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Note: Irish-American Society meetings are usually held on the second Friday of each month, **except during July and August** (and for special events), at the Ramada Plaza (2020 Menaul Blvd NE).

Our next monthly meeting and program will be Friday, September 13, at the Ramada Plaza. We do not have meetings in July or August. Have a grand summer and see you in September!

A YouTube Video You Must See!

[*Honoring Choctaw and Cherokee Irish Famine Aid*](#), a new documentary, explores Native American contributions to Irish Famine relief in 1847. The film was launched at the “Honoring Indigenous Aid and Sharing Lands” event held at the National Famine Museum, Strokestown Park, in County Roscommon on June 8th. Dr. Christine Kinealy (Ireland’s Great Hunger Institute, Quinnipiac University) and Professor LeAnne Howe (Eidson Distinguished Professor, University of Georgia and a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma), examine archival documents of these Indigenous acts of giving and explore artistic works commemorating them throughout the film.

These works include the “**Kindred Spirits**” sculpture (on the right) in Midleton, Co. Cork, by Alex Pentek. It consists of nine twenty-foot-high eagle wing feathers in the shape of a bowl.



Sam Guerrero Stitt’s “**Eternal Heart**”

sculpture (on the left) in the Choctaw Capitol Grounds in Tuskahoma, Oklahoma, and Brendan O’Neill’s “**The Gift**” (below right) in the Choctaw Cultural Center, Durant, Oklahoma, and the National Famine Museum, Strokestown Park.



[*Honouring Choctaw and Cherokee Irish Famine Aid*](#) is hosted by the Irish Heritage Trust and National Famine Museum, Strokestown Park in collaboration with Ireland’s Great Hunger Institute, Quinnipiac University, and Choctaw Professor LeAnne Howe. The film is funded by the Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Program. Just click on either link above!

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President's Message

By Caren Garcia

With the recent solstice, we welcome summer! And here's hoping it's less volatile than spring! Some of you may have decided not to come out in the weather we had on June 14th, but those of us who did had a great time with Dirty Old Town ABQ. They included some sing-along numbers that made it all the more fun.

The one thing about summer that is kind of a drag is that we don't have our regular scheduled meetings during July and August, since folks are often out of town or busy with family events. We do send out our Newsletter over the summer, so you won't forget about us come September.

September will be a special month, as we are having both a general meeting and a fall picnic. The picnic will be hosted by St. Andrew's Scottish Society this year (we alternate years being host). We will keep you posted as to the details. It'll be a ball. The general meeting will be on Friday night, September 13th and will feature our own poet Bill Nevins presenting on Modern Irish Poetry. Bill's writing, reviews, and poetry are frequently published in local media as well as our own *Irish Times*.

Membership Report

By Molly Martin

Cead Mile Failte: No new members this month. Summer is in full swing. I hope everyone has a great time over the next couple months and will have lots of good stories when we all meet again in September. We have a grand total of 124 members, which includes 1 student membership, 37 single memberships, and 86 family members.

IAS T-shirts for Sale!

Do you know about the Salmon of Knowledge? The Salmon of Knowledge (Irish: *An Bradán Feasa*) is a creature in the Fenian Cycle of Irish mythology, sometimes identified with Fintan mac Bóchra, who was known as "The Wise" and was once transformed into a salmon. The Salmon story figures prominently in *The Boyhood Deeds of Fionn*, which recounts the early adventures of Fionn mac Cumhaill. In the story, an ordinary salmon ate nine hazelnuts that fell into the Well of Wisdom (*an Tobar Segais*) from nine hazel trees that surrounded the well. By this act, the salmon gained all the world's knowledge. The first person to eat of its flesh would in turn gain this knowledge. The poet Finn Eces (or Finegas) spent seven years fishing for this salmon. Finally Finn caught the salmon and gave the fish to Fionn, his servant and son of Cumhaill, with instructions to cook it but on no account eat any of it. Fionn cooked the salmon, turning it over and over, but when he touched the fish with his thumb to see if it was cooked, he burnt his finger on a drop of hot cooking fish fat. Fionn sucked on his burned finger to ease the pain. Little did Fionn know that all the salmon's wisdom had been concentrated into that one drop of fat. When he brought the cooked meal to Finn Eces, his master saw that the boy's eyes shone with a previously unseen wisdom. Finn Eces asked Fionn if he had eaten any of the salmon. Answering no, the boy explained what had happened. Finn Eces realized that Fionn had received the wisdom of the salmon, so gave him the rest of the fish to eat. Fionn ate the salmon and in so doing gained all the knowledge of the world. For the rest of his life, Fionn could draw upon this knowledge merely by biting his thumb. The deep knowledge and wisdom gained from the Salmon of Knowledge allowed Fionn to become the leader of the Fianna, the famed heroes of Irish myth. **AND NOW YOU CAN GET YOUR VERY OWN SALMON OF KNOWLEDGE T-SHIRT (DESIGNED BY IAS MEMBER VIRGINIA ROMERO)—AND LOOK JUST AS CUTE AS IAS PRESIDENT CAREN GARCIA AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR ELLEN DOWLING—FOR ONLY \$25! (Just email Caren at careng225@msn.com)**



**Treasurer's Report
May 1 - 31 2024***

Kathy Wimmer, Treasurer

Category	Income	Category	Expenses
Membership—electronic/Square (less fees; see expenses)	\$65.00	Square fee (memberships)	-\$2.47
Membership—cash/checks	\$60.00	Square fee (Salmon t-shirt)	-\$0.78
Electronic/Square—old t-shirt design (sold at RGVCF)	\$20.00	Check card Ramada Hotel for our St. Pat's party on March 16	-\$152.54
Electronic/Square—Salmon of Knowledge t-shirt (sold at RGVCF)	\$20.00	Square fee (old t-shirt design)	-\$0.85
Check card credit from the Ramada Hotel for our May 10 meeting	\$6.10	Ck#350: Johanna Hongell-Darsee, entertainment for May general meeting	-\$100.00
Cash/Checks—Salmon of Knowledge t-shirts (sold at RGVCF)	\$50.00	Office of the NM Secretary of State—state tax filing fee	-\$11.95
Items sold at Celtic Renaissance Fair (hat, street sign/banners, misc.)	\$12.00	Salmon of Knowledge T-shirts ordered from Ancianos Photography and Fine Art.	-\$259.20
Total Income	\$233.10	Total Expenses	-\$527.79
		IAS Account prior month's ENDING balance	\$6,383.12
		Plus Income (current month)	\$233.10
		Less Expenses (current month)	(-\$527.79)
	Loss/Gain	-\$294.69	
		*Ending Balance as of date of report	\$6,088.43

A Bit of Irish Humor:

Six Irish men were playing poker when one of them played a bad hand and died.

The rest drew straws to see who would tell his wife. One man draws the shortest straw and goes to his friend's house to tell the wife.

The man says to her, "Your husband lost some money in the poker game and is afraid to come home."

The wife says, "Tell him to drop dead!" The man responds, "I'll go tell him."

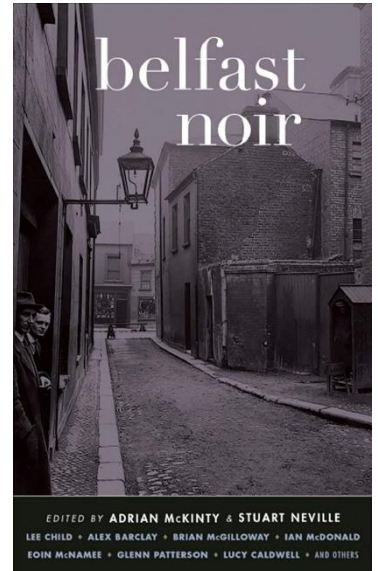


The Irish Book Club

If you are on Facebook, just type The Irish Book Club into the search bar (or click on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2022642747761043/>) and you'll find us. Our book for May was *Belfast Noir*, by Adrian McKinty (et al); in June we read *Black December* by Scott Hunter; in July we'll discuss *Days without End* by Sebastian Barry.

***Belfast Noir*, by Adrian McKinty and others**

Amazon's description: "During the decades of the Troubles, Belfast was plagued with riots, bombings, and other violence, and armored vehicles patrolled the streets—a daily darkness that is reflected in the personality of the city. New York Times–bestselling author Lee Child calls it "the most noir place on earth." This collection of short stories in the "acclaimed noir series" provides not only a compelling read for fans of mystery and suspense and an opportunity to discover some new must-read authors, but a portrait of the moody, murderous history of Belfast. Featuring brand-new stories by Glenn Patterson, Eoin McNamee, Garbhan Downey, Lee Child, Alex Barclay, Brian McGilloway, Ian McDonald, Arlene Hunt, Ruth Dudley Edwards, Claire McGowan, Steve Cavanagh, Lucy Caldwell, Sam Millar, and Gerard Brennan."



What is "noir fiction"? From Wikipedia: "Noir denotes a marked darkness in theme and subject matter, generally featuring a disturbing mixture of sex and violence. While related to and frequently confused with hardboiled detective fiction—due to the regular adaptation of hardboiled detective stories in the film noir style—the two are not the same. Both regularly take place against a backdrop of systemic and institutional corruption. However, noir (French for "black") fiction is centered on protagonists that are either victims, suspects, or perpetrators—often self-destructive."

And from Ellen in the Book Club: "In my humble opinion, the best part about a collection of short stories is that if you don't like a particular piece, there's always the next one to look forward to."

I found two of the stories in this collection (by many well-known Irish crime writers) particularly memorable: *Rosie Grant's Finger* by Claire McGowan and *Pure Game* by Arlene Hunt. (Just realized that I picked two stories by female writers; interesting.) *Rosie Grant's Finger* is the tale of Aloysius Carson, private eye, who speeds around town solving cases on his bicycle because he's only 17 years old and doesn't know how to drive. When Mrs. Grant asks his help finding her missing daughter, he muses, "So I did what I always do when there's a difficult case: I promised Mrs. Grant I'd get right on it, and when she'd gone I ate a Pot Noodle." (I looked up Pot Noodle, which appears to be the Irish/British version of Top Ramen.)

I loved *Pure Game* because it's a tale with a twist. The story begins with a dog-fighting event somewhere in Ireland. (Didn't know they had dog fighting in Ireland. Sigh.) I was fearful of getting into this story because (ever since *Old Yeller*) I cannot stand to read or watch anything if a dog dies in it. But aha! The "pure game" is a turn-about-is-fair-play plot development, which I will not reveal here if there are readers who have not gotten to it yet. (Meanwhile, I'm wondering if Kristi Noem has read this story, heh, heh.)"

Member Spotlight: Joe & Stephanie Cavanaugh

By Elena Gallegos



I had the pleasure of interviewing Joe and Stephanie Cavanaugh for this month's member spotlight. They joined the IAS about four months ago and some of you may have met them at this past Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival.

Joe and Stephanie have attended many Celtic festivals in Texas, where they lived previously. (Joe raved about the Trad music played on five different stages at the Celtic Festivals in Dallas.) They lived in Fredericksburg, TX, which is part of the famous Texas Wine Trail and Texas Wine Country.

Joe was born in Washington, D.C. As a child he had severe asthma, so his doctor advised his family to move to a drier climate. The Cavanaughs moved to Albuquerque over ten years ago.

Stephanie has French and Romanian ancestry. She was born in Dallas, TX and raised in Houston. She met Joe while they were both students at L.S.U. They are both retired now.

Joe and Stephanie travelled to Ireland in 2022 with other family members. They concentrated their visit in Leinster province, where they did some genealogical research on the Cavanaugh family. The surname is one of the most common in County Carlow and Joe told me the history of the Cavanaugh surname: In the 12th century, Diarmaid MacMurchada (anglicized Dermot MacMurrough) had an illegitimate son, Domhnall, that he sent to a monastery to receive an

education. The monastery was named after St. Caomhán (Kevin) and the students who went there were called Caomhánach, meaning followers of St. Caomhán. They made a point to visit the ancestral grounds of the Kavanaugh family, Boris House in Co. Carlow. But it wasn't open so they toured the ruins of Kavanaugh Castle (also known as Ballyloughan Castle).

Using church records, Joe was able to trace his lineage to about the 1750s, his paternal side being from Co. Carlow. They found that his great-great grandfather had married a woman from Kilkenny in Kilkenny. A genealogy expert at Trinity College in Dublin told them that at that time it was unusual for a man to marry someone from another county so far from his home, but all the evidence they found proved that, yes, that is what happened. Tracking his family from Ireland, Joe's great-great grandfather immigrated to Canada before the Famine. Joe's great-great grandparents, Garret and Mary Ann (Muldowney) Kavanagh emigrated from Ireland to Canada in 1842-43. One of their sons, Andrew Bertram Kavanagh, emigrated from Canada to New York State, where he became a well-known building contractor. Earlier family genealogists had found that he changed the original anglicized Kavanagh spelling to Cavanaugh, which gave him the initials A.B.C., which is what he named his business so it would be the first listing in the phone book!

Joe also discovered that he had two great uncles who fought in the U.S. Civil War. One brother was from Ohio and fought for the Union. The other brother lived in West Virginia, but it was not brother fighting brother. West Virginia had both Confederate and Union units, and he was a Union soldier, too.

Joe and Stephanie are busy traveling New Mexico this summer. Above is a recent photo of them on the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge.

Places to Go and Things to See in Northern Ireland

By Caren Garcia

We don't hear a lot about the six counties of Northern Ireland and what they have to offer visitors, so I thought I would see what I could do about that. Although it is sometimes called Ulster, the current iteration includes only six of the original nine counties that made up the historical province of Ulster. It is also not all of "northern" Ireland, as County Donegal to the west is part of the Republic of Ireland. NI is politically a part of the United



Kingdom along with England, Scotland, and Wales, but unlike the others, it has never been a separate political entity. In the 17th century, King James established the Plantation System, which sent thousands of Scots who were almost exclusively Presbyterians to Ulster and provided them with land appropriated from the disloyal and Catholic locals to suppress and generally water-down the Irish population. Some maintained close ties to Scotland, but many, to the disappointment of the crown, integrated with the locals and became decidedly Irish. These are the folks generally known as Scots-Irish and most remain to the present. Some of the most common names in Ireland are originally Scottish. Unfortunately, this conflicted allegiance ultimately led to the division that still haunts the isle.

Created in 1921, the British Province of Northern Ireland no longer recognizes the original counties as political entities (since 1973), but they are still used locally and are found on most maps. Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland and by far the largest city, is actually on the border of two traditional counties, Down and Antrim, and is located on the River Lagan and Belfast Lough, which is an inlet to the Irish Sea. It was long an industrial city with history as a ship-building powerhouse, but this is no longer the case. Most people know that the Titanic was built there, and a very popular tourist attraction is the large, modern Titanic Museum—a "must-see" if you go. While in Belfast, take one of the Black Cab Tours to see the sights. If you are up for a challenge, you can hike a 7.2k round trip from Dublin Castle up Cave Hill in the county park and see the city from a new point of view. For a more moderate trek, the 4.5k loop called the Divis Summit Trail will reward you with fabulous views of the city and the sea.

Many people never go beyond Belfast and the biggest natural attractions found on the Causeway Coast, which are well worth seeing, but there is more to the region, so while I will mention the famous sites, I hope to add to your potential itinerary with a few new ones. Be aware that for sightseeing points, the carparks at these sites have fees, often 6-10 pounds, besides the ticket costs for the attractions themselves. If you travel during busy times, you may want to buy your tickets in advance to avoid lines (queues).

I'll start with the obvious, the 120-mile-long Causeway Coastline, so named because of the famous Giant's Causeway, and including Dunluce Castle and Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge (meaning "rock in the road"), which hangs 25 feet above the sea in County Antrim. (It was originally built to assist with salmon fishing!)

For more awesome scenery, go to Tollymore Forest Park in the Mourne Mountains. An easy hike includes ancient stone bridges and the Barbican Gate (on the right). Serious hikers will want to see more of this mountain range. Their mystic beauty inspired C.S. Lewis! A lovely stretch of beach is not far away at Murlough Beach, County Down, on the edge of a Nature Reserve.



Another well-marked drive is the Torr Head Scenic Route, but be advised you will want to be in the care of a very good driver, and if you have a fear of high, curvy mountain roads, you will be biting your nails on this one.

Another Forest Park not to miss is Glenariff, where you can hike, have a picnic or visit the tea house on your outing. There are ornamental gardens and a 1k Viewpoint Trail that doesn't require a lot of exertion!

For fans of The Game of Thrones, there are around 25 total GOT-related locations to see in the area, including the studio itself in Banbridge, and the Dark Hedges, used for the road to the King's Landing. Tollymore (above) also has sites used in the series.

The Cuilcagh Boardwalk is also known as the Stairway to Heaven in Ireland. It's in County Fermanagh and involves walking 1k upward through a blanket bog. If you are up to a fairly strenuous hike (all up-hill), it is a sight to see! It is also pretty popular with local holiday-makers, so it's best to avoid weekends and holidays. In the vicinity are the magnificent Marble Arch Caves with a 60-minute subterranean tour.



Whiskey aficionados will not want to miss the Old Bushmills Distillery. Made from 100% malted barley and triple distilled (the Irish way) for the last 400 years, you can learn about the distilling process and get a sip for your trouble. Perhaps you can settle the dispute, at least in your own mind, as to which is the superior brand, Jameson's the glory of the south, versus Bushmills of the north! [Editor's Note: To the left is proof that your humble newsletter editor did indeed become a "Certified Irish Whiskey Taster" at Bushmill's!]

Along the border between Counties Tyrone and Derry, the Sperrin Mountains contain the Bronze Age Beaghmore Stone Circle and a Dark Circle Observatory. The night sky without lights is more than amazing. Want sandy beaches and wildlife framed by ancient sand dunes? The Portstewart Strand is the place. A hiking trail is also available at the site for a more in-depth look. (It was also a GOT filming site.)

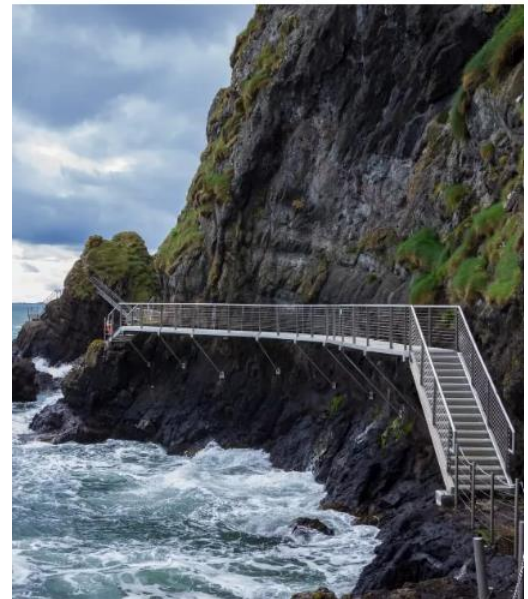
In Armagh city there are two St. Patrick's Cathedrals, one Catholic and one Church of Ireland. The latter is built on the site of one originally erected by St. Patrick himself in the 5th century but destroyed during the Irish version of the Reformation. Both Cathedrals are worth a look if you enjoy historical churches.

The Mussenden Temple in County Derry in Downhill Demesne is on the edge of a cliff overlooking the Strand; it dates to 1785. An easy walking trail to the site is available that passes through a walled garden and on to the amazing cliff-side overlook.

More exciting scenery? Try The Gobbins coastal walk! Be warned, however, it is a challenging 5k and involves a lot of steps. Check the weather because you really want a nice day to do this one! (See on the right.)

If you are wondering if Northern Ireland has an amusement park, it does—it's called Colin Glen outside Belfast. It has roller coasters, zip lines and more. If you are bringing kids, this is your salvation. They will love it.

I had help researching this article from a site called The Irish Road Trip and a guy named Kevin O'Hara, as well as Britannica and Wikipedia. Obviously, there is more to see, but this should keep you busy for a while!



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Culture All Around

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Ceili dance classes are held every Wednesday at the GAC. The **new** time is 6:30 - 8 PM, \$5.00. No experience necessary! (For info, call Steve Lavery at 505-688-4756.)

Celtic Music on the Radio and the Web:

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Questions? Contact Robert Harper at
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Calendar of Events

IAS Events

Date	Day	What
		Reminder: There are no meetings in July or August.
September 5	Thursday	IAS Board of Directors meeting , 7 PM on Zoom. All members are invited to attend. (Email Kathy Wimmer for the link.)
September 13	Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting and Program : A talk about contemporary Irish poetry with Bill Nevins.

Celtic Community Events

July 2 & 16	Tuesdays	Irish Sessions on the first and third Tuesdays at the Taos Ale House/Burger Stand, 401 Paseo del Pueblo Norte (across from the Post Office), from 7-9 PM. For more information, call Jamie at 575-779-1018 (jaima@taosnet.com).
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Tuesdays	The Irish Slow Session meets Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the Manzano Mesa Multi-Generational center, near Central and Eubank. For info, contact Kip Malone on Facebook .
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Wednesdays	Ceili Dancing Classes at the GAC , 6:30 - 8 PM, \$5.00. No experience necessary! (Call Steve Laverty at 505-688-4756 for info.)
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Wednesdays	Celtic Music Session at the Singing Arrow Community Center (13200 Wenonah Ave SE) from 5:45-7:45 PM. This is a sheet-music-discouraged (but not prohibited) format and the music is the High & Dry list. For more info, contact Bob Deaver (bpdeaver@gmail.com).
July 11, 18, 25	Thursdays	Albuquerque Traditional Irish Music Open Session from 7-9 PM at Hops Brewery, 7222 4 th Street. For more info, contact Harlow Pinson at hpinson@indepthl.com .
July 7 & 21	Sundays	Two Leaf Clover (Nikelle Gessner and David Garcia) play for Sunday Brunch at Two Fools Tavern every 1 st and 3 rd Sunday of the month from 11 AM – 2 PM.
July 16	Tuesday	Sullivan & Forsyth: Irish Traditional Fiddle & Flute perform at Trail Rider Pizza from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Trail Rider Pizza is located at 12165 State Highway 14 N, Suite B2, Cedar Crest, NM 87008.

Another Bit of Irish Humor:

An English lawyer was sitting with his Irish client. “Marty” he sighed, “Why is it that whenever you ask an Irishman a question, he replies with another question?”

“Bollocks. Who told you that?” asked Marty.

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