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## A Chairde,

We are already into our 4th quarter! How time flies when you are having fun! This is also our renewal time for membership. You should be getting notifications in the mail with your next Treoir, but it is due now. The sooner you can get that done, the easier it is on us. Help us stay ahead of the game.

Our first house concert of the Fall is a hum-dinger! There are no finer musicians than Cillian Vallely and Kevin Crawford, of Lunasa fame. See you there! Remember to contact me to reserve your seats. With Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill at the MIM, and the two Lunasa lads, the Fall season is off to a great start! We'll be sending out an announcement about our upcoming quarterly Four Peaks Irish Arts meeting and seisiun. Dia is Muire Duibh Mary

## Kevin Crawford and Cillian Vallely in concert!

Join us for an intimate evening of live Irish music by two master musicians, members of Irish super-group Lunasa. Seating is limited and by reservation only, call or e-mail Mary Hill-Connor to reserve your seats! See you there!

WHEN: Thursday, October 13, 2011

WHERE: (address provided upon reservation)

\$20 Suggested Donation

[mary@fourpeaksirisharts.org](mailto:mary@fourpeaksirisharts.org) (602)635-9760

Don't miss this house concert - October 13th Two of the most well-known musicians on the Irish music circuit are flute player Kevin Crawford and uilleann piper Cillian Vallely

Kevin Crawford - Born in Birmingham, England, Kevin Crawford's early life was one long journey into Irish music and Co. Clare, where he eventually moved while in his 20's. He quickly became one of the most sought-after and respected traditional musicians in Ireland and played in various groups including Moving Cloud, Grianan and Raise the Rafters.

Cillian Vallely - He took up his father's instrument and polished his skills with tutelage from the late Armagh piper Mark Donnelly. His mastery of chanter, drones and regulators, and of all the accents and moods of the traditional piping idiom, place him in the first rank of today's Irish pipers. Cillian now tours with the group Lúnasa, and has also performed extensively in America with groups such as New York's Whirligig and Paddy O'Brien's Chulrua, and has appeared with fiddler Seamus Connolly, Riverdance on Broadway and Tim O'Brien's The Crossing.

The combination of uilleann pipes and flute is rare in duet recordings of traditional music and the duo have utilized the unique tonal qualities of these flat-pitched 'C' instruments to record their music. The tunes have been sourced from various manuscripts, archives and field recordings but there are also a number of new, self-composed pieces. In addition, Kevin and Cillian play a variety of low whistles. More information to come on the Crawford/Vallely concert.

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## Great Irish Folk Song

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=MZ35SOU9HTM](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=MZ35SOU9HTM)

## The British Jukebox radio program

Mark Clark

Sunday at 8pm (Arizona, Mountain time)

Just go to "Radiophoenix.org" and click on "Listen Now" tab and wait for it to play live. The show is called "The British Jukebox" and it focusses on New and Cult classics of British (and Irish) music not often heard in the US.

Radio Phoenix is a community radio for the Phoenix area and is a non-profit public radio station. Feel free to listen in and enjoy the music! Mark Clark

## Irish Music Station

Geantraí TG4 Irish music station and tv station in Ireland

<http://live.tg4.ie/main.aspx?content=288402624513>

## Ask yourself these questions:

Ask yourself these questions: What can I do to do to make our branch more fun? Is there something I can do to ensure participation by me and my fellow members in events? What can I do to make our club better? Can I get to know other members better? Just go ahead and do it!

*This is a call to action!* We need your articles, upcoming events, poems, jokes stories, party/event reports, Irish biographies, holiday reminiscences. Anything to do with Ireland or the Irish.

## The Celtic Crafters

If you like to sew or make other crafts, you might enjoy the Celtic Crafters. They meet at the ICC once a month and work on their projects. They have a crafts sale in November where you can sell your wares. Next meeting is at 10:00 am on October 15th. For further information call Patricia Prior at 480-242-3500 or [priorhomes@cox.net](mailto:priorhomes@cox.net)

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## 2011 Calendar of Events

Contact Mary for more information: [mary.hillconnor@gmail.com](mailto:mary.hillconnor@gmail.com)  
For other information, contact Johnny Kerr: [Johnny@fourpeaksirisharts.org](mailto:Johnny@fourpeaksirisharts.org)

The Regional Meeting will be in Pasadena Ca, on Nov 5th, anyone interested in attending contact Mary at 602.635.9760

Save the Date for the Aden O'Donnell & Kieran Munnelly's House concert on Feb 25th. 2012

North American Convention in St Louis, Mo. April 26th -29th  
[www.cceconvention2012.org](http://www.cceconvention2012.org)

## Things to do in Flagstaff

Hello all! Just a quick little blurb for the August newsletters if you can get it in!  
As always, thank you for your support!

Living Traditions Presentations 2011-2012 Season Announcement

October 9, 2011 - Old Blind Dogs at Coconino Center for the Arts

October 27, 2011 - Jim Malcolm - Location being finalized

December 4, 2011 - Ed Miller - Zane Grey Ballroom

February 26, 2012 - Aiden O'Donnell and Kieran Munnelly

It looks to be another great year of Celtic Music! Visit our website for more information: [www.livingtraditionspresentations.com](http://www.livingtraditionspresentations.com)

Kari Barton

## Open Seisiuns around the valley

**Rosie McCaffrey's Sundays - 7-10 pm**

906 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85014 (602) 241-1916

**Robby Fox - Irish Restaurant & Pub • No sessions in favor of football**

640 S Mill Ave Tempe, AZ 85281 Phone: 480 642-6442

**Fibber Magees Irish Restaurant & Pub**

**Sundays Early Seisiun- 3-4:00 pm • Regular Seisiun - 4-7 pm**

1989 W. Elliot Rd. #19 Chandler, Arizona 85224 Phone: 480-722-9434

**Irish Cultural Center • First Friday of each month 7-11 pm**

1106 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85004 Phone: 602-258-0109

**Autumn Celebration** on October 29, 2011 A great family day. The Autumn Celebration will be a celebration of all things Irish and Celtic. We will feature Pipers, Irish Step Dancers, Some of the best Irish Music in the Valley, Food, Drink, A Craft Sale and for the kids there will be numerous kids games with prizes. There will also be a costume contest. There will be food and a cash bar. This is a great way to celebrate Halloween with the entire family. Start time 10 am until 6 pm

### If you are reading this on our website:

You are invited to join us! Four Peaks Irish Arts is proud to extend a membership invitation to you! If you would like to join FPIA, contact Johnny Kerr for more information at:

[johnny@fourpeaksirisharts.org](mailto:johnny@fourpeaksirisharts.org)

## TradConnect.com

For those of you out there who enjoy the social network experience you might be interested in checking out a new site called tradconnect.com. TradConnect was launched in April 2011 and is a new social network for people that play, listen to and enjoy traditional Irish music. The aim of the site is to connect people that are learning and playing traditional Irish music with other players in their area and around the world. As a member you'll see what people are up to in the trad world via videos, audio clips, pictures, album recommendations, tune transcriptions, discussions and more. Go to [www.tradconnect.com](http://www.tradconnect.com) to poke around and/or create an account to get involved in the newest online trad community.

Johnny Kerr

## Renew your membership

Renewing your membership will keep your Treior subscription current as well as ensure that you don't miss out on upcoming events and discounts. Renewal form is on page 6, or you can call Laura at 480-332-3978 to renew today.

**Public Relations  
person needed  
Contact Mary Connor  
602-635-9760**

## Letters To The Editor

This is a lonely corner. There aren't any letters.



## George O'Brien

It is with deep and profound sadness that I have to report that George O'Brien passed away in his sleep on Monday, August, 29th. George was the President of the Arizona Irish Music Society (AIMS), a member of the Irish Foundation of Arizona and Celtica!, to name but a few of the many groups he was a part of. George was the Chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Faire when we first moved up to Margaret Hance Park from Patriots Square in 1998. He visited numerous other events in the State to collect vendor information and compiled a vendor list of over 400 names. He is the main reason the Faire grew to it's current size. He was part of the AZ Irish Festival for many years as well as working on many of the musical events sponsored by the ICC. George also worked with Pat McCrossan on his radio show, The Irish Show. Through his Website and weekly Newsletter George kept his readers advised about everything going on in the State of Arizona of a Celtic nature. For the past fifteen years George contributed his time,

efforts, expertise, and talents to help to promote everything Celtic in the State. Anyone who wanted to know anything about what was going on only had to look at George's site. The volume of back end behind the scenes work involved in keeping his site up to date was staggering but George always looked at it as his calling. George went everywhere to see everyone to lend his support to what they were doing. This past weekend he was at the ICC on Friday night for Contradance, at the Dubliner on Saturday and on Sunday, he was at the Seisiun at Rosie McCaffrey's. It is possible he also visited other places as well. Everyone in the community be it a pub, musician, dance school, festival, social group, the ICC or someone just looking to find a musician or dance school to perform at their house party owes George O'Brien a great debt as he was there for all of us. I want to extend my sincerest sympathy to his mother, brother and sisters for their loss. There was be a Celebration of George's life on Monday, September 5th at the Irish Cultural Center.

*George talks with Santa Claus*



*This was a great celebration in Georges' honor*

*Taken from the ICC newsletter.*

### *George O'Brien Memorial Scholarship*

Due to the generous contributions of musician Billy Brett, Celtica! member Kaeryn Lapsley, Irish language teacher Vicki Champion and George's cousin Maureen Brown, we have established The George O'Brien Memorial Scholarship for music students in our Academy of Irish & Celtic Studies. We sincerely thank the contributors. If anyone would like to donate to this scholarship, or apply for the scholarship, please contact Pat McCrossan at 602-254-6094

### *Celtica! in concert October 8 for George O'Brien*

For George - "Just a Dream of Home". This very special concert is in loving memory of our much beloved Charter Member, George O'Brien, who passed from this life on August 29, 2011 in his sleep, dreaming, we are sure of home: the home he lived in in Arizona, the home he dreamed of in Ireland, and the home he passed into in Heaven. Celtica! will be performing a mixture of melodies, many of which George loved and some of which he...didn't. Please join us for a wonderful evening at the Irish Cultural Center as we celebrate George O'Brien. Concert starts at 8:00 pm. Admission is \$10.00 at the door. There will be a cash bar available before and after the concert.



## FPIA Marketplace

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Member Business Ad	one year \$60.00 or one month \$6.00
Classified Ads	one issue \$10.00 (free to FPIA folks)
Add a photo to your ad for \$5.00	



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### Craig Addict Instrument/Luggage Tag \$5.00

Engraved on durable acrylic, 2 1/2" in diameter. Includes beaded chain with optional Name, Address & Phone Number sticker on the back.



### Foinn Seisiún Tune Books & CD's

These are a great resource for the Irish musician. Each book and corresponding CD volume features over 100 standard session tunes. (books and CD's sold separately)



### FPIA Logo Vinyl Decal \$1.00

This high quality 3" durable vinyl sticker can be applied to a car window, instrument case or anywhere else you want to show your FPIA colors!

### Publicity Help Wanted:

**Public Relations** Your skills can be put to good use for FPIA. We need an aggressive Public Relations person to take over this job.

Contact [mary@fourpeaksirisharts.org](mailto:mary@fourpeaksirisharts.org)

### Contact a board member for these t-shirts and the other items

#### AZ Seisiún Musician T-Shirt \$15.00

Featuring an original design by a local artist, professionally silkscreened on a 100% cotton t-shirt. Available in adult sizes small to 2XL.



**T-Shirt** The shirts can be purchased by e-mailing or contacting any branch officer. They are sand (light tan) colored with a dark brown imprint, available in adult sizes small- to extra large, and are being sold for \$15. They were designed by Johnny Kerr and professionally silkscreened by a local print shop.



# Four Peaks Irish Arts

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## Membership Form

Four Peaks Irish Arts is proud to extend a membership invitation to you! Whether you are interested in becoming involved in the Irish traditions that are alive here in the Southwest, or you just wish to support our efforts, we welcome you.

Here are just a few of the benefits your membership will provide:

- Access to all local branch events and programs
- Discounts to concerts, workshops and other cultural events
- A subscription to the *Treoir* quarterly magazine
- Access to a vast online database for music, dance and language

With over 400 established Comhaltas branches you will also be a part of the vast network of musicians, dancers and Irish culture enthusiasts throughout the United States and the world over. To join, please fill out the information below and give this form along with your first year dues to a branch officer, or mail to:

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*Please circle one:*

**Single Membership - \$30.00**

**Family Membership - \$50.00**

(up to 8 immediate family members per address)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Members:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address: Apt. #** \_\_\_\_\_

**City: State: Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please make checks payable to Four Peaks Irish Arts\*\***

**Questions? E-mail us at [info@fourpeaksirisharts.org](mailto:info@fourpeaksirisharts.org)**

Greetings Future Member!