



IRISH SPIRIT

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Late Summer 2005

21st ANNUAL ERIN FEIS 2005

Enjoy one day & two stages of great Irish entertainment –
a Grand Irish Family Festival!

Presented By:

St. Patrick Society, Quad Cities USA
Sunday, September 11, 2005
The District of Rock Island

Gates Open: 10 am

Admission: \$6.00

Wee Folks- Kids under 12 - FREE



Bogside Zukes Trio



Donnybrook



Stephen's Green

EVENT SCHEDULE

Music Stage

12:30 pm	Barley House Band
1:45 pm	Donnybrook
3:00 pm	Stephen's Green
3:55 pm	Awards
	Hughes Clan
4:10 pm	Kids Parade
4:15 pm	Bogside Zukes
5:30 pm	Donnybrook
6:45 pm	Stephen's Green
7:45 pm	Grand Prize Drawing

Dance Stage

11:15 am	Unity Mass
12:30 pm	Mullane Irish Dance Academy
1:15 pm	Red Hair & Freckles Contest
2:15 pm	Mullane Irish Dance Academy with Bogside Zukes
3:00 pm	St. Ambrose Irish Studies
3:35 pm	Mullane Irish Dance Academy
4:10 pm	Kids Parade



Barley House Band

OTHER ACTIVITIES

12:30 - 4:00pm	Children's Activities – West Plaza Games, face painting, Clown, Bead making, prizes (\$3)
12:30 – 7:00pm	<i>Irish Cultural Exhibits /Irish Soda Bread sale, St. Patrick Society Memorabilia, Shamrock Imports, food catered by Golick's market</i>
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Quad City Ceili Club with Barley House Band

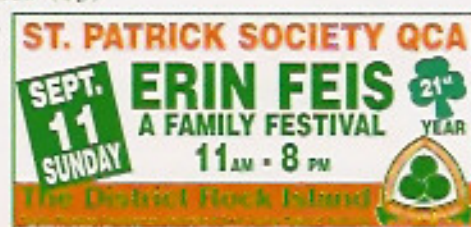
WIN A TRIP TO IRELAND!

\$1.00 a chance - Raffle for \$1,500 towards trip to Ireland or \$1,000 cash and many more prizes

Prizes & Gift Baskets awarded throughout the day

Gift Baskets include jewelry, dinners, hotel stays, Irish merchandise, gift certificates, etc.

Event proceeds support the SPS Grand Parade Weekend, Scholarship Program & local charities



ERIN FEIS ENTERTAINMENT



SPS is pleased to bring another fantastic entertainment line-up to this year's Feis. There is a wide range of talented Irish musicians, singers and dancers that will make the Irish eyes smile and the Irish hearts sing!



Bogside Zukes

Hailing from Peoria, Illinois, this re-formed band, now a trio, definitely knows how to liven things up with their fun-filled, foot-stomping performances. The "Zukes" play a bit of everything from high-energy Irish/Celtic music, and original songs to traditional pub favorites. Their versatility, musicianship, stage presence and infectious humor have endeared them to crowds throughout the region. For more information on the band, visit: www.bogsidezukes.com.



Donnybrook

Donnybrook is an accomplished Celtic band that has been performing traditional songs and tunes in an energetic, unique style for the past fourteen years. They captivate audiences with their melodious songs, and ever-present humor. Their tunes are cleverly arranged, while their songs draw upon a diverse repertoire of ballads, airs, and pub songs. Donnybrook is a familiar visitor to the festival circuit, appearing at Chicago Celtic Fest, Gaelic Park Irish Fest, Peoria Erin Feis, and St. Catherine's Irish Fest. Visit their website: www.donnybrookband.com



Stephen's Green

Back for another Erin Feis appearance is the gifted Irish duo of Andy O'Driscoll and Martin Doyle. Both

native Dubliners who now reside in Chicago, they have developed a loyal following of Quad Cities fans from their regular appearances in the area.

Andy is a gifted balladeer, equally at ease with traditional and contemporary favorites. Martin regarded as an exceptional keyboard artist, performed for several years on the Dublin music scene and holds international awards for masterful accordion. Stephen's Green provides an outstanding array of haunting ballads, rollicking jigs and reels and sing along favorites, as well as first-rate original compositions. Their top-notch performances always win the crowd.



Barley House Band

"Irish roots, American branches." This five person group has an array of diverse musical backgrounds that combine to create an exciting concert for any music lover. The band plays traditional reels, jigs, waltzes, and polkas, mixing up-tempo instrumentals with vocals and harmonies. They perform frequently in this area and host sessions the second Tuesday of the month at Fireworks in Moline to teach others how to play Irish music.



Mullane Irish Dance Academy

The energy and charm of Mullane performances is always a crowd pleaser at SPS events. These 120 or so dancers under the leadership of Chicagoan, Mike Mullane, truly show why Irish Step dancing has evolved locally from a handful of youngsters in the early 1990s, to a spectacular display of talent on their own stage. It's a performance not to be missed. For more visit: www.mullanedancers.com



Quad City Ceili Club

The Club will give a demonstration of Ceili dancing (Irish social dancing) and invite folks to join them for the many Ceili dances they have during the year. Accompanied again this year by the Barley House Band, their enthusiasm is infectious. For Ceili Club info, log on to: www.net-express.net/~gbade/ceili.htm.



MORE ERIN FEIS DETAILS

Raffle - The grand prize is \$1,500 toward an Ireland trip or \$1,000 if the winner opts for cash. Tickets have been mailed to all members. Please be sure all tickets are turned in to committee chairs, Jack & Connie Pond. You may return the stubs, along with a check to:

St. Patrick Society
PO Box 4487
Davenport, IA 52808

Raffle prizes and gift baskets will be awarded throughout the day. Winners need not be present to claim their prize. Dinners, gift certificates, and hotel stays are just a few of the great prizes. If you wish to donate a prize, please contact Kevin or Laurie Day at (309) 787-1166.

Hooley in Dubuque



Sunday, September 18, 2005
Dubuque County Fairgrounds.
A highlight of Irish social life for generations, the hooley is a traditional evening of music, song and dance. The festivities begin at 11 am with Irish Mass, then follow with a fantastic line-up of performances from: Claddagh Irish Dancers, The Lads, Fiona Molloy, Sean McRactagan and Wylde Nept. Proceeds benefit the Dubuque Area Irish dancers. Admission is \$7 and kids 10 and under free. Rain site is Fairgrounds Ballroom



Red Hair & Freckles Contests

The judged contest is open to children in three age groups: 1-4 years, 5-8 years, and 9-12 years. Registration will begin a half hour before the competition, with judging taking place at 1:30 pm on the Dance Stage. To enter a child in the contest(s), fill out and clip the form and present it at registration.

ERIN FEIS RED HAIR & FRECKLES CONTESTS REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

Volunteers -Erin Feis is a fundraiser to support our Grand Parade Weekend, scholarships and charitable gifts. Many helping hands are needed to ensure a successful Feis. It's a fun way to spend a few hours and support all the Society events you enjoy. Contact Pat Burke (359-8016) or Mike Smutzer (386-7070) for information.

UPCOMING IRISH & CELTIC EVENTS



Celtic Highland Games - Saturday, August 27 from 9am- midnight, at Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. For info, call (309) 764-9886 or visit the website: www.celtichighlandgames.org.

Peoria Irish Festival- August 27-29. Downtown Peoria at Water Street and Hamilton Blvd. Call 309-689-3019 for information or log on to stpatpeoria.com/feis for more details.

Peoria Bus Trip Canceled - Due to low interest, the bus trip on August 28 has been canceled. Checks will be returned. Call Kevin Day with questions 787-1166.

Milwaukee Irish Fest - The

Superbowl of Irish Music. August 18-21, 2005. For more details, visit their website: www.irishfest.com.



Sister City visit

Last month, the City of Davenport hosted visitors from Carlow, Ireland to further discuss establishing a Sister City relationship. The contingent included the Mayor of Carlow County, a Carlow Town Council member, the Director of Community and Economic Development and CEO of the Carlow County Enterprise Board. Several Society Board Members met the group at a lunch event and presented a Parade poster and other Society memorabilia.



Silia Smiley & Mayor of Carlow, Ireland, Michael Dering



Thanks to Tom Fitzgerald

A grand crowd turned out to welcome Irish statesman, Tom Fitzgerald, at the SAU Rogalski Center last month. Tom's talk about "Who are the Irish", was a vivid weaving of history, colorful folklore, Irish wit and humor. Our sincere thanks to Tom, those who attended and the committee that organized this great event.



Great Places in Iowa

The Society has been asked to serve on the steering committee to assist the City of Davenport in its quest to receive state funding for this new initiative. The City applied for one of three "Great Places in Iowa" pilot program initiatives to aid in transforming the riverfront, including recognition of cultural and historical aspects of the area.



Tribute to a Founder THOMAS J. MCGINN

In May, the Society lost a true friend and visionary leader with the passing of SPS founder, Thomas J. McGinn. Tom was an influential force for the Society for nearly two decades, lending his energy, drive and humor to the annual Clan Luncheon, SPS Scholarship Program, charitable gifts program, and other activities. We will not forget his favorite tale of Nelson's Pillar, a long-time tradition at the Luncheon. Our sympathies and prayers are with Tom's family.



May the Irish hills caress you.
May her lakes and rivers bless you.
May the luck of the Irish enfold you.
May the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you.



Our condolences

The Society also extends its sympathies to the Dooley Family for the loss of Louise Dooley. Louise, with her late husband and former Society President, Joseph Bronson Dooley, worked tirelessly for the Society through the years, passing this tradition on to their sons, Joe (a current board member) and John, a past board member. Our prayers and wishes for peace are with you all.



Scholarship Program

The Society thanks the friends and families of Tom McGinn, Louise Dooley and John Roach for their memorial donations to the Scholarship program.