

# Irish American Cultural Institute

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**At our last general meeting on Tuesday, February 26th. Ann Wikenhauser, representing Mulhall's Nursery, presented a very interesting slide presentation and discussed various ways to use plantings to give your home more curb appeal. Ann covered ways to use potted plants to create entrances, focal points, barriers and use potted plants where plantings cannot grow. She also explained about using various types of planters and soil types to be used in the plantings. Unfortunately we had terrible weather that date but there was high interest among those present.**

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**The St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will be Saturday, March 15th, through downtown Omaha will start at 10:00 rather than the 10:30 start time last year. The parade keeps getting bigger and better each year. Come on down and join the fun.**

**Following the parade the Hibernians will be serving an Irish stew luncheon at the Firemen's Hall at 60th & Grover Streets, from 11: 30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be live music and Irish dancing. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. There is a limited amount of handicapped parking available.**

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**We are still looking for volunteers to help decorate the Float representing IACI in the parade, if interested, please call Marita McCarthy-Real at 573-8442. We need all the volunteers we can get. Also looking for volunteers to ride on the float. Call Marita.**

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There will be a Rugby Game at Memorial Park on Sunday, March 16th, starting at noon, featuring Creighton University vs. University of Omaha at Nebraska, plus several high school games following.

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On Monday, March 17th, The Hibernians will serve their annual corn beef and cabbage luncheon at the Firemen's Hall, 60th & Grover, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entertainment will be by the Turfmen plus Irish dancers.

Admission is \$10.00 per person.

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Boystown will also have a float in the parade and the theme is Father Flanagan's International Ministry, with Ireland, Japan, Germany, Korea, Austria, Italy and the Phillipines to be represented with flags and characters on the float. We are looking for someone to represent Ireland on the float in the parade, if interested, please call Maureen at 493-1732.

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Jill Anderson will be in concert singing Irish songs at P. S. Collective Concert Room, 6056 Maple Street on March 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. and at 6 p.m. on March 16.

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The annual Donneybrook Irish Musicfest is Sunday, is March 16th , at Holy Name, 2901 Fontenelle Boulevard. Doors open at 6 p.m. Concert also features a corn beef and cabbage dinner.

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The next general IACI meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, and will feature our Perception Series speaker Conal Creedon, who will talk about ""The People's Republic of Cork: Center of the Universe." Creedon, based in Cork, Ireland, is a comic writer, novelist, playwright and a documentary maker. The change of date from our usual last Tuesday of the month is necessitated by Mr. Creedon's travel schedule.

Our Irish Music and Dancing Night, which was previously scheduled for March 25th, will now be changed to April 29th. Our appreciation to the Irish Music Group and Dancers for postponing their engagement in order to accommodate the speaker's schedule.

No firm date has been set for our annual Pub Night

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Brigit St. Brigit Theatre Group will be moving in April from College of Saint Mary to The Blue Barn Theatre, located in the Old Market at 614 South 11th Street. A Hatful of Rain, running from March 7th to March 30th, will be its last production on the Saint Mary Campus. The Theatre's 16th season-- 2008 to 2009 will open in September with Tennessee Williams's Orpheus Descending.

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A few Irish Toasts if you are going to be involved  
With the Guinness on St. Patrick's Day

**“May good luck be with you wherever you go,  
And your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow“.**

**“Let’s all put on our dancing’ shoes, and wear our shamrocks green,  
And toast our friends both here and there, and everywhere in between“.**

**“Here’s a special Irish wish, you can hear it in Cork or Kerry--  
“God bless yourself, God bless your house, and may your days be merry!”**

**“May your heart be light and your cares be few,  
And may all your wishes all come true“**

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### **The Legend of the Shamrock**

**Long ago when Ireland was the land of the Druids, there was a great Bishop, Patrick, by name, who came to Ireland to preach the word of God throughout the Country. Bishop Patrick, who would later become Saint Patrick, was well loved everywhere he went. One day, however, a group of his followers came to him and admitted that it was difficult for them to believe in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.**

**Saint Patrick reflected a moment and then, stooping down, he plucked a leaf from the shamrock and held it before them, bidding them to behold the living example of the “Three-in-One.” The simple beauty of this explanation convinced those skeptics, and from that day the shamrock has been revered throughout Ireland.**

### **Reminders**

**Next General Meeting - Wednesday, April 2, 2008**

**All General Meetings held at**

**Barrett’s Castle - 4330 Leavenworth - Starting at 7:30 p.m.**

**3rd Sunday of each Month - Irish Music Mass - 9 a.m. - at St. Patrick’s Church, 14th & Castelar**

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 14, 15 & 16 - Jill Anderson in Concert**

**Saturday, March 15th - 10 a.m. - St. Patrick’s Day Parade through Downtown**

**Omaha. Luncheon at Fireman’s Hall, 60th & Grover, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16th - Noon - Rugby Game - Creighton University vs. University of**

**Nebraska at Omaha - Memorial Park**

**Sunday, March 16th - 7 p.m. - Donneybrook in concert at Holy Name**

**Monday, March 17th - Annual Hibernian Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner - 11:30**

**am. to 2:30 p.m., Fireman’s Hall, 60th & Grover**

**Wednesday, April 2nd, - Perception Series Speaker Conal Creedon**

**Tuesday, April 29th -General IACI meeting featuring Irish music and Irish Dancers**

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St. Patrick's Day  
Monday, March 17th