

March 2016

4th Annual Maureen Farrell McCarthy Irish Soda Bread Competition March 4-5

For the first time, professional pub and restaurant chefs have a chance to compete in a separate category from the amateurs to win the title of the best Irish Soda Bread in a professional class, during the fourth annual Irish American Heritage Museum's Maureen Farrell McCarthy Irish Soda Bread Competition.

The fourth annual competition will begin with judging of the Professional Pub/Restaurant Competition on Friday March 4 and culminate in the amateur competition on Saturday March 5.

This year, professional pub and restaurant chefs will compete separately from amateur bakers as both groups seek recognition in multiple categories. In the amateur competition judges will be sampling both traditional Irish soda bread and non-traditional, family Irish soda bread. Awards being given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 5. Winners must be present at the awards ceremony to win the prizes. In the amateur category, the 1st place winner is awarded \$300; the 2nd place winner is awarded a \$100 Price Chopper Gift Card; the 3rd place winner is awarded an Irish Cuisine Cook Book. The Professional Division will include the categories traditional white, traditional wheat, and non-traditional, family Irish soda bread. This year a "People's Best Award" will be featured as well when visitors and families will "taste" the breads and vote for their favorites.



Official rules, judging criteria and an entry form can be obtained at the Museum's Web site at <https://irishus.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/soda-bread-2016-entry-package.pdf>.

The competition is named in the memory of the late Maureen Farrell McCarthy, Crookhaven, Ireland, a Museum Trustee and original judge at the 2013 inaugural competition.

*An Turas: The Crossings Project
March 8 @ 7PM*



Join Dennis Foley and Michael Barrett as they analyze the lives of James Connolly, his daughter Nora and "Big Jim" Larkin, while each lived in the United States. James Connolly left Ireland "forever" and brought his family to Troy, NY. He returned temporarily to Dublin to lecture in 1910 but against his wife Lilly's wish decided to stay. Larkin was a broken man after the Dublin 1913 Lockout sought rejuvenation with a tour of America. Yet Jim found himself barred from returning home and soon imprisoned in Sing Sing Penitentiary convicted of

Criminal Anarchy. Nora Connolly accompanied her father on his American odyssey in 1903 and returned clandestinely to the U.S. twice soon after his execution at Kilmainham Gaol. She met her future husband in Boston. She debated the legitimacy of the uprising in the pages of the New York Times creating a legacy of controversy delayed The US entrance into WWI.

The Green Tie Luncheon

March 10 @ 11:30 AM

Join the Irish American Heritage Museum at the CDIAA (home of the Albany AOH and LAOH) for an afternoon of friendship, live music, raffles, food, and good fun. Live music by the Brothers Flynn. All the proceeds raised from this event benefit the educational programs at the Irish American Heritage Museum. This is an event you do not want to miss!

Cost- \$25 per person

RSVP by March 7 by calling [518-427-1916](tel:518-427-1916) or emailing info@irish-us.org

Senachie Evenings- Stories with a Bark and Lilt: Christie Keegan & Joe Doolittle

March 11 @ 7PM

Christie Keegan's personal stories weave together the wonders of childhood, questions of adolescence, and stark realities of adulthood. She is fond of animals and these friends find their way into her stories.

Alden (Joe) Doolittle is a regional storyteller who helped organize the series. He returns in partnership with Christie Keegan to offer some of his favorite personal and historical tales. He's traveled in Ireland and has a fondness for the "West" County Galway, and Clare, and the mists of these treasures will season his stories.

Seanachie Eves will run from January through May on the second Friday of each month. The



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admission cost is as follows: for Members of IAHM \$5/person \$12/Family; Non Members \$10/person, \$25 family- Reservations suggested please call [\(518\) 427-1916](tel:518-427-1916).

All performances will take place in the Museum's Trustco Bank Gallery and Hogarty Family Exhibition Hall. This series will bring some of the finest story tellers from all over the Northeast to the Irish American Heritage Museum! Seanachie Eves at the Irish American Heritage Museum is sponsored by Berkshire Bank.

***St. Patrick's Day Parade Family Festival
March 12 Noon- 5:30PM @ Academy Park***

In conjunction with Albany's 66th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade The Irish American Heritage Museum and The City of Albany, with the support of the United Irish Societies of the

Capital District, and the Albany Downtown Business Improvement District is pleased to announce its first annual Irish American Heritage Family Festival to be held Saturday March 12th from 12-5PM in Academy Park, on the parade route, directly across the street from Albany's City Hall.



The Museum and City will be hosting a family friendly, alcohol free event that will showcase the culture and heritage of Ireland. At the same time, the Museum is hoping this will draw families to Downtown Albany to enjoy the parade festivities and all that is Irish in a fun and safe environment.

The event will include music by the Brother's Flynn, Padraig Timoney and Flor O Riain, Triskele, and the Piper's Dojo, storytelling, dancing, face painting, food, arts and crafts, Irish vendors, and much more!

Genealogy Programs at the Museum

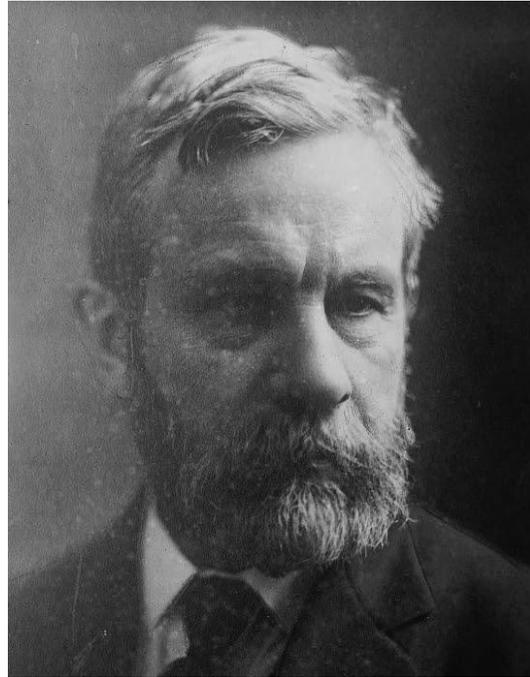
Looking to learn my about your family roots? Join the Museum and genealogist Lisa Dougherty for a series of genealogy programs. On March 22nd at 6:30 PM, Lisa will present a workshop for beginners where you will discover unique records and learn strategies that will help you find a more specific hometown for your ancestors. Lisa will be back at the Museum on March 20th at 6:30PM for a workshop that will acquaint you with Irish records you can use for research, how to access them, and their effective use to find out more about your ancestor's life in Ireland before immigrating to the United States.

John Devoy and America's Fight for Ireland's Freedom- presented by Terry Golway

In 1871, John Devoy, a young Irishman fighting for Irish independence, came to the United States in exile. Yet even while across the ocean, this Fenian greatly influenced Irish affairs. Terry Golway's assiduously researched biography of Devoy chronicles a lifetime of activism in which he garnered tremendous financial and moral support for the cause in Ireland. Devoy was instrumental in both the Easter Rising in 1916 and the creation of the Irish Free State.

Intimate details of Devoy's life and his work are artfully interwoven as Terry Golway captures John Devoy's valiant role in Ireland's struggle for freedom.

Terry Golway is a senior editor at POLITICO States, as well as a professor, historian, author, and a journalist, having served as a columnist and editorial board member for The New York Times and a long-time editor and writer at The New York Observer.



***Walking with Ireland into the Sun: Women Revolutionaries and the Easter Rising
New Exhibit at the Museum goes on display March 16th.***



Throughout history, the idea of armed conflict has been seen as a masculine endeavor. This is equally true of the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland. Although most writings focus on the "Men of 1916," this only tells a portion of the story. Often overlooked is the integral role women played in the lead up to Easter 1916, their contribution to the events of April 24-30, 1916, and their lasting legacy in the fight for Irish freedom. As Helena Molony stated: "When we walked out that Easter Monday morning we felt in a very real sense that we were walking with Ireland into the sun." This is their story.

Help support the Museum in the commemoration of the events of 1916!

<https://www.gofundme.com/1916-2016IAHM>

CALENDAR

Note : For events at the [Museum](#), free street parking after 5 PM on weekdays and all day on weekends. Please do not park in the private lots behind the Museum.

March 4- Irish Comedy Tour. Proctors Theatre. Schenectady, NY. <http://www.proctors.org/>



March 4- 5- 4th Annual Irish Soda Bread Competition. Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207.

March 6- 1PM- Viewing of 1916 Seachtar na Cásca Patrick Pearse. Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207.

March 6- 2PM-6PM. Saratoga AOH 11th Annual St. Patrick's Day Family Festival. Saratoga- Wilton Elks Club. 1 Elks Ln. Saratoga Springs, NY.

March 10- Green Tie Luncheon. Capital District Irish American Association. 375 Ontario St. Albany, NY.

March 10- The High Kings. Celtic Hall. 430 New Karner Rd. Albany, NY 12205

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March 20- 1PM- Viewing of 1916 Seachtar na Cásca Eamonn Ceannt. *Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207.*

March 22- 6:30PM- Beginning Genealogy. Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207.

March 29- 6:30PM- Advanced Genealogy. Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207.

March 30- 11AM-2PM Open Genealogy Consultation. Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207.

March 30- 7PM John Devoy and America's Fight for Ireland's Freedom- Terry Golway. Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207.

About Us

The Irish American Heritage Museum is a permanently chartered 501(c)3 non-profit with an educational mission: To preserve and tell the story of the contributions of the Irish people and their culture in America, inspiring individuals to examine the importance of their own heritage as part of the American cultural mosaic.

As such, the Museum is unique in America, where almost 40 million individuals claim Irish ancestry. It is committed to the basic tenet that preserving one's heritage is vital to providing a cultural and historical foundation to future generations of Americans.

Our museum in Albany, New York, provides year-round access, especially by school groups, to our exhibits, our Paul O'Dwyer Library, lectures, presentations, film screenings, book signings and other special programs.

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