

Irish American Heritage Museum  
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## August 2016 Newsletter

### Irish American Day at Saratoga Race Course

The New York Racing Association, in partnership with the Irish American Heritage Museum, will celebrate the culture and traditions of the Emerald Isle during Irish American Day at Saratoga Race Course on Wednesday, August 10.

The day-long festivities will feature Irish music, dance, entertainment, and food from 11a.m. to 5p.m. in the Saratoga Pavilion. Fans are encouraged to celebrate by wearing green and decorating their backyard picnic tables with Irish-theme décor.

Traditional Irish bagpipers and step dancers will greet guests at the grandstand and clubhouse entrances beginning at 11a.m. Dancers with the Boland School of Irish Dance will perform trackside at approximately 2:15p.m.

Performances from An Clar School of Dance, Farrell School of Dance, The Boland School of Irish Dance, the Brothers Flynn, Padraig Timoney, and Don Kelly will take place at the Pavilion throughout the day.

A number of chefs associated with the Irish American Heritage Museum' "Cooking Irish" series will conduct cooking demonstrations of classic Irish dishes inside the Saratoga Pavilion during the afternoon. Traditional dishes will be served by Irish chefs Harold Qualters, Peter Desmond, Sean McCarthy, and Michael Kiernan.

Acclaimed displays highlighting Irish culture, traditions, and history will be on display at the Pavilion throughout the day. Participating organizations and individuals include the Irish American Heritage Museum, Kate Mullany House, Capital District Irish American Association,



Albany Rebels Gaelic Football team, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The Pavilion will also feature the artwork of Irish American Greg Montgomery, who has designed the annual Saratoga Travers Poster since 1986!



THE  
**SARATOGA**  
RACING SEASON  
2009

## Featured Artist Talk: Greg Montgomery August 23 @ 7PM

Join artist Greg Montgomery, who is currently featured in the Museum's exhibit "Across the Board: 30 Years of Greg Montgomery's art at Saratoga," for a talk and reception highlighting his work, the process that goes into creating the yearly Saratoga poster, and the evolution of his work. The exhibit featuring Montgomery's work will be on display through September 18th. Greg Montgomery received his formal art training at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, where he studied painting and lithography, and at the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York, where he studied serigraphy. Recently, Greg has taken two watercolor master classes in Europe with the Australian watercolorist David K. Taylor. After completing his degree in New Mexico, Greg worked as art director and set designer for public television in New Mexico. As art director for General Electric's Corporate Marketing Communications Operation in Albany, Greg worked on major campaigns for the power systems and plastic business components, and on

the world-renowned GE calendar.

A native of Washington, D.C., Greg travels extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Europe and Asia, capturing images with pen, paint and camera. His clean colors, dynamic form, and unusual use of white space make his work unparalleled in the field of equestrian, sporting, and poster art. Greg's series of posters for the Travers Stakes race in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. is the longest running series by a single artist for a single event in racing history.

The strength and beauty of Greg's artwork has resulted in a number of commissioned works. Berkley Publishing, a subsidiary of Penguin, had Greg create 40 covers for the re-publishing of the famous murder-mystery series by Dick Francis. Greg also created the official poster for the opening of Walt Disney World's Saratoga Springs Resort and Spa.

Over the years, Greg's bold and striking images of the racing scene have steadily increased in popularity. Today, his posters and prints hang in public and private collections worldwide and in the permanent collection of the Library of Congress.

Capital District Celtic  
Cruise



## August 25 @7PM

Join the Irish American Heritage Museum and the United Irish Societies of the Capital District, Inc. for the 2016 Capital District Celtic Cruise on August 25. The cruise boards at 6:30PM at Dutch Apple Cruises and sets sail at 7PM for an evening cruise down the Hudson River.

While on the boat, enjoy the fantastic music of Kevin McKrell. Hors d'oeuvres are included in the ticket price and a cash bar is available. This event happens rain or shine.

Tickets are \$35/person if purchased before August 25, and \$45/person on the day of the cruise. All ticket sales are non-refundable. Tickets can be purchased through Dutch Apple Cruises at 518-463-0220, or at <https://dutchapplecruises.com/calendar/special-event-cruises-35/393-capital-district-celtic-cruise-7-00p-10-00p>.

Enjoy a great night with friends supporting all things Irish in the Capital District!

**Celtic Cruise** Featuring Music by **Kevin McKrell**  
**August 25**  
**7PM-10PM**

Presented by  
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Hors d'oeuvres provided Cash bar available  
 Boat Boards at 6:30PM  
 Tickets available at Dutch Apple Cruises  
 141 Broadway Albany, NY 12202  
 518-463-0220 [www.dutchapplecruises.com](http://www.dutchapplecruises.com)  
 \$35/person in advance \$45/person day of cruise  
 Tickets are non-refundable Cruise sails rain or shine

## Call for Artists! *Scenes from Ireland*

The Irish American Heritage Museum is hosting an art competition of paintings and drawings of Ireland. The paintings may be landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, still lifes, interiors, or portraits. The only criteria is that the images be of Ireland. The work of all artists is encouraged. Submissions must arrive ready to hang. Entries will be chosen by a small group of museum board members and artists. The exhibit will open on September 26 and close on November 30, 2016. A formal exhibit opening will be held on September 29. For more information, please go to <https://irishus.files.wordpress.com/2013/10/art-competition-call-for-submissions.pdf>.

**OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS**

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MUSEUM  
**ART COMPETITION**

*"SCENES FROM IRELAND"*  
 DEADLINE: MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

The Irish American Heritage Museum seeks submissions of paintings and drawings of scenes from Ireland.

Rules and forms will be posted on the museum website by July 1: [www.irish-us.org](http://www.irish-us.org)

Please call museum for more information:  
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Irish Influence in the Adirondacks- Now on display in Chestertown, NY

### Irish Influence in the Adirondacks

An exhibit by the Irish American Heritage Museum



The Irish American Heritage Museum's exhibit, Irish Influence in the Adirondacks, is now on display at the Town of Chester Museum of Local History in Chestertown, NY. This exhibit will be on display throughout the month of August.

One of the geographic areas in which thousands of Irish immigrants had a significant influence was indeed the Adirondack Mountains. The Irish and their descendants (Irish Americans) have a long history of helping to establish and develop the villages and towns and thus the culture and economy within the Adirondack Mountain Region.

## Irish American Heritage Museum Announces New Executive Board

At the Museum's Annual Meeting in May, the Board of Trustees of the Irish American Heritage Museum elected its new slate of officers. Please join us in congratulating the following, and wishing them the best of luck over the next year in leading the Museum in its next chapter!

Board Chair- Harold Qualters  
 Vice Chair- Michael Reilly  
 Treasurer- Patrick Hale  
 Secretary- Paula Hennessy



Irish American Heritage Museum  
 Board Chair Harold Qualters

## Schedule of Regional Irish Events

August 6- Historic Horse Drawn Trolley Tours. 11AM and 1PM. Leaves from the Irish American Heritage Museum. Tour lasts approximately 1 hour. Costs- - \$25 Adults, Students \$10, Under 12- Free

August 10 11AM-5PM- Irish American Day at Saratoga Race Course. 267 Union Ave. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

August 13- Historic Horse Drawn Trolley Tours. 11AM and 1PM. Leaves from the Irish American Heritage Museum. Tour lasts approximately 1 hour. Costs- \$25 Adults, Students \$10, Under 12- Free

August 13 9AM-10PM- An Irish Historical Celebration. Lectures, exhibits, and music by Hair of the Dog. Ticonderoga Historical Society. 6 Moses Circle Ticonderoga, NY 12883.

August 14- Music Haven Concert 7PM. Dervish. Rooted in County Sligo's tradition, but always pushing the boundaries of modern Irish music, the critically-hailed Dervish plays with remarkable skill, verve and invention. Agnes McDonald Music Haven. Central Park Schenectady, NY. Rain Site- Proctors Theatre. Free

August 22 7PM- Meet and Greet Dr. Tim Campbell Director of the Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, Northern Ireland. Capital District Irish American Association. 375 Ontario Street Albany, NY 12208.

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