■ IRISH TIMES

Newsletter of the Irish-American Society of New Mexico <u>www.irishamericansociety-nm.com</u>

SEPTEMBER 2019

Note: Irish-American Society meetings are usually held on the second Friday of each month, except during July and August (and for special events). The meeting location is the Memorial Hall at the First Unitarian Church, 3701 Carlisle Blvd NE, SW corner of Comanche and Carlisle.

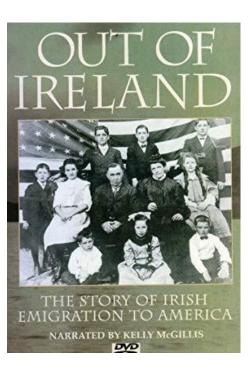
Next Meeting: Friday, September 13th, 7 PM

Movie Night! Out of Ireland

Out of Ireland traces the story of flight from the famine-swept villages of 19th century Ireland to the industrialized cities of 20th century America. The program personalizes this transatlantic journey by focusing on the lives of eight individual immigrants, using letters they wrote home to Ireland describing their experiences in the New World.

In Ireland, the story is of a people yearning for change even as they cling desperately to ancient traditions. In America, the story is of policemen and maids, priests and politicians, rogues, wanderers, and victims of discrimination, bemoaning their forced departure from the Old World even as they reaped the benefits of the New.

The mid-19th century famine in Ireland set the stage for one of the first big waves of European immigrants to America. They tested and profoundly changed America's notion of itself. *Out of Ireland*, therefore, is about *all* Americans and the profound historical and psychological consequences that are our heritage as a nation of immigrants.



This 95-minute film is narrated by Kelly McGillis, with readings by Liam Neeson, Gabriel Byrne, Brenda Fricker, and Aidan Quinn.

We hope to see you there and we hope that you will bring a sweet or salty snack to share! (Coffee provided; please bring water and other beverages.)

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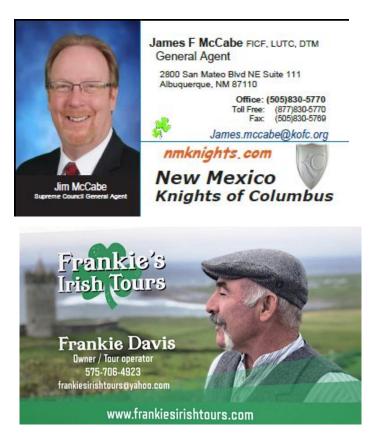


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President's Message

Dear IAS Members:

As I write this, we are still experiencing a long hot summer. Hope you all are staying cool! I look forward to seeing you all after our summer hiatus at both our Annual Celtic Picnic on September 7th and our monthly meeting on September 13th. (For details about the picnic, see the flyer on p. 5.)

Looking ahead: It's time to start thinking about the future of the IAS. Pretty much the same few volunteers have done almost all of the work to keep the IAS functioning, and some of us (yours truly for one) are nearly burned out. I myself would like to turn over the president position to another member in 2020. It just doesn't seem fair to those of us who do the ground work for every meeting and event that most of our members are happy to just pay their dues each year (we board members pay our dues too) and partake of the entertainment without doing anything to help make it so. Do I sound like I'm whining? Yes, I am! C'mon guys, step up and help out!

Action item: We are putting together a small group (3-4 people) to be on the nominating committee to present a slate for the 2020 Board of Directors. Please volunteer to be on this committee. It will only take a small amount of your time, but you will be able to make a tremendous impact on the future of the IAS.

Treasurer's Report July 2019

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Category	Income	Category	Expenses		
Electronic/Square: Newsletter sponsorship (Frankie Davis, remainder due)	\$38.54	U-Stor-It monthly storage fee	\$35.00		
Electronic/Square: membership	\$23.97		\$33.00		
Total Income	\$62.51	Total Expenses	(\$35.00)		
		IAS Account prior month's ENDING balance	\$8,910.79		
		Plus Income (current month)	\$62.51		
		Less Expenses (current month)	(\$35.00)		
		Current month's Ending Balance	\$8,938.30		

Membership Report

By Brynn Cole

Céad Mile Fáilte (A Hundred Thousand Welcomes) to Linda Salazar and Tracie Trotter.

As of 8/23, we have 5 students, 80 individuals, and 66 families for a total of 217 members.

Message from Norita Callahan:

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE STILL SEEKING PULL-TAB DONATIONS! The aluminum or steel pull tabs donated from beverage cans or ANY kind of canned food (6000 + pounds annually) generate funds to offset the House expenses. YOUR donations make a significant impact and are very much appreciated.

By Ellen Dowling

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann 2019 Raffle!

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (pronounced Col-tas Col-tu-ri Ei-ran) is an international non-profit organization based in Dublin with 400 branches throughout the world. *Comhaltas*' purpose is to promote traditional Irish music, dance, song, and culture. The *Sliabh* (pronounced Sleeve) *Sandia* NM CCE branch is participating in this raffle. 80% of each raffle ticket sold will go to *Sliabh Sandia*, who are here in Albuquerque. (80% WOW!!!) Compose will be used for venue rentals, gas, food for visiting Irish musicians, dancers, singers, storytellers, poets, etc.

Tickets (\$5 each) can be purchased at the September IAS meeting, from Norita Callahan or Laura Banks. First prize is 5,000 euros (about \$5,628).

Information about the *Comhaltas* international organization can be found here: <u>https://comhaltas.ie/about/</u> Information about the local *Sliabh Sandia* group can be found here: <u>https://www.ccenm.org/about/</u>

Contemporary Irish Poets 5-week class with John Roche

Where: Jules' Poetry Playhouse, Placitas, NM; 11 Homestead Lane (We are 2.3 miles from the Bernalillo/Placitas exit off I-25.)
When: September 4 to October 2, 2019 (Five Wednesday nights, 6:30-9:00 PM)
Cost: \$125 (Class Limited to 12 students, plus one scholarship) Scholarship info: email julesnyquist@gmail.com
REGISTER ON LINE: https://www.julesnyquist.com/catalog/item/1420675/10411206.htm or email julesnyquist@gmail.com

A five-week course beginning with the legacies of Seamus Heaney and John Montague, then focusing on living Irish poets like Michael Longley, Paul Muldoon, Eavan Boland, Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin, Medb McGuckian, Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, Mark Granier, and Paula Meehan. We'll also consider three Irish poets who visited New Mexico recently, Kevin Higgins, Eamonn Wall, and Annemarie Ní Churreáin. This class will concentrate on reading and discussion. No lectures or tests. But we will try our hand at some poetry writing exercises.



About the instructor: John Roche is Associate Professor Emeritus of English at the Rochester Institute of Technology (where he taught creative writing and literature courses, including Irish Literature), and Co-Director of Jules' Poetry Playhouse. He holds an MA in Anglo-Irish Literature from University College Dublin, as well as a PhD in English from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Dr. Roche is also a poet who has published four books of poems and produced a number of poetry anthologies, including, most recently, the Poets Speak series.

lt's the Irish-American Society's and the St. Andrew Scottish Society's Annual Combined Family Picnicl



at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 5301 Ponderosa (North side of Ponderosa, a block north of Comanche, slightly east of San Mateo) Saturday, September 7 12:00 noon to 4 PM With malarkey and musicians (hopefully*)!



[*Note: If you play an instrument, please bring it along to the picnic.]

The IAS and the SASS will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, plates, plastic ware, cups, napkins, condiments, and charcoal. BYO coolers with ice and beverages of your choice (sodas will be provided). No alcohol allowed.

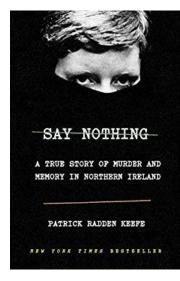
Potluck: Please bring a casserole, salad (potato, pasta, fruit, green, etc.) or dessert. Please remember to bring serving implements and remember to PUT YOUR NAME ON ALL IMPLEMENTS AND DISHES!

- Indoors/outdoors, flush toilets, ping pong, basketball, and a park across the street.
- Handicap friendly/accessible.
- Pets welcome. (Be sure to pick up after your pet.)
- Additional parking in rear of church.



The Irish Book Club

The Irish Book Club is now online! If you are on Facebook, just type The Irish Book Club into the search bar (or click on <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/2022642747761043/</u>) and you'll find us. Our book for June was *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland*, by Patrick Radden Keefe, and our book for July was *A Restless Life*, by Leland Bardwell. Our book for discussion in September, which we are reading now, is *Death Need Not be Fatal*, by Malachy McCourt. All the books we read are available on Amazon, and many are also available in local libraries.



Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland, by Patrick Radden Keefe

From Amazon: "In December 1972, Jean McConville, a thirty-eight-year-old mother of ten, was dragged from her Belfast home by masked intruders, her children clinging to her legs. They never saw her again. Her abduction was one of the most notorious episodes of the vicious conflict known as The Troubles. Everyone in the neighborhood knew the I.R.A. was responsible. But in a climate of fear and paranoia, no one would speak of it. In 2003, five years after an accord brought an uneasy peace to Northern Ireland, a set of human bones was discovered on a beach. McConville's children knew it was their mother when they were told a blue safety pin was attached to the dress--with so many kids, she had always kept it handy for diapers or ripped clothes.

Patrick Radden Keefe's mesmerizing book on the bitter conflict in Northern Ireland and its aftermath uses the McConville case as a starting point for the tale of a society wracked by a violent guerrilla war, a war whose consequences have never been reckoned with."

This book sparked a very spirited discussion among Irish Book Club members. Ellen got right into the central mystery of the book: "OK, so Keefe makes a strong case that both Dolours and her sister Marian Price were there at the murder of Jean McConville, and Marian actually was the shooter. (Marian is still alive, by the way.) But what about the other mystery? Was Jean McConville an informer or not?" Christine Anne Corrigan replied, "So hard to say. I like Jean because she was brave enough to comfort a wounded human being—doing what Jesus would do and also setting an example of the Gospel for her children. I don't think she ever gave that a second thought. However, perhaps she was recruited or even threatened to inform because of her circumstances. On the other hand, once the Provos found the radio and "talked" to her about it, I don't think she'd agree to having another one. Then again, maybe during that talk the Provos tried to recruit her and she said no to them."

And Bill Nevins summed it up this way: "I just finished reading *Say Nothing*, which I must say is very well written and a page turner. I am still digesting the impact of this book, which may be especially strong for someone like myself who paid close, if often critical, attention to developments in the north of Ireland from the late 1960s forward, and who met several of the key persons described in the book. There was much that I already knew here, but put together in an effectively comprehensive way, and I did find some important new information, especially concerning the Price sisters. While the key thrust of the book seems to be directed at Gerry Adams, I guess even with all the very troubling information about him—much of it recently revealed—I have to say that he did bring the major violence to a halt. Was that a good thing on balance?"

From Amazon: "This no-holds barred account of Leland Bardwell's life spans five decades and unveils the shroud of innocence that often clouds our vision of the past. Bardwell confronts her life head on, confessing bygone sins and exorcising old demons. However, despite the hardships of her life, this is far from a misery memoir, as A Restless Life celebrates the artistic, and often times anarchistic life of one of Ireland's hidden, literary treasures."

Aside from poet Annemarie Ní Churreáin, who visited NM earlier this year, and who recommended this author to the Irish Book Club, it's safe to say that none of the other club members had ever heard of Leland Bardwell, yet she turns out to have been quite a force in Irish literature. From *The Galway Review*: "Leland Bardwell was born in India of Irish parents in 1922 and was brought to Ireland at the age of two. Her collections of poetry are The Mad Cyclist (Dublin, New Writers' Press, 1970); The Fly and the Bedbug (Dublin, Beaver Row Press, 1984); Dostoevsky's Grave, New and Selected Poems (Dublin, The Dedalus Press, 1991); The White Beach, New & Selected Poems 1960-1988 (Cliffs of Moher, Co

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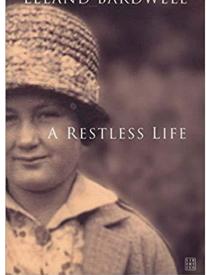
by Leland Bardwell

I have willed my body to the furthering of science Although I'll not be there to chronicle my findings I can imagine all the students poring over me: "My God, is that a liver? And those brown caulifowers are lungs?" "Yes, sir, a fine example of how not to live." "And what about the brain?" "Alas the brain. I doubt if this poor sample ever had one." As with his forceps he extracts a single rose. Clare, Salmon Publishing, 1998); and The Noise of Masonry Settling (Dublin, Dedalus Press, 2006). Her novels are Girl on a Bicycle (Dublin, Co-Op Books, 1977); That London Winter (Co-Op Books, 1981); The House (Kerry, Brandon, 1984); There We Have Been (Dublin, Attic Press, 1989); and Mother to a Stranger (Belfast, The Blackstaff Press, 2002). A volume of short stories, Different Kinds of Love (Attic Press, 1994, reissued Dedalus Press, 2012) has been translated into German as Zeit vertreibt Liebe. Her plays include Thursday, and Open Ended Prescription. She has also broadcast radio plays, including The Revenge of Constance, and Just Another Killing. Her musical, Edith Piaf, toured Ireland. Her autobiography is A Restless Life (Dublin, Liberties Press, 2008). With MacDara Woods, Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin, and the late Pearse Hutchinson, she was one of the founders and editors of the long-running literary journal Cyphers. She was a member of Aosdána, and died in Sligo."

Ellen's first take on this remarkable memoir: "Leland Bardwell's *A Restless Life* is a truly amazing story of an Irish "bohemian" novelist and poet, careening around Ireland and

England, constantly searching for love and approval, living mostly in horribly squalid circumstances (she says somewhere in the book that she "went from riches to rags"), and having seven children (!). She was born in 1922 (same year as my late father) and died in 2016 (age 94)." From her obituary in The Guardian: "Her ramshackle lifestyle outraged many in Catholic Ireland, while she was regarded by her own class as an outsider. While her family had produced misfits and several dissolute members, Bardwell outdid them all in her capacity for rebellious freedom. Her morality lay in her faithfulness to the craft of writing and in bearing witness to the different kinds of truth and love with which she was confronted. Her lifelong indenture, equally to the pen and to the search for love, was expressed as: 'If it's bad enough, you might get a poem out of it.'"

LELAND BARDWELL



The Great River Irish and Scottish Music Festival!

September 15, 2019

National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th St SW in Albuquerque Festival hours 1:00 – 6:00 (Free event) Concert begins at 6:30 PM

Featuring Old Blind Dogs and opening with Saoirse

Free outdoor festival with music and dance performances and workshops, followed by a ticketed concert in the Bank of America



Theater featuring the renowned Scottish band *Old Blind Dogs* and Albuquerque's own *Saoirse*. Concert tickets are \$23 (\$18 for 65 and older, under 12, and paid members of Sliabh Sandia CCE). Tickets for the evening show are available at the NHCC Box Office, by calling (505) 724-4771, or <u>by going to the NHCC website</u>.



Irish Play at the Vortex Theater!

A Northern Irish regiment prepares for the Battle of the Somme, one of the most famous and bloodiest battles of World War One. Taking place both in France during the battle and in various locations in Northern Ireland, the play is a poignant piece dealing with each character's fears, loves and events in their lives that brought them to this time seen through the eyes of the surviving member.



Flowers of the Forest

Long-time IAS member and enthusiastic promoter of Irish culture and history, Thomas Hennigan, passed away on August 19, 2019. Originally from Cork, Ireland, Tom loved his time in New Mexico and was a frequent



participant in IAS meetings and events. He leaves behind his wife Maryann, their daughter, Casey, and many friends.

Jack Russell died on July 28, 2019. Jack may be best remembered as the talented keyboardist and accordion player for the band Three Leaf Shamrock, who played for many IAS functions, Ceilis, Hoolies, and Celtic festivals. (Current IAS member Derek Swinson was also a member of the band.) Jack also served as president of the IAS in 2005. (Coincidentally, Tom Hennigan served as vice president of the IAS that same year.)

Thomas Patrick "TP" Griffin, an active IAS member in the early IAS (1990s) passed away May 4, 2019.

May they all rest in peace.

Culture All Around

Dance Classes:

Coleman Academy of Irish Dance. Saturdays, 8 AM to 1 PM at the Lloyd Shaw Dance Center, 5506 Coal SE. Call 866-5867 for information or visit our web site at <u>www.irishdancenm.org</u> and <u>www.colemanacademy.com</u>.

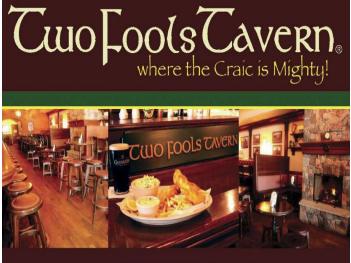
Celtic Steps Arizona/New Mexico (formerly Tir Conaill Academy of Irish Dance), at the McDermott Athletic Center, 801 Loma Colorado, Rio Rancho. Call 505-415-4390 or visit <u>http://celticsteps.org/albuquerque/</u> for further information.

• *Ceili dance classes* are held every Wednesday at the GAC at 7:15 PM, \$3.00. No experience necessary! Call Norita Callahan at 298-2708.

Celtic Music on the Radio and the Web:

★ The Thistle and Shamrock program, featuring Fiona Ritchie, airs on KANW 89.1 FM, Mondays at 6:00 PM.

★ Celtic and Beyond, with co-hosts Ellie Blair and Kelly Clement, 7:00 PM each Wednesday on KTAOS 101.9 FM. (Also broadcast on the Web at <u>www.ktao.com</u>.)



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Free parking for two hours at the parking garage on the SE corner from the library, just get your ticket stamped at the library.

Questions? Contact Robert Harper at robertharper48@comcast.net

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Saoirse ("seer shih," Irish for "freedom")

Celtic music from Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, and Galicia, spiced with jazz and world beat. Contact: Harlow Pinson at <u>hpinson@indepthl.com</u> or 994-2135.

The Anslovers: Teenagers Emily, John, and Jamie on violin, guitar, and upright bass. Contact: John & Lorraine Anslover at <u>anslovernavy@comcast.net</u>.

A Jug O'Punch

A trio playing Irish music galore! Contact Suzanne Taichert: <u>suzytmusic@earthlink.net</u>

The Duke City Ceili Band will entertain you with fast paced jigs and reels, lilting waltzes, and rousing sea shanties from the Irish traditional repertoire. Find them on Facebook or contact Jim Crowley: jabbas40@yahoo.com.

A Message from the GAC:

The Edelweiss Am Rio Grande German-American Club (GAC) is a private club and as such cannot solicit by advertising or otherwise participation in its events and activities to the general public. The IAS is an associate club of the GAC and all IAS members and their bona fide guests are welcome at all GAC events and IAS events held at the GAC.

Michele Buchanan, Harper

765-1288 (tmbuchs@gmail.com)

Rye Creek

Folk, Irish, western and good old mountain music. Contact Terry Ryan Axline, 293-8924 (<u>neomexicana@hotmail.com</u>) or Ron Trellue, 505-362-2551 (<u>trellue@swcp.com</u>) or visit <u>www.myspace.com/ryecreeknm</u>.

Celtic Coyotes

Traditional music from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Brittany. Contact: Doug Cowan <u>celticcoyotes@yahoo.com</u> (710-0583).

Friends Forever

Michael and Donna Coy play Celtic, Folk, Cowboy and Originals. Contact: 296-2017 or 250-4429; <u>mmcoy3@msn.com</u>.

The Singing Coyote Sisters

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Cans for Celts

Help raise funds for the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games in 2020! Please bring your aluminum cans, pie plates, foil, etc. along with copper items, tubing, and small non-working appliances with electric motors to the IAS meetings for recycling. (No cardboard or paper or large appliances.) For pick up between meetings – contact Paul McDonough @ 505-294-8205 and leave a message. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

IAS Events

Date	Day	What
September 5	Thursday	IAS Board of Directors meeting, 7 PM at the GAC. All members are
		invited to attend.
September 7	Saturday	Annual Celtic Family Picnic with the St. Andrews Scottish Society, 12 to 4
		PM at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. (Details on p. 5.)
September 13	Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting and Program: Film showing—"Out of Ireland: The
		Story of Irish Emigration to America." (See p. 1 for details.)3
October 3	Thursday	IAS Board of Directors meeting, 7 PM at the GAC. All members are
		invited to attend.
October 11	Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting and Program: lecture and demonstration on the
		bodhrán and Irish music by Dain Forsythe.

Celtic/GAC Events

GAC hours are Mon, Tues, Wed: 3 to 8 PM; Thurs, Fri: noon to 10 PM; Sat: noon to 11 PM; Sunday: noon to 6 PM. For info about GAC events, call 505-888-4833 during open hours.

August 30 –	Weekends	Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme, theater
September 22		production at the Vortex Theater. (Details on p. 8; tickets at <u>The Vortex</u> .)
September 6	Friday	Karaoke at the GAC, 5 to 7 PM.
September 4 –	Wednesdays	Contemporary Irish Poets 5-week class with John Roche, Placitas, 6:30 to
October 2		9 PM. (Details on p. 4.)
September 5, 12,	Thursdays	Albuquerque Open Irish Music Session, 7 PM at Hops Brewery Los
19, 26	-	Ranchos Taproom on 4 th Street, 7222 4 th St. NW Rear, Los Ranchos De
		Albuquerque, just south of the old ABQ-BBQ location. For info, contact
		Harlow Pinson (hpinson@indepthl.com).
September 7	Saturday	Weinfest at the GAC, 5:30 PM. Music by Street Scene.
September 7	Saturday	First Saturday Open Irish Music Session, from 12 to 2 PM at High and
-		Dry Brewing, 529 Adams St. NE, ABQ. (Contact Jim Crowley
		jabbas40@yahoo.com) For beginning to intermediate musicians and music
		lovers.
September 12	Thursday	Lunasa in concert at the Lensic Theater in Santa Fe. 7:30 PM. Tickets
	-	available here: https://lensic.org/events/lunasa/
September 15	Sunday	The Great River Irish and Scottish Music Festival featuring Old Blind
	-	Dogs and Saoirse at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th St.
		SW. Festival hours 1:00 – 6:00 (Free event); concert begins at 6:30 PM.
		For info and to purchase tickets, go to the NHCC site.
September 15	Sunday	Jazz Sunday at the GAC, 2 to 5:30 PM.
September 20	Friday	Karaoke at the GAC, 5 to7 PM.
September 21	Saturday	Third Saturday Open Irish Music Session, from 1 to 3 PM at High and
	-	Dry Brewing, 529 Adams St. NE, ABQ. (Contact Jim Crowley
		jabbas40@yahoo.com)
September 28	Saturday	Oktoberfest Dance at the GAC, 5:30 PM. Music by Swingshift.



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If this is a renewal, has your contact information ch	anged? Yes No	

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