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Stay in the Know

Summer Solstice- Fri, Jun 20, 2025,

10:42 p.m.

Canada Day – July 1st

Almonte Celtfest; July 4-6, 2025

In Gemmill Park

Celtic Cross Ceremony - August

A CLASSY PARTY

The Irish Seniors Social Group Ottawa Garden Party

The ISSGO held their annual Garden Party, generously



hosted by Ambassador John and Mary Concannon, at the official Irish Residence, on June 8, 2025. The garden was in full bloom, and the weather was perfect. We enjoyed a beautifully sunny day in the

back garden. There was a wonderful buffet, and we were entertained by lovely traditional music performed by Maclsaac and Mackenzie. Ambassador Concannon presented surprise birthday gifts to Kay O'Hegarty and Clare O'Connell Noon. Our very own Bryan Daly won the prize for the best men's hat, and one of the visiting Emerald Isle





Best Hat Winner Bryan Daly

Seniors from Toronto won the prize for the best ladies' hat/fascinator. There were many door prizes to the delight of the attendees. The event, attended by so many ladies and gentlemen all dressed to impress in their hats/fascinators and top hats, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon. It was almost a sell-out once again!



Ambassador John and Mary Concannon with Embassy staff.



Pádraig & Kay



Larry Chalk & Phil O'Brien





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A COLUMN AND MEMORABLE MOMENT

Unveiling of the Irish Famine Memorial Monument



The unveiling of Ottawa's Irish Famine Memorial monument of Bronze Shoes, part of the Global Irish Famine Way initiative, occurred on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Macdonald Gardens Park, where many Irish famine victims are buried. A trail of bronze shoes, cast from a pair of children's shoes found bound together in the thatch roof of a 19th century cottage in Ireland, commemorates the journey of Irish emigrants during the Great Famine. The trail will stretch from Canada to Australia, and it will be the longest heritage trail in the world, marking the journey of Irish famine victims as they dispersed around the world.

Before the ceremony, many attended a Mass at the Bruyère chapel of the Sisters of Charity. A lunch was then served at the official Irish Residence for the Ottawa 1847 Irish Famine Monument Committee.

The solemn afternoon ceremony began with the welcome and opening remarks by Michael McBane, who, along with former Ambassador Eamonn McKee, initiated this long emotional journey. Other speakers besides Ambassador

McKee, were Ambassador John Concannon, Mayor Mark Sutcliffe, MP James Maloney, Carolin Callery of the National Famine Museum of Ireland, Professor Mark McGowan





of St. Michael's College, Nicolas McCarthy of Beechwood National Cemetery, Anishinaabe Elder Claudette Commanda, Kay O'Hegarty ISSGO, and Councillor Theresa Kavanagh.

Music and songs were performed by Ellen MacIsaac, the Ottawa Celtic Choir, Deborah Quigley, Kevin Dooley, and Donald MacDonald. Final prayers were said by Soeur Rachel Watier of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, Father Robert Laroche of the Oblates of Mary Immaculata, and Rev. Dr. Karen Dimock of St. Andrew's Presbyterian. All three religious organizations represented here today were involved in ministering to the Irish Famine refugees who came to Bytown in the summer of 1847.



Ambassador Concannon



Former Ambassador
Eamonn McKee



Kay O'Hegarty ISSGO



Mayor Mark Sutcliffe



Clare O'Connell Noon, Caroilin Callery and
Michael McBane (MC of the event)



C. Healy



The Unveiling



A Touch of Irish Music



First Bronze Shoes of the Global Irish Famine Way Unveiled in Ottawa

Scroll over the title to connect to former Ambassador Eamonn McKee Site and see what he has to say.



For additional information, click this link. It will connect you to **Time Travelling with Michael McBane – “Bytown 1847”**.

<https://youtu.be/mJEkeHB8ugg>

Interesting historical information can be found at:

<https://www.historicalsocietyottawa.ca/>





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"Lá na nAithreacha Sona Daoibh"



In Ireland, Father's Day is celebrated with much enthusiasm, love, and a range of activities that reflect the unique traditions of the Irish people. It is always celebrated on the *third Sunday of June*. It has links with St. Joseph.

Some believe the origins of Father's Day can be traced back to the ancient Roman festival of the gods, which was held in honor of the Roman god Jupiter. However, the modern version of Father's Day as we know it today began in the United States in the early 20th century.

The first Father's Day, was celebrated in the United States on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington, thanks to the efforts of Sonora Smart Dodd, who wanted to honor her father, a Civil War veteran and single parent.

Father's Day is an important occasion in Ireland that helps to celebrate and strengthen the important relationships between fathers and their children. And don't forget the other father figures who've played a special role—uncles, grandfathers, stepdads, and mentors all deserve to be celebrated!

Bytown History

What is the significance of this hotel and where is it located today?



Michael Starrs
Owner of Ottawa Hotel
1868



City Hotel Ottawa
Library and Archives Canada

See page 13 for answer.

Hope you're not
superstitious!



Gone But Not Forgotten



(An abridged version)

Born in Dublin, Ireland, and a proud Canadian for over 33 years, Sue died peacefully on June 8th at the age of 67, with her loving family by her side.

Sue was married to Fran, her one and only love, for 45 years this past March. — a beautiful, unwavering partnership filled with love, strength, and adventure. From the moment they met, they were inseparable. Through every season of life — and especially over the past 18 months of her illness — Fran never left her side. He cared for her, loved her, and nursed her with strength, tenderness, and total devotion. He never missed a beat — just as he hadn't for all their years together.

Together, they built a life in Canada for themselves and their children: Andrew, Francis, and Jennifer.

Sue was a mother like no other — fierce, loving, honest, and endlessly supportive. Those who truly knew her know she was never afraid to speak her mind or tell the truth. She saw people clearly and met them with kindness or directness — often both. She could light up a room just by entering, and if you knew her, you were lucky. Whether she made you laugh, held you close, or even told you off — she did it with heart, wit, and authenticity.

We'll take some time before planning her celebration of life — but when we do, it will be exactly as she wanted: full of light, laughter, music, and joy. She asked us to make it a great time, because she lived fully and fiercely — and that's how she should be remembered. And in true Sue fashion, the invite will be for those who know how to have a bit of craic.

SFH Irish Dance was her life's passion. She was deeply proud to have brought so much Irish dance and culture to Ottawa over the years. Her family as part of the SFH community, will continue to honour her legacy and make her proud — every step of the way.

Though Susan Healy may no longer walk beside us, her memory will forever be enshrined in the fabric of the lives of those Susan Healy touched, a beacon of light guiding us through the darkness. In her absence, her spirit lives on — a gentle whisper in the breeze, a ray of sunlight on a cloudy day, a reminder that love knows no boundaries.





(An abridged version)

Kathleen McCarthy (née Burke) of Ottawa, Ontario passed away peacefully on June 16th at the age of 94 surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of Daniel McCarthy (d. 1986); cherished

mother of Margo (Matt), Mary (Steve), John (Jean), Karen (Fitton), Daniel (David) and Brian (Cathy); and loving gran to Delenn, Jack and Evelyne.

Born in Gortnalea, Ireland, Kathleen was the eldest of six siblings and is survived by her sisters Noreen and Mary Teresa and predeceased by her brothers Tommy, Frank and Jackie. She attended primary school in Galway and was selected to attend secondary school in Roscommon, where she received first class honours. After completing school, Kathleen moved to Dublin where she worked for the Irish government and met her husband, Daniel at a local dance.

Kathleen moved to Canada with Daniel in the early 1960s, settling in Orleans where they raised their six children. While Kathleen fully embraced her life in Canada, she cherished her visits to Ireland to spend time with her siblings, nieces and nephews. She was also an active member of the Irish Society of Ottawa, where she made dear lifelong friends.

Kathleen was known for her generosity, selflessness, and unwavering optimism. She was quick to laugh, saw the positive in any situation, and offered wise counsel and unconditional support to her children. Mom gave the biggest bear hugs and inspired us with her grace, strength, and resilience, especially following the early passing of our father.

Kathleen loved and was dearly loved by her many friends and her warmth and kindness left an indelible mark on all those who knew her. Her home was always open to her children's friends with additional places set at the table for holiday gatherings and special occasions. Kathleen was a keen host who delighted in serving abundant amounts of food and wine to her appreciative guests.

Visitation and funeral service will be held at the Central Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 315 McLeod Street, Ottawa. Visitation will be from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, with the funeral service in the Central Chapel on Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 1:00 pm with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the [University of Ottawa Heart Institute](#) or the [Ottawa Civic Hospital](#).





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It is with sadness that the family of Stanley Cameron announce his death following a long illness.

Stan was a devoted husband to Peggy for over 55 years; the youngest son of Angus J. and Ida (Foley) Cameron; dear brother of the late Donalda Cameron, the late Gerald and his wife Phyllis, Shirley and her husband Gavin Kempton, and Stuart and his wife Ruth and the late Lois Anne. Beloved uncle of Corinne and her husband Norm Boxall, Blaine, David and his wife Charlene Kavanagh, Christina and her husband Jeff Lucas, John and Laurie-Anne Kempton and Michael; great-uncle to Maxwell and Liam; Blaine and Lachlan; Ruby; and Declan. He will be fondly remembered by his brothers-in-law Randy and Eddie Knox and their families.

A graduate of St. Patrick's College, Stan had a successful career as an insurance executive that took him from Ottawa to Toronto and back. Stan was a dedicated Toronto Maple Leafs fan and proud Canadian.

In memoriam donations to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada or The Ottawa Heart Institute would be appreciated.



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Do you want a piece of Ottawa Irish History for you home?



The Irish Society of the NCR and the City of Ottawa have arranged for our members and Irish supporters to purchase a replica City of Ottawa “**IRISH VILLAGE – VILLAGE IRLANDAIS**” street sign for your home, back yard or den at a nominal price of \$160.00.

You can place an order by sending an emailing along with a E-Transfer to

Treasurer@Irishsocietyncr.com by July 15th (\$145 for the Street Sign + \$15 for Shipping).



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Where in Ottawa?

Can you identify the location of this Irish symbol?



It is part of a larger work that honours stories of labour, loss, and legacy.

The harp is one of Ireland's oldest and most enduring symbols. It was played by ancient bards who preserved Irish history through music and oral tradition. Today, it remains an official national emblem of Ireland — the only country in the world with a musical instrument as its national symbol.

Submit your guess:

- Scan the QR code;



- Visit: <https://bit.ly/whereinottawa>; OR
- Email: whereinottawa@gmail.com with the subject line: **June Guess**

We will reveal the answer in next month's edition, along with a short story behind this feature.

Bonus: Have you seen an Irish symbol around town? Send us your photo or idea to whereinottawa@gmail.com. It might be our next feature.





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No Irish summer BBQ is complete without the rich, savoury taste of perfectly grilled meats. Irish cuisine places a strong emphasis on quality, and this shines through in every bite. Grass-fed beef burgers seasoned with a hint of garlic, black pepper and caramelized onions, or tender lamb chops marinated in a blend of rosemary, thyme, and olive oil—a nod to traditional Irish grilling ideas. Grilled salmon fillets brushed with a honey and mustard glaze or marinated prawns with a squeeze of lemon are other great options.

Nothing goes better with a BBQ than a cocktail.



Irish Margarita

You Need

- 1 oz Irish Whiskey
- 1 oz Tequila blanco
- 1 oz Lime juice (freshly squeezed is best)
- 1 oz Triple sec
- 1 piece of lime wheel

Prep

In cocktail shaker add all ingredients and ice
Shake well
Strain into margarita glass. Garnish.

For a sweeter drink add ½ oz agave nectar

*Here are a few
Irish cocktails.*

*Sorry no
samples.*

Blackhorn Irish

You Need

- 45 ml Irish Whiskey
- 45 ml dry vermouth
- 2 dashes La Fee Parisienne Absinthe
- 2 dashes Bokers Bitters

Prep

Pre-chill a Coupe glass
Prepare garnish of lemon zest twist
Stir all ingredients with ice
Fine strain into chilled glass
Express lemon twist over cocktail
and use as garnish.



Irish Lemonade

You need

- 50ml Irish Whiskey
- 90ml Lemonade
- 1 lime wedge

Ice

Prep

In tall glass with ice add whiskey and lemonade. Stir well. Garnish



Guinness Float

Yields 2 Floats

Divide 1c. of ice cream into 2 pint glasses.

Pour 1c. of Guinness (or other stout) over ice cream.

Top float with 1tbsp chocolate syrup.

Jameson Cold Brew & Cream Soda

You need

- 30 ml Jameson Cold Brew
- 60 ml Cream soda
- Serve over ice.



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CAN YOU HELP?

Are you aware of any former Irish Society of the National Capital Region (ISNCR) presidents?

Do you want to share an event, a narrative, a picture, or a tale?

Do you know someone we ought to thank or acknowledge?

Would you like to share a recipe with the Irish community?

Is there someone we should recognize who passed away recently?

Tell us, please.

Email: secretary@irishsocietyncr.com

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Sponsoring an individual county flag for \$170.10 can help support the parade of flags.

For more Contact: Tom O'Neill. president@irishsocietyncr.com

Answer to ***the significance of this tavern and where it was located in Ottawa***

City Hotel is the tavern where Patrick James Whelan was arrested for the assassination of Thomas D'Arcy McGee April 7th, 1868. City Hotel is now the Grey Social Eatery at 2 ByWard Market Square.



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