lachine. All for a good cause.

Individually, many members volunteer their time in their communities: seniors' residences, youth sports organizations, Girl Guides, soup kitchens, food banks, and beyond.

What the U.I.S. is perhaps best known for is organizing the annual parade and everything surrounding it, such as selecting the Parade Queen & Court, the Grand Marshal, and the Chief Reviewing Officer. Although it was once a more parochial affair, today's parade is a multicultural celebration of the contributions of the Irish community in this city. In much simpler times, city officials were contacted shortly before the event, the participants knew the order of march and the parade route, and the grand marshal directed everything. Today's parade requires permits, security, no parking and street closure signs. The group's Vice President - Organization, with a committee of roughly a dozen members, ensures all the fine details are taken care of. The level of volunteerism in the UIS makes it, and its members, truly special.

To celebrate 90 years of making a difference in the community, the UIS is going to party on Friday October 26th at Buffet Il Gabbiano in LaSalle. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. with a buffet meal at 8:45 p.m. Beer and wine, soft drinks and bottled water are included. Ticket price is \$80.

After the 90th celebrations wrap up, the UIS will turn its sights to the 200th consecutive St. Patrick's Parade in 2023 and its 100th anniversary in 2028, two important milestones definitely worthy of community recognition and celebration. Maybe with advances in science, some of us will be around for the 300th!

Further information on the 90th anniversary can be found on the UIS Facebook page or by contacting Danny Doyle (438) 495-1753 or dad.jr@hotmail.com

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM BLOOMSDAY MONTRÉAL

By Judith Schurman Photos courtesy of Tom Bock

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Joanne Patry

The Bloomsday Festival 2018 was a hit! The 7th annual Irish literary and cultural event delighted its audiences over 5 days and 8 events, culminating on the 16th June, "Bloomsday" (after Leopold Bloom, the protagonist of James Joyce's 783-page novel "Ulysses"), a globally celebrated day.

The committee wishes to thank everyone who made this year's festival a **Joy(ce)ful** week!

GOOD NEWS

The Bloomsday Festival just received confirmation that Canadian Heritage will give us a grant for next year, \$2,900 over last year. The Embassy of Ireland has said we have funding from Ireland for one of our events. With the generous help of supporters like the St. Patrick's Society, the School of Irish Studies, McGill's Community for Lifelong Learning and The Zeller Family Foundation, June 2019 could be hopping with Bloomsday activities.

CALL FOR PROJECTS

We've got what it takes to organize a festival. Do you or someone you know

want to put on a show at the Festival? Colleen Curran put on her play "Godot at the Coconut Grove" in 2018. Send us your ideas for next year's festival and let us stage your play, advertise your walking tour, fund your musical event, fill-up your venue or promote your venture. All your Joycean and Irish cultural ideas are welcome. Share your dream-activity for Bloomsday, either big or small.

I.T. SPECIALIST NEEDED

Bloomsday is also looking for someone to replace our WEBMASTER, Tom Bock who has moved to Chicago. Although we can count on his help for our web site, we do need a local person. Surely there's



Patrick Hutchinson

someone in the Irish community who'd like to have a small contract from Bloomsday for I.T. Let us know whom you know.

Don't be shy! Our Bloomsday team wants you, needs you.

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The 8th Annual Bloomsday Festival is set for
12th-16th June 2019.

MARK IT IN YOUR CALENDARS!



Patrick McLaughlin

A TALE OF TWO PLACES, HALF A WORLD APART

By Jim McDermott

I'll always remember June 18th 1994. A momentous time indeed when the Ireland soccer team beat Italy by one glorious goal.

On that particular day, the atmosphere was absolutely electrifying, and one could sense the feeling of a home game unfolding. New Jersey's Giant Stadium was buzzing with the greatest craic, even though the pre-match atmosphere was sadly overshadowed by the singing of Liza Minnelli. In a rare misstep, the tournament organizers had engaged her to serenade the crowd before the game. Failing to appreciate the makeup of her audience, she made a side exit. Needless to say, an Irish singer would have been appropriate on such a grand day when Irish fans mightily made their presence felt.

Ireland's colours dominated the stands where only a handful of Italian flags could be spotted among the crowd of 70,000 which consisted of mainly Irish supporters. Unlike the relatively quiet Italian fans, the Irish sang along when the Republic's national anthem was played, their beautiful chants were heartfelt and cheerful. The highlight of the day however, was of course when Ray Houghton scored the precious goal for Ireland in the first twelve minutes of the game and that score stood up through the rest of the first half and all of the second half. That day, Ireland had its first victory ever over Italy since the two countries met for the first time in international competition way back in 1926. The Irish squad wisely protected their fort, even when the Italians became more aggressive, and seemed to have persisted in having most of the action go through to their star player Roberto Baggio, whose stylish ponytail was left swaying in the wind. That night some of our group of Irish Montrealers, were led by our very own past president, Alistair O'Hara, who seemed to especially know how to navigate around New York city. That night, all the Irish pubs rocked in celebration. Times Square was gleaming in green. Even the local cops nearby pronounced "Go Irish Go" after we jokingly asked them for directions to the nearest Irish pub. We ended the evening in a lovely pub that was owned by the famous Irish folk singer, Tommy Makem and a great time was had by all.

Sadly, Ireland's victorious moment was overshadowed by the devastating news of a loyalist terror attack in a small pub located in Lough-island, County Down, Northern Ireland. The village pub was targeted because it was frequented by Catholics and crowded with people watching the televised version of the game that we had seen live. It was during the game's half time that the murderers struck and shot six men to death. There have been allegations stating that the police (RUC) failed to carry out a proper investigation. And after almost twenty-five years, no one has ever been brought to justice. A newly released documentary film about the massacre, "No stone Upturned" should provide some insight into why it has taken so long to unearth the truth of that horror.

To borrow a line from Charles Dickens "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times", a tale of two places half a world apart. One of joy and the other of sadness, on June 18th 1994. The pub massacre might even have impacted the Irish team: Ireland went on to lose every other game, whereas Italy came close to winning the world cup - they lost only in the final to Brazil.



ON TOP, STEPPING DOWN BUT NOT GOING FAR

By Scott Phelan Photos courtesy of Craig Nolan

Hurley's Irish Pub has hosted many get togethers over the years but Wednesday September 19th was truly something special as the Irish community of Montreal came together to bid a fond farewell and a happy retirement to our friend Geoff Kelley who is leaving provincial politics after the 2018 Provincial General Election taking place October 1st.

Geoff Kelley was feted by many well-known Irish Montreal celebrities and I daresay, he didn't have to buy a pint all night! Geoff was accompanied by three of his five children: his son Greg, who's running in the upcoming election in Geoff's stead in the riding of Jacques-Cartier, and his lovely daughters, Tess and Sara.

Hosted by UIS President Paul Loftus, the evening started with a few appetizers and libations before Paul gave a brief introduction of the dignitaries who were there including among others, Kathleen Weil, Minister for English speaking Quebecers; June Tiffney, Aer Lingus representative who announced to general applause that Aer Lingus will start daily flights from Montreal to Dublin in 2019 and Catherine Polson, Green Party candidate and past Parade Princess. Paul mentioned some of Geoff's contributions to our Province and his long-standing support of the Irish cultural and sporting groups of Montreal before handing over the mic to Greg Kelley. Greg told a few stories about his dad before giving Geoff the floor. Geoff acknowledged many of his friends in the room and was refreshingly non-political although he did express his support for Greg's campaign. No kidding!

The night was capped off with Paul Loftus presenting Geoff with a handsome pewter a great and fulfilling retirement.



L-R: Victor Boyle, Geoff Kelley, Paul Loftus and Lynn Doyle

cup that looked like it could easily hold three pints. The mug was engraved with the words: "To Geoff Kelley MNA Thanks for all your support and best wishes on your retirement from your friends in the Irish Community – September 19, 2018". Geoff immediately put the mug to good use thanks to Bill and Irene Hurley. Hopefully Geoff will think back fondly to this evening and his many friends from the Montreal Irish community every time he uses the cup.

Geoff jumped into politics in 1994, after a few years teaching, and served the people of Jacques-Cartier riding in the West Island for seven mandates spanning a remarkable 24 years. Geoff has been very supportive of our community's events and issues over the years and has also helped many other not-for-profits and charities. He was especially keen on the West Island Palliative Care Residence. From 2009 to 2011, he chaired a non-partisan committee called the "Select Committee on Dying with Dignity" which produced a report tabled in the Provincial Legislature that was the first of its kind in Canada. He is also involved with West Island Community Shares.

Geoff is excited to start a new chapter in his life and plans, among other things, to spend more time with his grandchildren. He says quite openly that he truly loved what he did but he won't miss having to travel back and forth to Quebec City some 40 plus times a year.

We haven't seen the last of Mr. Kelley I'm sure but as was fully expressed by everyone at this warm and wonderful party, thank you Geoff for your service, all you've done for our community and have



HAUNTED MONTREAL BRINGS GRIFFINTOWN BACK TO LIFE

By Miles Murphy ([new arrival - Welcome, Miles!](#)) Photos courtesy of Haunted Montreal

When you think about ghost tours, perhaps supernatural activities and hauntings designed to raise the hair on the back of your neck and send shivers down your spine immediately spring to mind. Haunted Montreal's Griffintown ghost walk has all of that, including grisly murders, the ghost of an Irish prostitute in search of her head and even a ghostly funeral procession – enough to scare the pants off even the most hardened spirit agnostic -- but it is also faithful to its real subject and its subject is Griffintown's past.

Haunted Montreal is the brainchild of Montreal actor Donovan King. His tour guide persona is a mad professor and historian, in keeping with nature of the tour. Formerly a stage actor, Donovan is also a passionate student of Irish history, a Director of the Irish Monument Park Foundation and he now dedicates all of his time to his historical tours: Haunted Griffintown, Haunted Mount Royal and Haunted Downtown. All tours are offered in both English and French. Along with conducting the tours himself, Donovan utilizes trained actors who are carefully vetted and provided with scripts written by Donovan himself. Actors are free to choose their own characters but Donovan insists that the characters do not distract from the stories.

On the Friday night I attended, the tour was conducted by a young man whose persona was an Irish resident of Griffintown named Tommy Malone. There were about 25 of us on the English-speaking tour, some German tourists, visitors from the U.S. and across Canada and a few from Quebec. We gathered outside the Rockaberry Café at Notre Dame near Lucien l'Allier at just before 8:30 p.m. Dusk was fast approaching.



Historical Map of Griffintown

Our first stop was in a nearby alley where our guide outlined in broad strokes, the early history of Griffintown – Thomas McCord and Mary Griffin, the Irish famine migration, the evolution of the community as an Irish shanty town, its rise and rapid fall, following the fortunes of the Lachine canal. (Around 1900, at the height of its growth, Griffintown numbered 60,000 inhabitants. By 1970, that population had shrunk to just over 800).



Grave, St. Anne's Church, Griffintown

As the light faded, we approached the ruins of St. Ann's Church, the heart and soul of Griffintown for over 120 years. We were told by our guide that, although the church has been gone for over fifty years, the community still resonates with the sound of haunted church bells and how a prospective condominium buyer was treated to a vision of a ghostly funeral procession.

The old community in story was contrasted with the new upscale surroundings. Our host conjured up a picture of the close-knit community of Griffintown in bygone days including a description of a traditional Irish wake.

One of the most moving stories on the tour was the history of the Irish famine, the typhus epidemic and the desperate conditions of the thousands of Irish immigrants who washed up on Montreal's shores. This was a story that particularly resonated with me as my maternal great, great grandparents emigrated from County Tyrone in Ireland in "Black '47". Unable to land at Grosse Isle or Montreal, they were pushed on to Kingston, Ontario. My great-great grandfather succumbed to the ship's fever

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and along with his youngest daughter died aboard the ship in the harbour, never to see their new homeland. My grandmother and her six remaining children were left to forge a new life in and around Elma Township in Perth, Ontario, eventually moving west to settle in Manitoba.

compelling drama, related at the gasworks memorial near the original site of the crash. An interesting aside to the worst airplane disaster in Montreal's history that killed fifteen people (10 of them civilians), was the discovery in the rubble, by a local boy, of a gold coin. This discovery fueled the rumour that the plane was on a secret mission, carrying gold destined for England to help fund the war effort.



Irish Wake

The tour closed at the corner of William and Murray Streets with a gruesome story of murder and mayhem, suitably told. In 1879, two prostitutes, Mary Gallagher and Susan Kennedy, were celebrating St. Jean Baptise Day with a male companion, Michael Flanagan. Suffice it to say that one of these unfortunate ladies of the night lost her head and has been haunting Griffintown ever since.

I was particularly moved by the story of Grey Nuns, who took it as their duty to care for the thousands of sick and dying typhus victims and who returned again and again to nurse and comfort them, many giving up their lives. The story of these victims and their caregivers was told with great empathy and compassion..

Haunted Griffintown is a ghost tour and not for the faint of heart (in fact one participant did faint on our tour, but more likely from low-blood sugar than from fright), but, more importantly it tells the story of an Irish diaspora community that grew out of the Irish famine and has now, with the exception of a few monuments, history and storytelling, completely vanished from the Montreal landscape.

The Griffintown airplane disaster of 1944 was a

FIRST GIRLS' SCHOOL IN MONTREAL TO OFFER GRADE 12 PROGRAM

By Isabel Brinck

As of August 2019, The Sacred Heart School of Montreal will become the first all girls' school in Montreal, and one of a select few high schools in the entire province, to offer a Grade 12 program.

The program, offered in English, will be delivered online through our partnership with the Ontario Virtual School (OVS), in conjunction with physical classes taught by teaching specialists at The Sacred Heart School of Montreal. Students will be able to choose between a Commerce and a Science stream. Girls must have completed Grade 11 but do not require a Certificate of English Eligibility to attend.

At the end of the one-year, full-time program, students will receive a Grade 12 diploma (OSSD) from the Ontario Ministry of Education, enabling them to apply to universities in Quebec, other Canadian provinces, the United States, and abroad.

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THE GAA IN MONTREAL: A STORIED HISTORY AND THE SEARCH FOR A HOME

By Steven Owens & Patrick Bourke Photos courtesy of the Montreal Shamrocks

The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) was officially founded in Ireland in 1884 and was primarily set up to provide official organization to the gaelic games of hurling, camogie and gaelic football which were being played throughout Ireland during the preceding centuries.

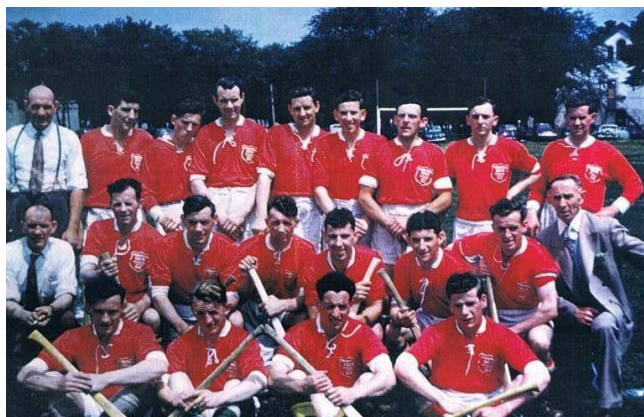
Since its inception the GAA has always been an outward looking organization. This is exemplified by the fact that as of 2018, there were 439 GAA clubs based outside Ireland – a figure that makes up over 20% of the total GAA membership of 500,000.

The GAA is engrained into the fabric of Irish culture and society reaching into every parish on the island of Ireland, as well as many towns and cities around the world. GAA competitions regularly take place in countries across Asia, Australia, the United Kingdom, continental Europe and North America.



Griffintown Gaels Mens football team

of the teams, St. Henri Harps, Point St. Charles Cú Chulainn and N.D.G. Na Fianna Rouges.



Montreal GAA in 1953...

In Canada, the GAA has a long and storied past with an even brighter future, and this is perhaps most evident right here in Montreal.

The Montreal

Shamrocks is the oldest official GAA club in Canada, and in 2018 celebrated its 70th anniversary. The banquet held on Sunday, May 20th, 2018 was a fitting tribute to this impressive milestone for the club – a sentiment which was shared by Cork GAA legend Seán Óg Ó hAilpín who presided over the night's proceedings.

In the past decade, the GAA has exploded in popularity in Montreal. Under the guidance of the Montreal Shamrocks, the city now has an independent and fully-scheduled gaelic football league both for men's and ladies' teams, as well as a co-ed hurling/camogie league.

The teams which participate have been founded and named after old Irish neighbourhoods in Montreal. These include the Griffintown Gaels, Verdun Vikings, Concordia Warriors, Montreal City Blues and the Goose Village Black Rocks, all of which have both men's and ladies' gaelic football teams. The Hurling/Camogie league is made up



N.D.G. Na Fianna Rouges Hurling & Camogie

The annual 'Superleague' is broken into two seasons: summer and winter. The winter league is an indoor 7-a-side competition that takes place at the Loyola Campus of Concordia University from January through April. The winter league requires substantial financial backing to secure indoor fields during winter months and has been generously supported by the St Patrick's Society since its inception. The summer league is the flagship of the GAA in Montreal and is 9-a-side competition that runs from May to October.

The popularity of the summer league can be seen by the fact that there are 50 fixtures in total, and with growing numbers every year, it looks set to increase even further in

THE GAA IN MONTREAL: A STORIED HISTORY AND THE SEARCH FOR A HOME

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2019. There is little doubt that the growth of the game in Montreal is down to the scheduled and organized nature of the summer and winter Superleagues.



St. Henri Harps Hurling & Camogie

Unfortunately, the GAA in Montreal is a victim of its own success in some respects. To meet the current demands of active members, many of whom are non-Irish and have only picked up GAA in recent years, the Montreal Shamrocks GAA club is constantly on the lookout for pitches and fields on which to play these games. The city and boroughs of Montreal are reluctant to provide suitable facilities to the Montreal GAA on a regular basis, resulting in fixtures being postponed, cancelled and active GAA members being denied the opportunity to play the sports they love.



Pointe St Charles Cú Chulainn Hurling & Camogie

Having played regular games on parks such as de la Verendrye, Henri Julien, Trenholme and Rutherford during the past decade, the city and relative boroughs have, in recent years, restricted the use of these fields and pitches, thereby forcing the Montreal GAA community to continually search for new locations to play their games. As a result, the Montreal Shamrocks GAA Club is currently

canvassing the Irish community in the city and beyond to help raise awareness of the importance of the sport locally, and most specifically, to persuade the municipal authorities to provide one to three suitable fields on a regular basis to allow the club to sustain the growth of gaelic games in the region.



Goose Village Black Rocks Mens and Ladies teams

To conclude, given the ancient origins of gaelic games in Ireland, combined with the fact that the Montreal Shamrocks is the oldest GAA club in Canada, it is a little disappointing that there is not even a set of regulation GAA goalposts available to the Montreal Shamrocks GAA Club here in the city.



Montreal
GAA
today

The GAA may be engrained in the Irish sporting and cultural fabric but it is the inclusivity offered to newcomers and old hands alike that helps make it such a popular sporting organization in cities across the world. The Montreal Shamrocks GAA Club wants to make sure that this *céad míle fáilte* continues to be extended to everyone in the city interested in gaelic games.



Concordia Warriors Ladies Gaelic Football Team

NEWS FROM AROUND THE IRISH DANCING SCHOOLS

by Pat Short

BERNADETTE SHORT SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

The North American Championships were held in Orlando over the Canada Day/ American Independence Holiday weekend and our Irish dancing school competed very successfully: Abigail Schaub 2nd place U10*; Aselin Bates 14th place U12*, Spencer Geary 7th place U17*; Emile Choiniere-Shields 16th U15; Mary Roper 12th U16*. Aidan Foley 8th U19*; James Houghton 8th U20*; Britney Shiaman 23rd U15*; Morgan Flannigan 16th U12*; and Michaela Isaacson 19th U13*

*These dancers have qualified for the World Championships of Irish Dancing, to be held in Greensboro, North Carolina commencing April 14th, 2019.

We wish them the very best.

After 40 years teaching in various church basements, parish halls, school gyms and a senior's residence gym, the Bernadette Short School of Irish Dancing has signed a long-term lease on a business unit on Hymus Blvd., just east of St. Charles and built a new home for her Irish Dancing School. There are two studios with championship sized stages, mirrors, individual sound systems and great teachers. Lucas Lawton, Natasha Woytiuk, Katie Irving, Mike Keane, Alli Walker and Anne Marie Keenan, all certified teachers with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha, based in Ireland, will assist Bernadette & Marie Short at this new location. Our certified teachers also conduct classes at our other locations in N.D.G., Chateauguay, Shannon, QC and Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Enquiries: Bernadette@shortschoolirishdance.com, 514-977-7870

MARIE-CLAUDE ROUSSEAU SCHOOL



BSSID dancers sweep Senior Championships at Feis Vieux Quebec

L-R: Aveen Mahon, Meaghan Kilmartin, James Houghton, Isabelle Chouinard and Gabrielle Gosselin



Dancers with the Marie-Claude Rousseau School perform at Grosse Ile – The Irish Monument Park, during the summer

Marie-Claude must be congratulated for her work in bringing Irish dancing to the wider francophone, youth and adult communities in various parts of Québec. Marie-Claude would like the Montreal-Irish and wider community to know that her schools are now located in Pincourt, Verdun and Québec City. For the past four years, her dancers have been the school of choice for performances at Grosse-Île, the Irish Memorial National Historic Site in the Gulf of the St. Laurent River, east of Québec City.

For all enquiries:
M.c.rousseau@videotron.ca

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE DANCERS

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MORAN ACADEMY

Our dancers have competed at many regional Feiseanna throughout the summer. Moran Academy has restarted classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings in Deux Montagnes, Québec. We are looking forward to a new session of dancing.

Any new students interested should contact moran.irish.dancers@gmail.com

YOUNG ACADEMY (QUÉBEC)

As always, the Young Academy continues to grow with the opening of our newest location in Lasalle. This being the school's fifth location, we are thrilled to share the teachings of traditional and competitive Irish dance with new communities. Over the summer months, the Young Academy had dancers travel all over Eastern Canada and the United States competing at local competitions. The Academy is excited to announce that the school will be hosting its first ever competition in August 2019! As of now, the school is preparing its dancers for the Eastern Canadian Championships which will be taking place in Toronto this December. Classes are held in Montreal-West, Chateaugay, Lasalle, Ormstown and Verdun.

Enquiries: youngirishdance@hotmail.com

COSTELLO IRISH DANCE

The fall session began on September 10, 2018.



Janice Young Dancers

JEANIE JOHNSTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION'S NEW PATRON

By Leo Delaney

The Jeanie Johnston Educational Foundation Inc. is delighted to announce our new Honorary Patron, Dr. Muiris O'Ceidigh.

Dr. O'Ceidigh is the founding Chief Executive of the National Milk Agency and has extensive experience of public management and regulation.

He holds a BA and LLB in law and sociology from NUIG, an MBA from Trinity College, an MSc (Economics) (Public Policy) from TCD, an MA in Public Management from the Institute of Public Administration and a Doctorate in Governance from QUB. Muiris is an associate faculty member of the National College of Ireland and a Fellow of the Irish Institute of Training and Development. He serves on the board of An Taisce (the National Trust for Ireland); D8-CEC (Dublin 8 Community Education Centre); the Property Services Regulatory Authority; and the

Medical Scientists Registration Board. He has previously held board positions on the Economic Research Institute of Northern Ireland (appointed by UK Gov) and Cooperative Housing Ireland.



Dr. Muiris O'Ceidigh, LLB, MBA, MSc Economics

Muiris is a published poet and was recipient of the Francis Ledwidge International Poetry Prize in 2003. Co-opted to the board of directors of the IMA in January 2018, he was elected company secretary in April 2018. Welcome aboard!

13TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY LECTURE BY

DR. MARGARET KELLEHER

COMMEMORATING THE IRISH FAMINE: SITES AND DYNAMICS OF MEMORY



October 4
2018

7 p.m.

1450 Guy St., 9th Floor

Concordia Conference Centre

John Molson School of
Business

Margaret Kelleher is Professor and Chair of Anglo-Irish Literature and Drama at University College Dublin. Her books include *The Feminization of Famine* (published by Duke UP and Cork UP, 1997), *The Cambridge History of Irish Literature* (2006), co-edited with Philip O'Leary, and *Ireland and Quebec: Interdisciplinary Essays on History, Culture and Society* (Four Courts Press, 2016), co-edited with Michael Kenneally. She has recently completed a monograph entitled *Language, Life and Death: Myles Joyce, James Joyce and the Maamtrasna Murders* and was guest editor, with Nicholas Wolf, of *Éire-Ireland's* special issue on "Ireland and the Contemporary" (Spring/Summer 2017). She has developed a number of digital humanities projects, including the Electronic Version of the Loeber Guide to Irish Fiction and the Digital Platform for Contemporary Irish Writing.

Professor Kelleher is Chair of the Board of the Irish Film Institute (since 2014) and UCD academic lead on the Museum of Irish Literature (MoLI), a collaboration between UCD and the National Library of Ireland to open a new literary museum at Newman House in early 2019. From 2009 to 2016 she was Chairperson of the International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures. She has been visiting scholar at University of São Paulo, Boston College, Peking University, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Concordia University Montreal, St John's College, Cambridge and University of Virginia.



AROUND TOWN

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY 13TH ANNUAL SPS LECTURE

We are pleased to announce the lecture by

Dr. Margaret Kelleher

entitled

*"Commemorating the Irish Famine:
Sites and Dynamics of Memory"*

on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018 AT 7 P.M.**

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Organized by:

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Wednesday October 24th, 2018
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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Additional prizes for the four, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place team winners!

Come and join us for this unique and fun networking opportunity!

Reservations by Friday, October 19th, 2018 would be appreciated, thanks!

Entrance fee can be mailed in advance or paid at the door:
\$20 ICCM Members / \$25 Non-members / \$15 Students.

Mail cheques to: **Ireland Canada Chamber of Commerce,**
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Riverdance Sensations

Irish Dancing teachers Lucas Lawton and Natasha Woytiuk travelled to Ireland earlier in the summer to attend the Riverdance summer school and workshops.

Natasha was selected for the Saturday matinée performance at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin. Natasha has also been selected to perform on a cruise ship leaving Rome, Italy in early October bound for Miami, Florida.



It's official! Stephanie Coull and Cathal Twaddle are engaged

Former championship dancer and Rose of Tralee finalist, Stephanie Coull and Cathal Twaddle have announced their engagement. Stephanie taught at the Sacred Heart School of Montreal and resigned to complete her M.A. at Trinity College Dublin. Following obtaining her degree, Stephanie took up an appointment in the college and is presently Associate Director of MBA Programmes at Trinity Business Schools. Cathal teaches Primary School at the Sacred Heart School, Granard, Co. Longford. The happy couple first met while walking in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2014. They met up again when Stephanie was selected as the Ottawa Rose and became a finalist in Tralee. Cathal happened to be the escort for the

Galway Rose. Cathal proposed outside the American-Irish Historical Society building in New York this past August.

Surprise!!!

RJ James proposed to U.I.S. member Carly Meredith at the UIS Dinner Dance on April 7th 2018. She said "yes".

Their engagement party took place on Saturday, August 4th, 2018 at 3 p.m. Plans are already under way for their big day. The happy couple will tie the knot on February 22, 2020.



Photo: Ken Quinn

Meet the new Mr. and Mrs. Phelan...

Society member Jon Phelan, son of President Scott Phelan, wife Paula and brother to members Katy and Kelly Phelan, wed his love of

9 years, Talia Budlovsky on a beautiful day at Evans Lake Campground in Squamish BC on August 12th 2018. Many Montrealers attended the two-day celebration and many Loyola alumni were also present as you can see from the photo to the right.

Jon is working as an engineer at Hatch Canada and Talia is an occupational therapist. They presently reside in Vancouver.



Bottom Row: Christopher Mill ('03), Bryce Thomassin ('03), Dave Roy ('04)
Top Row: Nicholas Mackenzie ('03), Dan Thomassin ('04), Scott Mant ('04), Liam Ireland ('03), Adam Sommer ('03), Jon Phelan ('03), Scott Phelan (70), Chris Phelan (67), Michael Cowell (56)

IN MEMORIAM

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a n-anamacha!

Dr. John Little



Dr. John Little passed away on Sunday June 10th. He had been a long time member and director of St. Patrick's Society and served as our President from 2004 to 2006. He initiated the popular annual Concordia Irish Lecture Series, sponsored by the Society, and also served as the Chairman of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation.

Dr. Little was active his entire life within the community, especially within the Irish Montreal community and in the alumni of both Loyola High School and Loyola College, now Concordia University. John was a graduate of Loyola College and went on to study medicine at McGill University. He became a highly respected ophthalmologist in Montreal and for a long period was the official ophthalmologist for the Montreal Canadians Hockey Club.

He will be remembered as a positive guiding force for the Society and will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Shane (John) McGovern



Shane McGovern was born in Belturbet, Co. Cavan, Ireland and moved to England to pursue a career in Aeronautical Engineering at Fairey Aviation, then at Hawker Siddley. In 1963 the family immigrated to Canada. Shane worked until retirement at Canadair (Bombardier) where he had many friends and colleagues. In the 1980s, in their Surveillance Systems Division, he worked in the pioneering field of unmanned surveillance drones. He was a man of many talents and enjoyed fly-fishing, bird watching and astronomy.

He edited the newsletter of St. Patrick's Society and did publicity for Ciné Gael. His passion was Irish history and he published "The Town Book of the Borough of Belturbet" covering his hometown history from 1657 to 1840. It is now in Maynooth University and the National Library of Ireland. He loved Ireland and embraced life in Canada too, supporting Les Canadiens de Montréal, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Joseph (Joe) Mell

Joe Mell's beloved community of Point St. Charles has lost a proud and loving man who celebrated his Irish heritage and was honoured in 2014 as the Erin Sports Association Irishman of the Year for his lifelong commitment to the Irish community.

A veteran of the Korean War and a graduate of McGill University, Joe lived his life to serve others. Among the causes closest to Joe's heart were Fairshare, CrossRoads, The Waseskun Healing Centre, St. Anne's New Year's Eve Veterans Show and of course, Leo's Boys, the sports organization that kept youngsters healthy at little or no cost. Maison Cross Roads created the Joe Mell Award, in 2011, to mark Mr. Mell's commitment to the reintegration into society of individuals who have been in conflict with the law.



H.E. Martin Burke

H.E. Martin Burke, former Ambassador of Ireland to Canada, 2001-2006 died on the 28th June 2018. He will be remembered for his forty-seven years promoting support for the Anglo-Irish Agreement, for helping to manage the case which the Irish government took against the UK at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg over the treatment of prisoners in the North and the programme of US visas for Irish citizens working or wishing to work in the US which became famous as the "Donnelly" visas.

A gregarious, good-humoured man, he also served as Ambassador of Ireland to Australia, Sweden, Luxembourg and Switzerland.

BRAVING THE HEAT - WE'RE STRONGER THAN WE THINK

by Martina Branagan

Photos: Ken Quinn



Ville de Montréal
@MTL_Zoom
Extreme heat – Daily measures: Drink six to eight glasses of water, reduce physical efforts, wear light clothing and check on loved ones. #heatwave #extremeheat

While many boroughs cancelled or curtailed Canada Day festivities this year due to the oppressive heat, the Montreal Canada Day parade went ahead as planned. The city tweeted to advise people to remain hydrated, reduce physical effort, wear light clothing and to check on loved ones.

Despite the high humidex warning, 92-year-old Korean War veteran, **Grand Marshal John Nelson** (photo right) took the helm on Sunday, July 1st 2018, just as he has been doing for 24 years.



The organizers of this year's Canada Day parade were ready. There was extra water with ambulances and police at the ready, just in case. There were some cases of heat stroke and they were promptly cared for.

Awash in red and representing the distinctive multi-cultural nature of beautiful Montreal, the parade began at 11 a.m. at the corner of Ste-Catherine and Fort streets and snaked its way for 1.4 kilometres to Place Du Canada on Peel Street just south of Ste-Catherine, where attendees were treated to a slice of Canada's 151st anniversary cake, big enough to feed some 2,500 people - 1.22 metres by 2.44 metres.



Left to right: Paul Loftus, Fergus V. Keyes and Scott Phelan

The organizers sought to commemorate how our nation's values and differences keep us united and the celebrations underpinned those aspirations by bringing people into an immersive exhibition featuring activities, workshops, entertainment and stage performances aimed at making our values shine through the arts, sports, nature, family, diversity and peacekeeping.

After the parade and cake, family friendly activities included street hockey, inflatable games, airbrush tattoos, face painting and photo booths in the Old Port at 333 de la Commune St. West. There were also virtual reality workshops about Canada's Armed Forces and people could watch a swearing-in ceremony of new Canadians with the raising of the Canadian flag and the national anthem performed by the 34th Canadian Brigade Group and the children's chorus.

As the sun began to set, attendees enjoyed an evening of music with Les Petites Voix du Plateau, H'Sao, Bea Box – aka Joannie Labelle, Geraldina Mendez, soprano, Nomad'Stones and DJ ECP (Étienne Côté-Paluck).

BRAVING THE HEAT - WE'RE STRONGER THAN WE THINK

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A firework's display from the Jacques-Cartier pier at 10:00 p.m. capped off a magnificent day.

The Montreal Irish Community joined forces to march in the Canada Day Parade in Montreal. Here is a sample of Ken Quinn's fabulous photos. View the album: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/uismtl/albums/72157693158601630>



Left and right: Ann Cruise Broden and Lynda Premerl





Irish Studies Courses - 2018/19

FALL 2018

Introduction to Irish Studies
The Irish in Montreal
Highlights of Irish Literature
History of Ireland
Irish Traditional Music: A Global Soundscape
The Irish Revolution, 1913-23
Classics of Irish Theatre
Contemporary Irish Literature
James Joyce

FALL/WINTER 2018/19

The Irish Language and its Culture I
The Irish Language and its Culture II

WINTER 2019

The Irish in Canada
Celtic Christianity
History of Early and Medieval Ireland
Independent Ireland from the Civil War to the Celtic Tiger
Irish Children's and Young Adult Literature
The Irish Literary Revival
Irish Film Studies
Intercultural Ireland: Film, Theatre and TV
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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF IRISH STUDIES AT CONCORDIA

By Marion Mulvenna

2018 PETER O'BRIEN VISITING SCHOLAR



The 2018 Peter O'Brien Visiting Scholar is Dr. Cliona Ó Gallchoir (University College Cork), a distinguished scholar of eighteenth-century and modern Irish writing. She is teaching two courses in the Fall semester at the School of Irish Studies: Highlights of Irish Literature (works such as Swift's "A Modest Proposal", Sheridan Le Fanu's, "Carmilla" and Edna O'Brien's "The Country Girls"; and Contemporary Irish Literature (works by writers such as Anne Enright, Éilís Ní Dhuibhne, Donal Ryan and Kevin Barry). While at Concordia Dr. Ó Gallchoir will give the Annual Bishop Neil Dowd Lecture in Irish Studies.

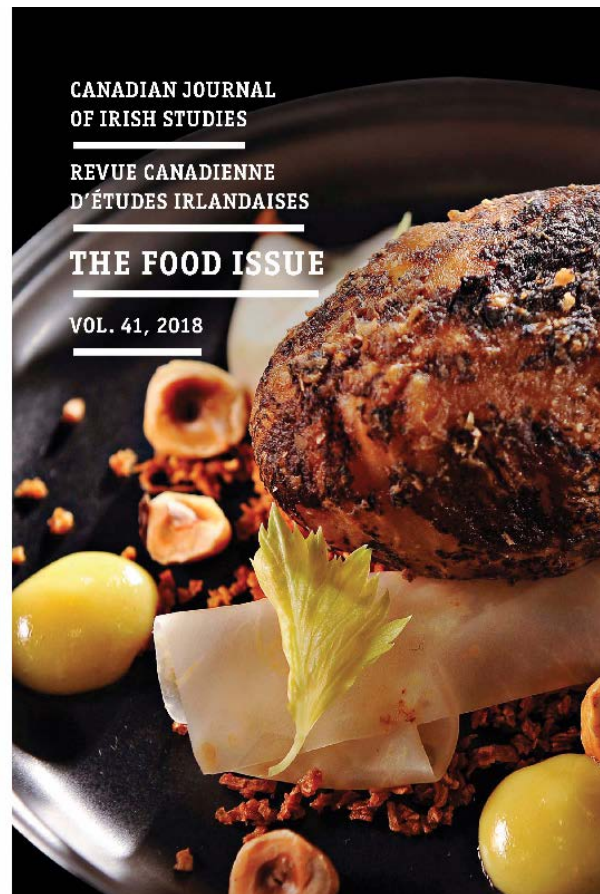
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LAUNCH OF CANADIAN JOURNAL OF IRISH STUDIES

Edited by Professors Rhona Richman Kenneally and Máirtín Mac Con Iomaire (PhD program in Culinary Arts, Dublin Institute of Technology), a special issue of the "Canadian Journal of Irish Studies" on Irish Food was launched at the "Dublin Gastronomy Symposium" in May. This volume highlights the significance of Irish food culture both historically and today. Its articles explore a range of subjects, from the pervasiveness of tea-drinking habits as seen in Irish artworks, to the efforts in care homes for youths in Dublin to create conditions of commensality during mealtime. Richman Kenneally's introduction also features "research-creation" student work at Concordia, that investigates facets of the complex role that food plays as part of Ireland's Famine legacy and as a transmitter of culture in the Diaspora. Two articles address present-day culinary achievements of Irish restaurants and chefs, one, a photo essay on Mark Moriarty, winner of the 2015 San Pelegrino Young Chef Award. The journal was launched in Dublin by Ross Lewis, chef and co-owner of Dublin's Michelin-starred restaurant, "Chapter One". "The Food Issue" has been widely acclaimed, both inside and outside Ireland.

CANADIAN JOURNAL OF IRISH STUDIES
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The Canadian launch of "The Food Issue" took place at the CAIS conference in Laval University in June. Richman Kenneally, editor for eight volumes of CJIS, has, with the collaboration of Concordia design professor Pata Macedo, transformed the scope and layout of the journal so that it is now considered amongst the most distinguished of the many Irish Studies publications available internationally. To honour her achievement, the Executive Committee of the Canadian Association for Irish Studies announced, during the launch, that it was creating the Rhona Richman Kenneally Award for the most successful PhD student presentation at its annual conference. The inaugural winner of this award is Kate Bevan-Baker, who has just completed her PhD in Irish Studies at Concordia, for her presentation on the Irish Soundscape of Prince Edward Island. Meanwhile, the annual Joe McCann Prize for the best presentation by a Master's student was shared between Antoine Malette (Concordia University) and Beth Downey-Sawatzky (Memorial University).

By Carol McCormick

IT'S BACK!

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND
ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY OF MONTREAL'S
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
IS RETURNING TO THE MONTREAL COMMUNITY

Our Christmas concert
will make its comeback
at a new venue this year,
the **CENTRE MONT-ROYAL THEATRE/SYMPOSIA**
at 2200 Mansfield, Montreal at the corner of Sherbrooke St. West.

We are also moving away from the usual Wednesday or Thursday evening
to **SATURDAY** night,
DECEMBER 1ST 2018
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

We have quite a line up of wonderful performers
to begin your Christmas season
with music and dance that will mesmerize you!

Just to give you a peek preview, here are some of the performers to look forward to:



Yellow Door
(30 voice choir)



Face School Chamber Choir



The Bernadette Short Dancers

&

much more

So, stay "tuned", pardon the pun.

TICKETS

\$25.00 per person

Patron: \$60.00 *

Corporate: \$700.00 (10 tickets) *

* Partial Income Tax Receipt will be issued.



Colleen Bartley
(Soprano)

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Corporate buyers will have special mention with their logo both in the evening program and the visual presentation, as well as on our website.

A Cash bar is available during the Intermission and at the end of the evening.

After the concert, hors d'oeuvres will be served to all in attendance, compliments of St. Patrick's Society.

You will be able to purchase your first Christmas plant at the concert as well.



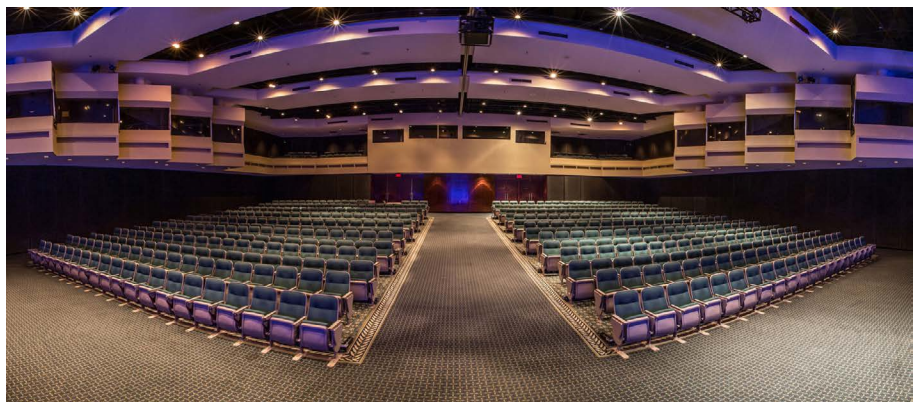
We are asking all who attend the concert to bring one (1) non-perishable food item for the Christmas baskets you will see waiting for your donation. St. Patrick's Society will then take the baskets to the Manna Food Bank of Verdun.

Only great things are in store that night. Please reserve your tickets as soon as possible. The General Admission seats will be on a "First Come First Served" basis. **PATRON** and **CORPORATE** will be in a reserved section.

Please see our website to reserve your seats: <https://spsmtl.com/our-events/>
You will be able to pay online, via cheque or in person at the venue if there are still tickets available on the evening of the concert.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Carol McCormick,
Concert Chair.





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September 28, 2018

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To: The Members of St. Patrick's Society of Montreal

Re: Report of the Nominating Committee

In accordance with Section 2 of Article 6 of the By-Laws of St. Patrick's Society of Montreal, the designated chair of the Nominating committee, Paul Dunne, convened and chaired a meeting of the committee consisting of the following members: Conor Barry, Paul Dunne, Michael Kenneally, Alistair O'Hara, Patrick Shea and Irene Woods. The committee hereby nominates the following 25 individuals, (each of whom has consented to his or her nomination) for the offices set forth below across from their respective names for the term of office beginning at the next annual meeting of the members of the Society.

President:	Christie Brown
Vice-Presidents:	Carol McCormick Ken Quinn Patrick Short
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The above constitutes the report of the Nominating Committee. According to the By-Laws of the Society, the report of the Nominating Committee must be delivered to all members of the Society. This is being done via this letter, inclusion of the report will be in the next issue of *Nuacht*, the Society's newsletter, and by entry on the Members' section of our website: www.spsmtl.com

Any Regular Member or Life Member in good standing may nominate himself or herself or another Regular Member or Life Member for any of the elected offices of the Society set forth above. All such nominations must:

- (a) Be in writing
- (b) Be signed by the nominator and by 5 other Regular Members or Life Members
- (c) Include an indication of the consent of the nominee and
- (d) Be received **by no later than October 26, 2018 at 5 p.m.** by:

Carol McCormick
Secretary
St. Patrick's Society of Montreal
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Or by facsimile to 514-481-0350 or by e-mail to office@spsmtl.com

We look forward to your attendance at the annual meeting of the members

Sincerely,

Carol McCormick
Secretary

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DATE	EVENT	FURTHER INFORMATION
Oct 4	SPS Lecture, 1450 Guy St., 9th Floor, Concordia Conference Room, John Molson School of Business	office@spsmtl.com
Oct 21	UIS General Meeting, 7777 George, LaSalle 1:30 p.m.	president@montrealirishparade.com
Oct 24	ICCC European Pub Quiz, McKibbin's Irish Pub, 1426 Bishop Street (upstairs). Quiz begins 6:30p.m.	office@icccmtl.com
Oct 26	UIS 90 th Anniversary Celebration, Buffet Il Gabbiano, LaSalle, starting at 6:30 p.m.	president@montrealirishparade.com
Nov 8	SPS AGM Montreal West Curling Club	Katie Irving 514 481-1346
Nov 22	Erin Sports American Thanksgiving Fundraiser. Details TBD.	hmyers@presseccommerce.com
Nov 29	Craic & Comhrá, Hurley's Irish Pub, 1225 Crescent St., Montreal	office@icccmtl.com
Dec 1	SPS Christmas Concert, Centre Mont-Royal, 2200 Mansfield, Montreal. Concert starts 7:30 p.m.	office@spsmtl.com
Dec 2	UIS General Meeting & Christmas Draw, 7777 George, LaSalle 1:30 p.m.	president@montrealirishparade.com
Dec 4	ICCC Christmas Party, Le Bier Markt Montréal, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	office@icccmtl.com
Dec 6	SPS Christmas Party, Hurley's Irish Pub, 1225 Crescent St., Montreal	office@spsmtl.com
Dec 15	UIS Christmas Basket Delivery, Location TBD, 8 a.m.	president@montrealirishparade.com
Jan 11	Opening Night Gala, Ciné Gael	email@icorvus.com
Feb 2	UIS Queen's Selection Evening, EVO, 777 Blvd Robert-Bourassa, Montreal	cmurphy2_3@msn.com
Feb 22	St. Patrick's Society Annual Charity Ball	office@spsmtl.com
Mar 10	UIS Mass of Anticipation, 2157 Rue Centre, Montreal	president@montrealirishparade.com
Mar 15	St. Patrick's Society Annual Luncheon	office@spsmtl.com
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day Parade	president@montrealirishparade.com
Apr 6	UIS Awards Banquet and Dinner & Dance	president@montrealirishparade.com
Jun 6	SPS General Meeting	office@spsmtl.com
Jun 12-16	Bloomsday Montreal, various locations (https://bloomsdaymontreal.com/)	bloomsdaymontreal@gmail.com
Jun 18	SPS Charity Golf Tournament	office@spsmtl.com



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