

# the emerald Society shamrock news



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5th Annual Halfway to St. Pats!

From 2011, 2nd row: Catherine McManus, Noel McManus Stillings, John and Linda Doherty.

1st row: Mary Ann and Oliver Kerr, Ed Ausmus and Patti O'Rorke, Ann McShane

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl  
Friday September 13 Miami Yacht Club

Join the Emeralds for a rollicking trip from the MIAMI YACHT CLUB through Coconut Grove to South Beach with stops for refreshments at MONTY'S with pizza, QUINN'S with Chef Gerry's special hors d'oeuvres, and the PLAYWRIGHT with pub grub. All stops will have Happy Hour prices. The coaches will leave at 7:00pm and return around midnight to the Yacht Club at 1001 MacArthur Causeway.

Chair Mary Gerhardt will expect your reservation and payment before you board; call Mary at (305) 934-3605 or [canesmar@aol.com](mailto:canesmar@aol.com). Send your \$30 check (per person) to the South Florida Emerald Society. Your seat is not confirmed until we receive your check.

#### Upcoming:

Thur	Sept 5	6:30pm	SFES	Board of Directors Meeting,	MYC
Fri	Sept 13	7pm		Halfway to St. Patrick's Pub Crawl	MYC
Thur	Oct 3	6:30pm	SFES	Board of Directors Meeting	MYC
Sunday	Oct 13	4pm		Celtic Cultural Series <i>Sean Quilter</i>	John Martin's
Oct	TBD			Social at	Irish Times

## Save Saturday March 8 for the St. Patrick's Day Festival!

The St. Patrick's Day Committee has decided to go ahead with the 2014 Festival, however Charles Davis stressed that Festival depends on the demonstrated commitment of Emerald volunteers.

The present officers of the St. Patrick's Day Committee are: Charles Davis, President; Rosemary Hart, Vice President; John Doherty, Treasurer and Clodagh Michel, Secretary.

Charles Davis has agreed to Chair the Festival; the Festival organization is shown at right, but we need more help. If you can volunteer call Hugh Ryan or attend the next St. Pats meeting at 6:30pm Sept 24 at Judi Sherry's home.

This Festival is a \$30,000 undertaking; we need to sell \$25,000 in ads for the Festival Book to support this Festival. Show your support: take out an ad using the form on page 4!

Festival Book Chair Judi Tierney Sherry announced that the 2014 Festival Book will give special attention to the memory of Marge Hartnett, who passed away a year ago. R.I.P.

Chair Judi also solicited for articles for the Festival Book, as follows: limit of one article per person and no travelogues, deadline: January 10. Also, do you have photos of the 2012 – Festival? Send them to Judi for the back-cover collage.

ORGANIZATION	
Position	Volunteer Chairs
1. Bar Chairman	?????
2. Entertainment Coordinators	Dan Fitzgerald & Hugh Ryan
3. Ad Sales Coordinator	Bill O'Brien
4. Soda Bread Chairs	Mary Ann Kerr &
5. Volunteers Chairman	Sean Hayes
6. Site Coordinator	Clodagh Michel
7. Vendor Chair	Rosie Hart
8. Festival Book Chair	Judi Tierney Sherry
9. Publicity Chair	C.L. Conroy
10. Miss Colleen Pageant	Melissa Davis
11. Information Booth C.	Sean Hayes
12. Grants Chair	Noel McManus
13. Advertising Chair	John Kane
14. Site Clean-Up	Sean Ferrell

### Celtic Cultural Series: Sean Quilter at 4pm Sunday, October 13.

Sean Quilter, from County Derry, will speak on Celtic language and art at John Martin's at 4pm Sunday, October 13. Sean is a graduate in Celtic Studies from University College in Dublin and has been teaching here in South Florida for the past 20 years. Among his teaching assignments are Barry University and the Art Institute of Ft Lauderdale.

Parking is available either on Miracle Mile or in the parking garage behind John Martin's. This event is free and open to all.

This is the 13th season of the Celtic Cultural Series; the purpose is "to perpetuate the glories of Ireland"



## Poetry Corner

### **Seamus Heaney (1939-2013)**

Seamus Heaney, the 1995 Nobel laureate in literature, the greatest Irish poet since Yeats, died last week in Dublin. Here is his early poem *Digging*, an ode to his father.

#### ***DIGGING***

*Between my finger and my thumb*

*The squat pen rests; as snug as a gun.*

*Under my window, a clean rasping sound  
When the spade sinks into gravelly ground:  
My father, digging. I look down*

*Till his straining rump among the flowerbeds  
Bends low, comes up twenty years away  
Stooping in rhythm through potato drills  
Where he was digging.*

*The coarse boot nestled on the lug, the shaft  
Against the inside knee was levered firmly.  
He rooted out tall tops, buried the bright edge deep  
To scatter new potatoes that we picked  
Loving their cool hardness in our hands.*

*By God, the old man could handle a spade,  
Just like his old man.*

*My grandfather could cut more turf in a day  
Than any other man on Toner's bog.  
Once I carried him milk in a bottle  
Corked sloppily with paper. He straightened up  
To drink it, then fell to right away  
Nicking and slicing neatly, heaving sods  
Over his shoulder, digging down and down  
For the good turf. Digging.*

*The cold smell of potato mold, the squelch and slap  
Of soggy peat, the curt cuts of an edge  
Through living roots awaken in my head.  
But I've no spade to follow men like them.*

*Between my finger and my thumb  
The squat pen rests.  
I'll dig with it.*

## “Christmas in Ireland” Scheduled for Downtown Coral Gables

Chair **Kassie Doyle** announced that our annual Emerald dinner-dance fund-raiser will be held Friday, December 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 270 Catalonia St. in downtown Coral Gables. Tickets will be \$75 per person, with open bar and included parking. Raffle tickets will be sent out shortly; Board members are encouraged to donate raffle prizes. Call Kassie if you want to help.

## St. Kieran's Feast Day

**Hugh Ryan** invites all Emeralds to celebrate St. Kieran's feast day on Sunday, September 15 with Irish entertainment. St Kieran's Church is on the Mercy Hospital/ DeLaSalle campus. Call Hugh for details.

## 4th of July Parade

Chair **Carroll Cameron** reports only a declining number of Emeralds (25) attended this year's parade on Key Biscayne. Those attending were: **Dale and Anamaria O'Bryan; Sean and Thelma Hayes; Rose, Tim, Danny, Gaby, Gabriel, and Vlan Raunez; Bill, Arielle and Billy Gregory; Catherine McManus and Noel McManus Stillings; Mike and Judy Linehan; Ed and Gloria Cooke; C.L. Conroy; Ann McShane; Oliver Kerr, and Carroll, Billy and Ayme Cameron.**

**Carroll** thanks all who assisted, but urges that next year, younger members and children, should be encouraged to support the parade.

## Watch Gaelic Football on TV!

This year's Gaelic GAA Football final will be held this September 22nd at Croke Park in Dublin, in keeping with the tradition of holding this final on the 4th Sunday of September.

# St. Patrick's Day Festival

## SOUVENIR BOOK ADVERTISING CONTRACT

*Showcasing Irish Traditions, Culture & Heritage  
to the entire South Florida community*

**Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park  
Coral Gables, Florida**

**Saturday, March 8, 2014**



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<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Front Cover	\$ 2000.	\$1500.	8½ x 11
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page	\$ 700.	\$ 500.	7½ x 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page	\$ 385.	\$ 275.	7½ x 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page (vertical only)	\$ 210.	\$ 150.	3¾ x 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Page (business card)	\$ 120.	\$ 85.	3¾ x 2½

Advertising copy **MUST** be "camera ready art" or in a digital format. Digital images are PDFs, jpeg, tiffs with a minimum resolution of 300dpi. Website images are NOT suitable. Digital ads may be emailed to **stpatsads@gmail.com**. Please contact Judi at 305-951-3855 with questions or for more information.

I authorize the St. Patrick's Day Committee to place my advertisement in the 2014 Souvenir Book. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Advertiser's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sold by: \_\_\_\_\_

To ensure placement in the 2014 Souvenir Book, please return this copy with check payable to: St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc. Mail to St. Patrick's Day Committee, P.O. Box 836225, Miami, FL 33283-6225  
**DEADLINE February 17, 2014.**

Office Use Only: Date rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Printer rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

- New Ad**
- Renew last year's ad**

## **October Board Meeting**

The Board of Directors will meet at **6:30pm Thursday October 3** at the Miami Yacht Club and may be followed by a discussion of the St. Patrick's Festival. All Emeralds are welcome.

### **Board Openings**

Due to the resignation of **Philip Morrissey** and the death of Skip Russell R.I.P., there are two and possibly three openings on the Emerald Board. If you are interested, call President **Hugh Ryan**.

**The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.**

**PO Box 836225**

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## **Can you Run a Movie Projector?**

If the Celtic Cultural Series were to include a monthly series of Irish-themed movies, there is one problem. Who among the Emeralds can run a movie projector?

### **Membership Directory is Underway**

Chairs **Sean Hayes** and **Ann Eustace** of the Membership Committee are about to release the Membership Directory, which unfortunately will show the loss of over 40 members. **Meghan Knol** was appointed to the Membership Committee.