

October 2016 Newsletter



The Legacy of Kate Mullany October 6 @ 7PM

Executive Director of the Kate Mullany Historic Site, Paul Cole, will be at the Museum on October 6th to discuss the life and legacy of Kate Mullany. Included in his talk will be new research found on the later portion of Kate's life, as well as information regarding updates on the restoration process of the Kate Mullany House National Historic Site in Troy, NY.

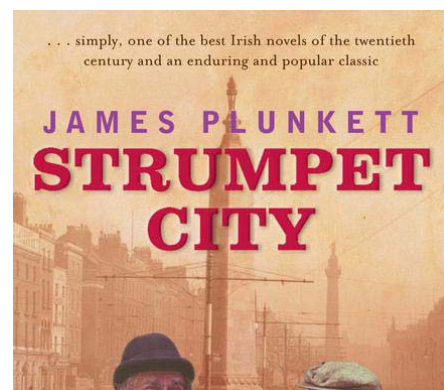
Kate Mullany was an Irish immigrant who, with her co-workers Esther Keegan and Sarah McQuillan, organized approximately 300 women into the first sustained female union in the country, the Collar Laundry Union, in 1864. Mullany went on to be its president and was elected second vice-president of the National Labor Union.

Free to members, \$5 non-members



The Image of Catholicism in James Plunkett's Strumpet City October 15 @ 2PM

As a conclusion to our summer book club, the Irish American Heritage Museum is proud to offer a lecture by Tim Madigan further exploring James Plunkett's novel Strumpet City

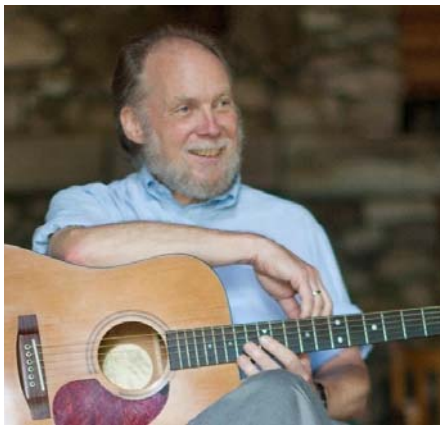


This presentation will examine the relationship between two members of the diocesan clergy (Frs. Giffley and O'Connor) and inner-city Dubliners during the 1913 Lockout. The tensions between their attempts to develop personal spirituality while performing their ecclesiastical duties, and the social demands made by the dire social and political pressures upon the priests will be explored. The paper will draw both on Plunkett's best-selling novel from 1969 from and Hugh Leonard's popular TV series from 1980.



Tim Madigan is the Director of the Irish Studies Program at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York.

Free to members, \$5 non-members



Seanachie Evenings- Songs and Stories of the Irish in the Adirondacks- Featuring Dan Berggren and Jeannine Laverty October 21 @ 7PM

Join two of the region's most renowned folk-performers with a long affection for Adirondack and Celtic culture in an evening of songs, stories, and merriment featuring Dan Berggren and Jeannine Laverty

Dan Berggren's roots are firmly in the Adirondacks where he was raised but his music has branched out across many borders. The award-winning musician and educator grew up on the land farmed by his mother's family for generations and has worked in the woods with forest ranger and survey crews. Hearing stories and songs from local friends and neighbors, Dan has developed a style that captures the spirit of the mountains.

Jeannine Laverty, who comes from longtime Iowa-Irish farm stock, has resided for 35 years in Saratoga Springs in the Adirondack foothills. As a flatlander, she savors the mountain people's stories too, and found her soul reluctant to cross back over the Atlantic when she visited Ireland

\$5 Museum members, \$10 non-members, \$25 family-four pack

2016 Governor Hugh L. Carey Awards Gala November 4, 2016

We are honored to announce that the Irish American Heritage Museum's 2016 Governor Hugh L. Carey Awards will be presented to Dan and Ellen Hogarty and Jerry Jennings, who exemplify in their lives



Governor Carey's commitment to public service. This year's Governor Carey Awards Gala will be held on Friday, November 4, at The Desmond, Colonie, NY. Ireland's Ambassador Consul General Barbara Jones and Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan are Honorary Co-Chairs of the Gala.

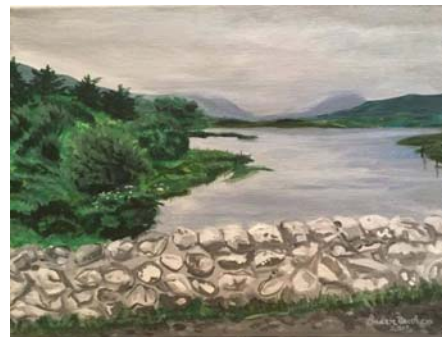


The Museum annually presents The Governor Hugh L. Carey Awards to honor the work of the late Governor who served on the Museum's Board of Trustees, providing guidance for the Museum's educational programs and events. Each year, the Museum selects community members whose exemplary efforts help unite people through community and public service, the arts, cultural endeavors, philanthropy, and the health care, teaching, law/justice, science, sports/athletics and other professions, reflecting the Governor's decades of public service

An evening of traditional Irish hospitality, with live music, dancers, a true Irish family dinner and friendship. Don't miss this autumn's premier social event honoring three of the Capital Region's great community leaders! For tickets please call the Museum at 518-427-1916.

Now on Display "Scenes from Ireland"

The Irish American Heritage Museum is proud to showcase the artwork of 17 individuals in its brand new community art exhibition "Scenes from Ireland." Included in the show are featuring paintings from local artists consisting of landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, still lifes, interiors, and even portraits. Artists in the show include: Theresa Reilly Portelli, Thomas L. DiCiurcio, Patricia H. Neiswender, Mary Bryan, Kevin McKrell, Janet Shaughnessy, Starr Regan DiCiurcio, Bob Blackmon, Peg Vetro, Sharon Thorpe, Kristin Woodward, Sally Spring, Marge Coyne, Regina DeFrancisco, Linda Lambert, Susan Bucher, and Suzanne Hicks.



The Quiet Man Bridge by
Susan Bucher



Thank You!

All of us here at the Museum would like to extend a thank you to everyone who joined us for the numerous activities at the Museum this past month. Many of you helped fill the Museum for both our performance by Helena Byrne on September 20th and our community art exhibit opening on September 29th. Your support and energy is what makes this Museum thrive! Thank you so much, and remember *It's your heritage... Pass it on!*

Opening night of Scenes from Ireland.
 Pictured are eight of the artists featured in
 the show and Museum Executive Director
 Ryan Mahoney



Join the Museum! Share your story with us!

The Irish American Heritage Museum has a great tradition of educational programming, exhibitions, classes, and much more that focuses on preserving and telling the story of the contributions of the Irish people and their culture in America.

Purchasing a membership is the best way to enjoy all the Irish American Heritage Museum has to offer. In addition to free general admission all year, your membership includes discounts on programming, invitations to special members-only events, discounts in our gift shop, reciprocal benefits at other museums, and more!

Our members play a large role in preserving our Irish heritage and sharing it with future generations. Your membership allows us to continue to host world class programming, create exciting exhibits, and share the story of over 36 million Irish-Americans. Explore our Membership Levels and join our membership family today at <https://irish-us.org/get-involved/>. For more information, please call 518-427-1916.

In memory of John Egan, a life well lived.

John C. Egan was a Founding Trustee of the Irish American Heritage Museum when it was created in 1986 and served with great distinction until his passing in September, opening doors and securing support for the Museum throughout the decades. He was instrumental in, and so very proud of, the transition of the Museum from a seasonal exhibit center to a year-round educational Museum in downtown Albany, a city with a truly rich history of the Irish, and whose original charter was presented by an Irish colonial governor in 1686. The charter is the oldest existing city charter still in force in the United States and "arguably in all the Western Hemisphere." John was an original recipient, with Mary Beth Casey O'Brien, of the inaugural Governor Hugh L. Carey Awards in 2013 as the Museum honored his decades of public service and commitment to his Irish heritage.



A son of Irish American parents in the small Adirondack town of Dannemora where one in five claim Irish ancestry, he was fond of saying, "We Irish didn't start with much, but we sure

achieved great things." He especially enjoyed helping to raise support for the Museum's "Irish Influence in the Adirondacks" exhibit. His distinguished career of serving the people of New York State began at Clinton Prison in his hometown of Dannemora and spanned more than fifty years statewide. John dedicated himself to improving life everywhere and, in doing so, helped shape New York's landscape.

He was centrally involved in the construction of the Empire State Plaza and the Harriman Office Building Campus. John served as Commissioner of the State Office of General Services (OGS) under Governors Hugh Carey and Mario Cuomo. He led the efforts to enhance the area's quality of life by relating the State's property assets to their surrounding communities, "welcoming" people to free events at the Empire State Plaza such as African American Day and GE Kid's Day among other programs. Further, John was the Executive Director of the State Dormitory Authority, Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, Chairman of the Harriman Research and Technology Development Corporation, and Executive Director of the State Task Force on High Speed Rail. In 2007, Governor Spitzer appointed John for the second time to serve as Commissioner of OGS.

Beyond his record of state service, John served as CEO of the Albany International Airport, overseeing its complete renovation and bringing Southwest Airlines service to Albany. In 2010 he returned to serve as President of the Renaissance Corporation of Albany, a philanthropic organization providing financial support to charitable and education institutions. In recognition of his civic and community work, John received numerous awards including Honorary Doctorate Degrees from the University at Albany and Albany College of Pharmacy, the naming of the "Egan Family Lounge" in the Cardio Vascular Wing at St. Peter's Hospital, and of course the Museum's inaugural Governor Hugh L. Carey Award.

John C. Egan embraced and often talked about his Irish heritage rooted in "hospitality" - imbued in Irish culture is the custom of welcoming travelers unannounced at the door of any Irish homestead and providing a warm meal, a clean bed, and music, poetry, songs and stories by the fireside. This custom is reflected in the Irish language in one of the most popular phrases, "Céad míle fáilte!" ("A hundred thousand welcomes!") John had an intuitive knack for welcoming people to join him in improving the lives of all of us as we travel through life, epitomizing the Museum's mission of "It's your heritage. Pass it on!" John and his wife Virginia, whom he married in 1953, indeed have passed on to their four children, seventeen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren a legacy of great public service.

Calendar of Irish events in the Capital District

October 6 @ 7PM- The Legacy of Kate Mullany @ the Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

October 6 @ 7:30PM- North Sea Gas Concert @ Celtic District Celtic Cultural Association 430 New Karner Rd. Albany, NY 12205.

October 15 @ 2PM- The Image of Catholicism in James Plunkett's Strumpet City @ the Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

October 15 @ 7PM- Kick of Ceilidh benefitting the Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade. @ Capital District Irish American Association 375 Ontario St. Albany, NY

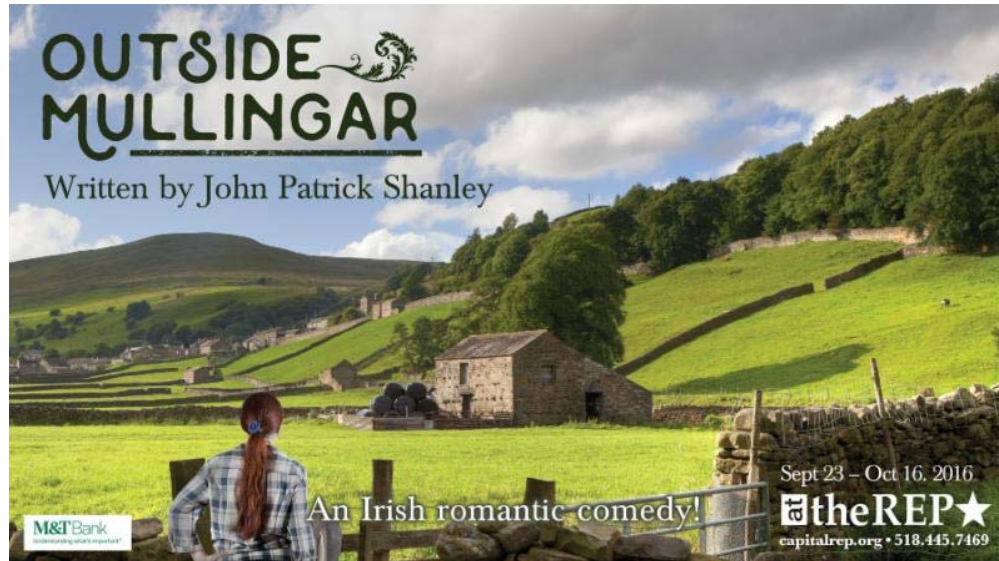
October 21 @ 7PM- Seanachie Eves Featuring Dan Berggren and Jeannine Laverty @ the Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

October 22 @ 6PM-10PM- Circles of Mercy Irish Night Celebration- Reserve a table for an evening of great food, raffles, and entertainment featuring "A Musical Tribute to Frank Jaklitsch by his Friends." @ Blessed Sacrament School 605 Central Ave. Albany, NY. For more info call 518-462-0899

October 26 @ 11AM-2PM Open Genealogy Session with Lisa Dougherty @ the Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

October 29 @ Noon- Celtic Halloween Traditions Family Day at the Museum @ the Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

Don't forget to check out our friends at CapRep for their production of John Patrick Shanley's "Outside Mullingar" through October 16th. While there, don't forget to take a look at the Museum's exhibit "Dublin 1963" on display at CapRep throughout the run of "Outside Mullingar."



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