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General Quarterly Meeting

Our next quarterly meeting will be held June 20, 2009, at 4:00 at the ICC. Please join us to learn about upcoming events, discuss our nonprofit status and learn about how you can help Four Peaks Irish Arts become the premier cultural organization in the valley.



Ceili Band Forming!

Interested in competition? Want to perfect your playing? Love to share your music? The ceili band might be a great place for you. FPIA is currently seeking players interested in committing to the practice and performance it takes to make a great band. To learn more, please plan on attending the upcoming information meeting June 20 following the FPIA general quarterly meeting.



Randal Bays Coming to Chandler

Four Peaks Irish Arts is proud to bring you **Randal Bays in concert on Wednesday, June 17**. It will be an intimate setting at the home of Anita Arden, so seats are limited. Call Laura at 480-332-3978 to reserve your seat today. Suggested donation will be \$12 for FPIA members and \$15 for non-members. Randal will also be holding a fiddle workshop on Tuesday, June 16 at a time and location TBA. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Bloomin' Beerfest

Join us on June 6 for the Third **Annual** Bloomin' Beerfest, a celebration that combines the fine old Irish tradition of Bloomsday with the fine new American tradition of a beer tasting. Co-sponsored by the Irish Cultural and Learning Foundation and the Arizona Craft Brewers Guild, the event will mark the 105th anniversary of Leopold Bloom's fictional journey through the streets of Dublin in the James Joyce novel, Ulysses.

At the Bloomin' Beerfest, the available brews will originate with a dozen or more of Arizona's top craft brewers. The event will kick-off at 7:00 PM when The Phoenix Pipe Band leads guests into the Irish Cultural Center grounds in downtown Phoenix. Music will be performed throughout the evening by the Brid Dower Band and the ICC Academy Fiddlers.

The price of Bloomin' Beerfest tickets includes admission to the event, 16 tickets which can be presented to taste the wares of participating craft brewers, and a souvenir tasting mug. Presale tickets can be purchased online for \$25 from May 4 through June 4 at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com> (\$35 at the door). Beer tasting ticket sales are limited to 500 persons. Non-beerfest admission to the Bloomsday celebration is \$10 at the gate.



Renewals Coming Up

A large number of our members will be receiving renewal notices this month. The good news is that when you renew, your membership will be good until January 2011. That's 18 months for the price of 12! Make sure to renew your membership today.



ZoukFest 2009

This year's ZoukFest will be held June 12-14 at University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

This special event kicks off on Friday evening, June 12 with a Reception, Dinner, Introductory Staff Performance, and Seisiún.

The fun continues throughout the day on Saturday, June 13 with over a dozen different Irish music classes in Fiddle, Flute, Tin Whistle, Mandolin, Tenor Banjo, Bouzouki, Guitar and Song. Each class is two hours in length.

Saturday evening will feature a staff concert with master fiddler Randal Bays, uilleann pipes/flute/tin whistle phenom Eliot Grasso, stunning singer Moira Smiley, bodhran virtuoso Dain Forsythe, and bouzouki/mandolin/tenor banjo master Roger Landes. The weekend concludes with more classes on Sunday morning, June 14.

Admission to the weekend event, including all events Friday evening, Saturday classes, Saturday night's concert, and Sunday classes, is \$95. Admission to individual classes and tickets to Saturday's evening concert will be available.

Check out www.zoukfest.com for more information.

Foinn Books/ CD's Now Available

Foinn Seisiún books are a must for musicians who enjoy session playing and would like to build a repertoire of tunes which will be universally known. They will also help to maintain some of the older tunes in circulation so that future generations of musicians will get an opportunity to play these lovely sets.

Each accompanying CD contains over 100 tunes arranged in sets. All three Foinn Seisiún books and CD's are available through Four Peaks Irish Arts for a limited time. Purchased separately they would be over \$115, however, we can offer all three sets for only \$75. Don't miss out! Ask a FPIA officer how you can buy yours today.



Condolences

We would like to offer condolences to Norbert and Rita Baird in the recent loss of his brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



CCE Convention 2010

Comhaltas has announced their 2010 convention in Parsippany, NJ. Convention program includes four ceilithe, with elite bands from New York and New Jersey. Ther will be a weekend of iInstrumental, singing, set dancing and sean nos workshops.

Weekend package for \$175 (US) includes all events from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon plus four meals including the Gala Saturday evening Banquet & Ceili (you may also register for individual events as well). Go to <http://midatlanticcce.wordpress.com/2010-convention/> for more information.

WHAT'S UP?

June 20, 2009

4:00 P.M., Irish Cultural Center

General Meeting

Come learn about how you can help the branch, upcoming events and more! Ceili band formation meeting will be held immediately following.

For more information call 602.315.3065.

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