

## February 2009

### New Meeting Format

Nachs has decided to spice things up a bit at meetings! Starting in February, the last 30 minutes of the meeting will be a more social event where we get better acquainted and learn some Celtic culture along the way. This month, there will be a Gaelic language lesson as well as refreshments. If you haven't been to a meeting for a while, now is a good time to come and be a part of the fun.

**Next Meeting: February 3rd, 6PM Thorpe Park Adult Center**

The Celtic Corner comes on Sat. at 6 PM and the NEW TIME for the replay is 8 AM on Sun. on KJZA, (89.5 & 90.1 FM). The host is our own David McNabb ([mcnabbprescott@aol.com](mailto:mcnabbprescott@aol.com)).

### Irish Step Dance

Don't feel left out St.Patrick's Day just because you can't dance a jig! Kari Barton is offering to teach an adult Irish dance class if there is enough interest. Please contact her at 928- 600-1365.

### Arizona Scottish Highland Games and Gathering

Join NACHS on the field at the 45th annual Arizona Scottish Highland Games and Gathering at Margaret Hance Park in Phoenix on February 21 & 22! We will be there with our educational outreach tent celebrating all things Celtic! For more info on the games go to [www.arizonascots.com](http://www.arizonascots.com). If you'd like to volunteer to help at the NACHS tent call Jude at 928-556-3161.

### Beoga in Concert

Living Traditions Presentations is excited to bring you Beoga, one of the hottest new bands to emerge from Ireland today! Beoga means "lively" in Irish and is a fitting description of the band. They will have you tapping your feet and dancing the whole night! *The Irish Echo*

described Beoga as “A heady, virtually head-spinning, sonic blend stamping Beoga as perhaps the most audacious Irish band rooted in trad today.” The band was drawn together after ‘jamming’ in a ferocious music session at the All-Ireland Fleadh in August 2002. Their unique sound features the twin duelling accordians of Seán Óg Graham and Damian McKee, along with four times All-Ireland bodhrán champion Eamon Murray and pianist Liam Bradley. In 2005, Beoga were nominated by Irish Music Magazine for the best traditional newcomer’s award. With the addition of one of Ireland’s premier young singers, Niamh Dunne, Beoga are confirming their reputation as one of the most exciting acts to emerge from Ireland in recent years. Their performance in Flagstaff will be their Arizona premier!

The bedrock of Beoga’s music lies firmly within the Irish tradition, but they are not afraid to incorporate other genres’ nuances into their music. From bluesy riffs to Astor Piazzola-style jazz, to a raunchy New Orleans jamboree vibe, their music always returns to a wonderfully bouncy traditional sound. With a repertoire of fresh self-penned tunes and inventive arrangements, the debut album 'a lovely madness' earned 9/10 in Ireland’s Hot Press music magazine and was one of the Top Trad/Folk Albums of the year. Over the last few years Beoga have performed at major Celtic and Folk festivals throughout Europe and the USA, including the All-Ireland music Fleadh, Dranouter, Tonder, Boston, Kansas and Milwaukee Irish Festivals, the Guinness Irish Christmas tour of Austria, the Irish Folk Festival tour of Germany along with Solas and Kevin Burke, and the Irish Unplugged Tour of Holland with the Fureys and Davey Arthur. In September 2007, Beoga performed live with the BBC Orchestra to a television audience of millions as part of the prestigious ‘Last night of the Proms’. Beoga’s popularity continues to flourish, as they captivate audiences on a global scale with their blend of passion, energy and vitality. Beoga will perform Friday, February 27, 2009 at 8:00pm at The Orpheum Theater in downtown Flagstaff. The doors will open at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$20 general admission. A \$2 discount is available to members of NACHS and FFOTM only at Cedar Music in advance.

Student and child tickets are only \$12! Tickets are available at Animas Trading and Rainbow’s End in downtown Flagstaff, Cedar Music, and online at [www.orpheumpresents.com](http://www.orpheumpresents.com). For more information, visit [www.livingtraditionspresentations.com](http://www.livingtraditionspresentations.com) or call 928-600-1365.

## Great Guinness Toast

Join the Knockabouts for Flagstaff's Official Great Guinness Toast and be counted along with the rest of the world! **Uptown Billiards, Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9pm.**

## A ROBERT BURNS SUPPER

An evening of traditional food, entertainment poetry, bagpiping celebrating the life of Scotland's most famous poet!!! Music by the KNOCKABOUTS!

Feb. 7, 2009 from 5 to 9

Cocktail Hour from 5 to 6

Entertainment starts at 6

The Kilted Cat

2600 W. Kiltie Ln.

Tickets available at:

Arizona Music Pro or Jude McKenzie 928-556-3161

Adults-\$30.00 Children-\$15.00

TICKETS **MUST** BE PURCHASED BY Jan. 31

Thanks to Flagstaff Cultural Partners, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Arizona Commission on the Arts for their continued support!

## A Highland Tea with Diana Gabaldon!!!

Presented by the Northern Arizona Celtic Heritage Society (dedicated to presenting, promoting and preserving Celtic culture)  
A traditional afternoon tea including sandwiches, scones and sweets, followed by a

reading by Diana Gabaldon!!! New this year... a no host bar featuring Glenfiddich Single Malt Scotch Whisky! AND... BOOKMANS will be at the tea selling Diana's books!

HAT CONTEST...wear your "best" hat and you may win a prize!!!!

March 7, 2009 from 2 to 5

The Kilted Cat

2600 W. Kiltie Ln.

Tickets available at:

Arizona Music Pro

Or call Jude McKenzie 928-556-3161

Tickets \$25.00 each

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY Feb. 28

Thanks to Flagstaff Cultural Partners, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Arizona Commission on the Arts for their continued support!

The Northern Arizona Celtic Heritage Society presents

# Shenanigans

A fun celebration of all things **Irish**

Music by the **KNOCKABOUTS!**

Good old Irish fun! Food! Dancing! Kids activities!

When?...March 8 from 2 to 5

Where?...Charly's at the Weatherford Hotel, 23 N. Leroux, Flagstaff

How Much?...\$5 for adults...kids FREE

For more information contact Jude at 556-3161

Thanks to the Flagstaff Cultural Partners, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Arizona Commission on the Arts for their continued support!

## Celtic Picnic!

We are organizing a fun Celtic day out going to the V Bar V petroglyphs near the Sedona exit off I-17 on March 21st. Why you ask? There are interesting glyphs illuminated by the sun (only for a few minutes) with connections to the spring equinox and our own Ken McIntosh will be giving a talk on celestial observances and similarities with ancient cultures. FASCINATING STUFF! So, here's the deal. If you are interested in joining the party the Celtic Society will provide a picnic lunch but you must call Jude so that she can organize the food. There is a \$5 parking fee when you get there AND you will have to walk half a mile from the parking area to the actual glyph site, but the walk is not hard. We will meet at about noon.

If you would be willing to give someone a ride for sharing the gas cost, call Jude also. If you need a ride, guess who you should call? Jude 928-556 -3161.

**Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs!**

For those of you who ride bicycles we are asking that you hang a nice laminated 8 x 10 Celtic Festival

sign on your bike as we get closer to FESTIVAL time. If you are willing to do this please call Jude and she will fix up a sign for you! 928-556-3161

## **It's new...its "Grand"**

**Coming July 2009, Celtic Arts Camp!**

Living Traditions Presentations has teamed up with Northern Arizona Celtic Heritage Society, the U.S. School of Piping and Northern Arizona University School of Music to create a Celtic Arts Camp: Grand Canyon Celtic Arts Academy. This year, workshops will be given for two to three days during the week of July 13, 2009 in Irish fiddle, whistle, flute, bodhran, tenor banjo, and DADGAD guitar. Our workshop teachers are traveling from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they have performed at the Milwaukee Irish Fest for numerous years. The teachers are Brett Lipshutz (flute and whistle), Randy Gosa (guitar and banjo), Asher Grey (flute, whistle, bodhran), and Devin McCabe (fiddle). The latter three teachers are in a band, Ce, which has performed at the Milwaukee Irish Fest and is a promising young traditional band. Brett Lipshutz has played Irish flute for 15 years and has twice played at the All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil and toured with the Trinity Irish Dance Company. Both Ce and Brett Lipshutz and Randy Gosa will be performing at the Northern Arizona Highland Celtic Festival July 18-19. We are very excited to begin this school of Celtic Music in Flagstaff. For more information, please email [Kari@LivingTraditionsPresentations.com](mailto:Kari@LivingTraditionsPresentations.com) or call 928-600-1365. Keep your eyes open for more information in the coming months!

### **10-DAY TOUR OF SCOTLAND - SIGN UP BY MAR. 9, 2009**

David McNabb, host of The Celtic Corner radio show (Sat. at 6 PM & Sun. at 8 AM on 89.5 & 90.1 FM), is leading a 10-day tour of Scotland July 17 to 27, which will give an excellent experience of the culture and especially the traditional music of Scotland thru visiting the many sites (museums, visitor centers, castles, battlefields, monuments, distillery, Walkers shortbread factory, the Gaelic collage on Skye, 3 private concerts, and ending with the world championship Highland Games in Edinburgh), where the largest gathering in all known history of clan chiefs & clansmen will take place.

The tour is limited to 30 people, so call soon to get the price and other details at (928)771-1218. Or you can e-mail David at: [mcnabbprescott@aol.com](mailto:mcnabbprescott@aol.com). This will be a trip of your lifetime!

### **Learn Gaelic!**

Richard Ferguson continues to teach a weekly conversational Scottish Gaelic class for beginning and intermediate speakers, using the *Teach Yourself Gaelic* materials. In the classes, students can pick up Scottish cultural and historical information! Best of all, the classes are FREE! Join Richard Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm at the Flagstaff Adult Center, 245 Thorpe Rd.

### **Soar Into Spring Info**

**Bottles and cutlery needed! Don't throw away those empty plastic water and soda bottles! Save them for NACHS! We are gathering clean, empty, small water and soda type bottles for a plant project for SOAR INTO SPRING. Help NACHS teach kids about growing things by donating bottles we can use. We also need old metal spoons and forks to make wind chimes for SOAR INTO SPRING. This is recycling at it's best. We will use loads of neat old stuff to make cool wind chimes! If you have items to donate call Jude at 928-556-3161.**

### **Workshop Day Hooray!**

**Have any of you wanted to attend workshops at the Celtic Festival but were too busy volunteering to do so? Well, on February 8 you will have a chance! Come to the McKenzies house before 3pm and enjoy an afternoon of interesting workshops and some snacks too! McKenzies, 3393 S. Carol Dr. 928- 556-3161.**

### **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

**We are looking for volunteers to take tickets and help with taking money for silent auction items at the Tea with Diana Gabaldon (March 7), Shenanigans (March 8), and Tartan Day (April 5). We also need volunteers to help staff the tent at the Phoenix Highland Games (Feb. 21) and the Verde Valley Highland Games (March 28). If you would like to help with any of these events please call Jude at 928-556-3161.**

### **6th ANNUAL VERDE VALLEY HIGHLAND GAMES - Mar. 28, 2009**

**The 6th Annual Verde Valley Highland Games on Mar. 28th from 10 AM to 5 PM has moved to a new location. It will be at Sunnyside Park at 30 E. Hwy. 260 in Camp Verde (behind Sunnyside school). The headline entertainment is Ocean's Apart. Iain Walnick & the Highland dancing demonstration will also be on the main stage. Come and enjoy the heavy events competition, the sheepdog herding demonstrations, the re-enactors demonstrating the old ways, kids area, clan and vendor booths, Scottish food, beer tent and scotch tasting. Admission is \$12/adults; \$10/seniors (65 & over); \$5/teens; \$3/6-12 years. We are looking for volunteers to serve a 4-hour shift. To sign up or for info call Dave McNabb at (928)771-1218.**

### **Things to do in February**

**Feb. 2nd Gaelic Class 6:30 Thorpe Park Adult Center  
Feb. 3rd NACHS meeting 6:00 Thorpe Park Adult Center  
Feb. 7th Burns Dinner 5:00 Kilted Cat  
Feb. 8th Workshop Day 3:00 McKenzie's  
Feb. 9th Gaelic Class 6:30 Thorpe Park Adult Center  
Feb. 16th Gaelic Class 6:30 Thorpe Park Adult Center  
Feb. 20th Great Guinness Toast 9:30 PM Uptown Billiards  
Feb. 21 - 22 AZ Highland Games Margaret Hance Park, Phoenix  
Feb 23rd Gaelic Class 6:30 Thorpe Park Adult Center**

### **Directory of Celtic Arts**

**For Lessons:**

**Bagpipe , Flagstaff**

Jim Thomson: 928.522.8797

**Bodhran**

Ron Barton: 928.774.7261

**Fiddle & Irish Dance**

Kari Barton: 928.600.1365

**For Performance and Music:**

**Bagpipers**

Jim Thomson: 928.522.8797

**The Knockabouts**

John McGregor: 928.814.2480

## Cans for Bands Project:

Don't forget to save those aluminum cans for our "Cans for Bands" project! Call Jim Thomson at 522-8797 to arrange a drop-off at his shop (Thomson and Son Bagpipes, 555 Blackbird Roost #7).

# It's time to renew your membership!

Please visit [www.nachs.info](http://www.nachs.info) and click on the membership link to download a form.