

St. Patrick's Day Festival

Showcasing Irish Tradition, Culture & Heritage
To the entire South Florida community

March 2010

Mi Na Marta

The St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

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Thanks to the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, Mayor Carlos Alvarez, and the Board of County Commissioners for their continuing financial support of the Festival

Here's a big Irish "Thank You" to Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, whose office was instrumental in obtaining the County Showmobile.

Thanks also to our host city, the City of Coral Gables, Mayor Don Slesnick and the Commissioners of the City. The Coral Gables Cultural Development Board also financially supports our Festival, here in the

"City Beautiful"

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ONLY A WEEK UNTIL THE FESTIVAL!

Its next Saturday, March 13 at Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park,

From Noon until Sunset



Festival Schedule

Dan Fitzgerald, Master of Ceremonies,
with Peter Fuchs at the Keyboard

When Irish Eyes are Smiling

Miss Colleen Pageant..... 12:30

Tipsy Laird, Balladeer..... 1:15

Breffni School of Irish Dancers..... 2:00

The Green and Blues Band..... 2:30

St. Andrews Pipe Band ... 3:15

Parade of Officers of SFES

Avalon, with Irish Singer and Harpist,
Tricianne Garrihy..... 4:00

Irish and American National Anthems

The Festival will showcase Irish culture that will delight your eyes and song and dance for your ears to stir your Irish roots. There will be a Leprechaun Corner for the kids to make Irish crafts, with a merry-go-round, a giant slide, rock climbing, and face painting. And last but not least—the Miss Colleen Pageant. (Continued to next page)

Upcoming.....

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| Mar | 13 | St. Patrick's Day Festival, Ponce Circle Park, Coral Gables |
| Apr | 1 | SFES Board of Directors Meeting, Miami Yacht Club |
| Apr | 11 | Celtic Cultural Series, <i>Irish Genealogy</i> , Kim Garvey, Nova U.,
John Martins, 243 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables |
| May | 2 | Celtic Cultural Series, <i>The Dead</i> , John Huston's Film |
| May | 6 | SFES Board of Directors Meeting, Miami Yacht Club |
| May | 12 | Installation Dinner, Parrot Jungle Island, MacArthur C'way |

Festival (Continued)

Here are the vendors that have been invited; many are returning from last year because you patronized them so well.

Food Vendors:

Anacabri on Ponce pasta, BSA Troop #7 hot dogs & hamburgers, Cotton Candy sno' cones, CC Bakers cake/cookies, Fish House, Fritz & Franz brats, JohnMartin's corned beef, Kraving's Frozen Custard, Mama Mia Italian Ices, Our Lady of Lebanon specialties, Smoothin N' Cruisin smoothie mobile, Soda Bread Booth, Totally Bananas, Tuckwell Irish pastries, and UVA Restaurant liquid refreshments.

Craft Vendors:

Brendan Travel, Copper Kettle, Couture-Charmz, Creations by Carole, Enchanted Endeavors, Kilt N' More, Lysee Orchid Corner, Rosie & Ed Hart-jams and jellies, Mary Altman, Quillows, Robert Friedlander, Suzanne Cook, Vacation Village Voyages and Weaver.

And Our Other Friends:

Being Well Therapy, CG Museum, Corona Self-Help, Genealogy Society of Greater Miami, SF Dental Hygienists and the US Census.

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But We Still Need Volunteers!

Ladies, if you can assist for an hour or two at the Tinker's Faire, Leprechaun Corner, or Soda Bread Booth, call Mary Ann Kerr at (305) 251-6208

Gents, Early on the 13th, we need men who are willing to work, setting up tables and chairs. During the day, we need men to do general maintenance. From 6-8pm, we need men to take down, put away and cleanup. Call Mary Ann Kerr at (305) 251-6208 or see her at the Volunteer Booth.

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The Official 2010 Festival T-Shirt is making its debut. And at a good price—\$15. See Mary Ann Kerr at the Volunteer/T-Shirt Booth.

The St. Patrick's Day Committee, In c.

The St. Patrick's Day Committee is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization affiliated with the South Florida Emerald Society, which, in turn, is a 501 (c) 7 organization in the IRS code. We are devoting a separate section of the newsletter to the activities conducted under the umbrella of this Committee.

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Message from President **Janice McKay**:

Our Festival book funds the Festival. Our goal was \$15,000 in ads. Despite the tough economic times, our Ad Committee was able to achieve the goal! **Jeff Bailey**, **Judi Sherry** and **Luis Gonzalez** deserve our congratulations for all their hard work. And "Thank You" to all our advertisers who make the Festival possible.

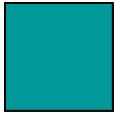
Our appreciation is extended to all our volunteers from **Columbus** and **Gulliver**; to **C.L. Conroy** of the **Conroy/Martinez Group** and **John Kane** for publicity and marketing; to **Dwayne Elmore** of **Elmore Graphics** for the Festival Book Covers and to **Pam** of **John Sorgie's** staff at **Sunset QuickPrint**. Thanks to all volunteers who gave so generously of their time to bring you this Festival. Show your appreciation by showing up and congratulating them on Saturday.

**Mark your calendars for
Saturday, March 13**

There is still time to rummage through your closets and dressers and bring your forgotten treasures to the Tinker's Faire early on March 13th. Someone will be there to accept your cast-off goodies. The Tinker's Faire will accept everything--except stuffed animals and used clothing unless still new and in original wrapping. Call Tinker Guru Delores Fitzgerald at (305) 665-1812 if you can volunteer for an hour or two on the 13th.

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Want to join the Emeralds? Need Directions to any of the vendors? Henry and Carmen Kissane will be at the SFES Information Booth to assist you.



Poetry Corner

This month, in this special St. Patrick's Day edition, we bring you an English translation of an old poem in Gaelic from the eighth century, which is known as "St. Patrick's Breastplate." The authors are unknown. It is partly a Druidic poem and originally may have had nothing to do with St. Patrick. The fifth verse is often quoted and has been incorporated into a hymn to St. Patrick.

-- Oliver Kerr

St. Patrick's Breastplate

I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever,
By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
His baptism in the Jordan River;
His death on cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb;
His riding up the heavenly way;
His coming at the day of doom;
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the starlit heaven,
The glorious sun's life-giving ray,
The whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling winds tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea
Around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need,
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward,
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

Emerald Election Results Are In!

At the March Board meeting, the Nominating Committee of **Skip Russell, Bill O'Brien,** and **Mary Gerhardt,** announced that the following Officers and Directors of the South Florida Emerald Society had been elected for 2010:

President: **Janice McKay**

1st Vice President: **Jeffrey S. Bailey**

2nd Vice President: **Judi Tierney Sherry**

Treasurer: **John Doherty**

Historian: **Daniel L. Fitzgerald**

Recording Secretary: **Hugh A. Ryan**

The following Directors were elected for three-year terms: **Erin Ashley, Mary Gerhardt, Sean Glynn, Christopher Kelley, Mary Ann Kerr and William O'Brien.**

Oliver Kerr is the new Immediate Past President.

Congratulations to all and sincere appreciation to **David "Skip" Russell** for his many years of service to our Society.

These Officers and Directors will assume office at the April meeting and be installed at the May Dinner.

For 2009, the Society had income of \$25,482; expenses of \$27,226, resulting in a deficit of \$1,744. Thankfully, we have CD's for these "rainy days" to carry us over.

Christ be with me, Christ be within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
The strong name of the Trinity;
The invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three,
Of whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Anonymous, translated by Whitley Stokes

Want to Trace Your Irish Roots?

On Sunday April 11, the Celtic Cultural Series will feature **Kim Garvey** of Nova University, who will explore the various ways of unearthing your ancestors. There are countless books and websites on genealogy. **Kim** will introduce some of these genealogical roadmaps to the septs and clans of Ireland. As usual, this event is at 4pm at **John Martins** in Coral Gables.

76 Trombones!

An enthusiastic SRO audience of **76** appreciated the Celtic Cultural Players reading of *Shadow of the Glen* on February 14 at **John Martins**. This reading of **John Millington Synge's** play was directed by our resident author and star of stage and screen, **Dan Fitzgerald**. The cast included **Mary Ann** and **Oliver Kerr** and—in his debut with the Players—**Sean Glynn**. The Celtic Cultural Series' success is owing to the guiding hands of **John** and **Dorothy Kane**.

Wedding Bells

Emerald **Sean Picket** is marrying **Pamela Knowles** on Saturday, March 6. Best wishes to Pamela and congratulations, Sean.

Scully's Tavern was Rockin'!

Scully's was jammed with 41 Emeralds and guests at our February Social, who came away raving about the good, plentiful food. Among Emeralds and guests enjoying a liquid repast were: **Carroll** and **Billy Cameron**, **Sean Glynn** who took attendance, **John** and **Dorothy Kane**, **George Ryan**, **Dan** and **Gisela Kelly**, **Dan** and **Dolores Fitzgerald**, new President **Janice McKay**, **Mary Gerhardt**, **Jan Paris**, new Veep **Judi Sherry**, **Roberta Scott**, **Ellie Telford**, **Jean McEnany**, **Paul Cahill**, **Oliver** and **Mary Ann Kerr**, new member **Amy Law**, **Ann Eustace**, **Ann McShane**, **Bud Harrigan**, **Ed Steinberg**, **Chuck Harty**, **Robert** and **Desiree Meyer**, **Bill Gregory**, new member **Clo Michel** together with **Jim**, **John** and **Linda Doherty**, **Jim** and **Barbara Worth**, **Judy Sawyer**, **Karen Berryman**, **Phyllis McSweeney Lane**, **Ernie Rayner**, and **Paul Reilly** who has volunteered for the Social Committee and together with **Chuck Daley** made the arrangements .

Welcome to a New Emerald!

At the March meeting , the Board approved the application of **Mindy Festge**, who is a teacher in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. **Mindy** and husband **Don** have three children. She is a **Grimes** on her paternal side; on her maternal side she numbers the **Calahans**. **Mary Gerhardt** is her sponsor. Let's look for **Mindy** and **Don** at the Festival.

St. Patrick's Day (March 17) Events

For those Emeralds who wish to commemorate the day in a festive manner, may we recommend:

- **Duffy's**, 2108 SW 57 Ave.
- **Hurricane Bar**, 365 N R. Poinciana Blvd, M.Spgs
- **Irish Times**, 5850 Sunset Drive, South Miami
- **John Martin's**, 253 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables
- **Mike's at Venetia**, 555 NE 15 St. Miami
- **Scully's Tavern**, 9809 Sunset Drive, South Miami

March 13 Event

- **Coral Reef Yacht Club**, 2484 S. Bayshore Drive, starting at 6:30pm. An Irish Band and the **Breffni Dancers** will entertain. Dinner is \$25 per person, with cash bar. Reservations are a must; call (305) 858-1733 and have your credit card ready.

Would you like to place your business card in this space?

\$10 for one-time insertion; \$25 for a quarter (3 months).

Send your check and business card to The South Florida Emerald Society, PO Box 836225, Miami FL 33283-6225 and **John Doherty** will make the arrangements

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April Emerald Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be at **7:00pm Thursday April 1** at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the MacArthur Causeway. New President **Janice McKay** will preside. Attendance of all Board members is expected and all members are welcome to attend. All Board members are expected to respect the dignity of, and to share fellowship and courtesy with, all Board members.

Health and Welfare

Bella Kelly, who just left the Board last year, is recovering. **Victor Griffith**, a long time Emerald, has resigned because of ill health. *Slainte!*

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Cooke Convenes Conclave

Past Emerald President **Ed Cooke** has invited all past Emerald presidents and guests to a dinner meeting at **6:30pm, Monday March 16** in the Library Room of John Martins. Ed proposes to establish a Past President's Circle; **Oliver Kerr** and **Janice McKay** have been invited. More to come.....

Check in the Mail?

Annual dues invoices for the South Florida Emerald Society have been mailed to all members. To date, 111 of our 182 members have paid. Please remit a check to the South Florida Emerald Society by mailing it to The South Florida Emerald Society, PO Box 836225, Miami FL 33283-6225