

**May 2015**

**Currently on Display**

**The Art of Kevin McKrell**

Best known in the Capital District of New York as a musician, Celtic folk singer songwriter Kevin McKrell was a founding member of Celtic Folk Band Donnybrook Fair and the Celtic Bluegrass Band The McKrells. He has performed across the United States, Canada, Ireland and Scotland at places like Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. His songs have been performed all over the world by such groups as the Dublin City Ramblers, Woods Tea Company and Hair of the Dog. Kevin released his newest album in 2015: *I Wish I Had a Boat*.



Kevin is also an award winning painter and sculpture as well as partner and creative director of Celtic Attitudes Clothing Company. You will see a fantastic representation of Kevin's work in this show highlighting the people of Ireland in everyday settings. You may also spot a painting or two that reflects Kevin's background as a musician and the role the music plays in Irish culture.

**Hoban: Architect of the White House**

Starting May 27, 2015



James Hoban's life is a memorable Irish-American success story. In his boyhood he learned the craft of carpenter and wheelwright, and became an architect by profession and a builder by trade. Hoban came to America with high ambitions, and designed and erected many buildings; but what keeps his name alive today arises from one special commission—he was the architect of the White House.

Much about Hoban's life and personality remains a mystery. In

his own time he was not the legendary figure he has since become. His personal and business papers, mostly lost in a fire in the 1880s, survive only in scattered drawings, public and legal documents, and newspaper notices. These sources reveal what is known of the details of his life. This exhibit goes on exhibit at the Museum on May 27 and is on loan from The White House Historical Association. The White House Historical Association is a nonprofit educational association founded in 1961 for the purpose of enhancing the understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of the Executive Mansion. All proceeds from the sale of the association's books and products are used to fund the acquisition of historic furnishings and art work for the permanent White House collection, assist in the preservation of public rooms, and further its educational mission.

*Seanachie Evenings*

**Life & Story of Jeanne Robert Foster with Eileen Egan Mack**

**May 8, 2015 -- 7 p.m.**

The Irish American Heritage Museum is pleased to re-introduce the tradition of the Seanachie, the traditional Irish Storyteller to downtown Albany. The Seanachie were travelers, carrying stories and news between hamlets and families. For the price of a warm meal, they'd share

stories of the old ones and lively tales of romance and blarney. There would be music, smiles, a bit of learning, and a bit of carrying on. In that spirit join us for, stories, fine fellowship, and fun. This program is presented by Berkshire Bank.

Jeanne Robert Foster (1879-1970) was a child of the southern Adirondacks. The oldest child of a lumberjack and a school teacher she was known by her penname Jeanne Robert Foster. By the end of her life, she had been a famous beauty model, a poet, a journalist and a social reformer. She left behind a rich legacy of prose and poetry which recreate the world of the 19th century Adirondacks as few others have done. Join us as her life, times and perspectives are re-created by Eileen Egan Mack regional storyteller. Eileen discovered the works of Jeanne Robert Foster several years ago and was compelled to put together a one woman show in which she portrays the Adirondack writer and tells the stories of the Jeanne's Adirondack neighbors of yesterday. Join us for stories that will echo in your memory.

Cost- \$5 for Museum members

\$10 for non Museum members

\$25 for a family four pack



## **16th Annual Joseph J. Dolan, Jr. Irish Classic Golf Tournament**

**June 1, 2015**

Welcome again to the Sixteenth Annual Irish Classic benefiting the Irish American Heritage Museum and its educational programs. Now in its 29th year of operation, the Museum seeks to fulfill its mission of public education about Irish culture and the contributions of the Irish people to the United States and the World.

Your commitment to supporting our annual Irish Classic fundraiser will help the Museum provide our younger generations a sense of the importance of their own heritage. To our educational mission, the Museum was honored in 2014 with the "Partners in Education Award" from the New York State Council for the Social Studies - Capital Region for our programs for students of all ages from primary to college level.

Our 2015 venue will be the renowned Wolferts Roost Country Club in Albany, New York. So please join us for a fine day of good food, good golf and good company. For more information, or to register, please call the Museum at [518-427-1916](tel:518-427-1916).

***Fork in the Road***

## **Downtown Albany Business Improvement District**

**May 1, 2015**

Come out and enjoy Downtown in a new, fun way. Relax in Tricentennial Park while enjoying some delights from available food trucks, soak in some music or browse the available wares from artisanal vendors and artists. Make it a full evening and stop in at neighboring Albany **Center Gallery and other 1st Friday Albany participants, or stop off for drink at one of our many Downtown pubs.**

Confirmed Food Trucks for May 1st | Fork in the Road

Emack & Bolio's Ice Cream

The Chuck Wagon

The Hungry Traveler

Sweet Mama Mia

Wandering Dago

Confirmed Vendors for May 1st | Fork in the Road...

72 Pearls Thrift Store

Kernal Cravings

Irish American Heritage Museum

Denise Poutre (artist)

Mary Elise Reese Event Design

Meghan Ruch (artist)

The Downtown Albany Business Improvement District (BID) welcomes applications to participate in "Fork in the Road" in downtown Albany from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on May 1, June 5, August 7, September 4, and October 2, 2015. The event will not occur in July. Contact Marquita Rhodes for more information.

## **CALENDAR**

**Note : For events at the [Museum](#), free street parking after 6 PM on weekdays and all day on weekends. Please do not park in the private lots behind the Museum.**

May 1: Fork in the Road- Albany Tricentennial Park- 4PM-8PM

May 3: 16th Annual Albany History Fair- Historic Cherry Hill- 1PM-4PM

May 8 Life and Story of Jeanne Robert Foster- Eileen Egan Mack-7:00pm Irish American Heritage Museum 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

May 9: 102nd Anniversary Dinner Dance LAOH Division 1 Albany, NY- CDIAA 375 Ontario St. Albany, NY- For more information, please contact Carole Hackett at [518-928-3655](tel:518-928-3655)

May 12: Commemorating James Connolly- Riverfront Park Front St. Troy, NY 6PM- Presented by the James Connolly Republican Club and the James Connolly Upstate NY Branch of the IWW

May 18: Irish 2000 Benefit Concert featuring Leo & Anto- 7:30PM Schenectady Hibernian Hall 1748 State St. Schenectady, NY

May 27: Hoban: Architect of the White House. New exhibit at the Irish American Heritage Museum.

May 27: Open Genealogy Consultation 11AM-2PM- Irish American Heritage Museum 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

May 27 Irish Cuisine- IAHM Board Member Harold Qualters- 7PM- CDIAA 375 Ontario St. Albany, NY

June 1: 16th Annual Joseph J. Dolan Irish Classic Golf Tournament- Wolferts Roost Country Club Albany, New York

## 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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