

***Irish Heritage Month, March, 2012***  
***Lawrence, Massachusetts***  
***Preserving and Fostering our Heritage and Culture***  
***Sona Feile Padraig ort.***

***Thursday, March 1, 2012 - IRISH FLAG RAISING*** Across from City Hall – Common Street at 11:00 a.m. All are Welcome

***Sunday, March 4, 2012 - OPENING RECEPTION FOR THE EXHIBIT “The Irish, The Augustinians: The Story of Our Catholic Heritage”*** with a LECTURE by the Rev. Father James McFadden Wenzel OSA of Merrimack College who will speak on “*The Irish, The Augustinians: The Story of Our Catholic Heritage*” at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH and the Irish Foundation (FREE) – Handicap Accessible

***Sunday, March 4, 2012 – 19th ANNUAL CLADDAGH PUB ROAD RACE*** – 11 am (rain or shine) Part of the Wild Rover Race Series - For more information [runthecladdagh.com](http://runthecladdagh.com)

***Wednesday, March 7, 2012 - LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY***, South Lawrence Branch, 135 Parker Street, Lawrence, MA 01843: Showcase of Irish Books, CD’s and DVD’s – All Month (Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Sponsored by Division 8 AOH and LAOH and the Irish Foundation - Handicap Accessible

***Saturday, March 10, 2012 - THE 141st ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK’S DAY BANQUET AND DANCE*** at the Lawrence Firefighters Association Relief’s In, One Market Street, South Lawrence, MA 01843. Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with dancing to the Jolly Tinkers from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. - For more information please contact Robert Gauthier at 978 686-2786. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH

***Sunday March 11, 2012 – WHITE FUND LECTURE*** featuring the Rev. Sean McManus who will speak on his book, “*My American Struggle for Justice in Northern Ireland* “ at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 1:00 p.m. (FREE) – Handicap Accessible

***Sunday, March 11, 2012 - FAMILY DAY AT THE CLADDAGH*** 3pm – 6 pm Irish Music, Pipers, Dancers Claddagh Pub and Restaurant, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 For further information please call 978 688-8337.

***Friday, March 16, 2012 - AN EVENING OF IRISH MUSIC*** - 3 pm until? at the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 For further information please call 978 688-8337.

**Friday, March 16, 2012 - 43rd ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON** at the Lawrence Firefighters Association Relief's In, One Market Street, South Lawrence, MA 01843 Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with entertainment by the Silver Spears Irish Show Band at NOON. Awarding of the Honorable John E. Fenton Citizenship Award - For more information please contact Jack Lahey at 603 898 7766. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH

**Friday, March 16, 2012 - RECEPTION AT LORICA ARTWORKS**, 96 Main Street, Andover, MA Opening of Irish Art Exhibit 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – **Handicap Accessible**

**Friday, March 16, 2012 - ANNUAL IRISH ART EXHIBIT** (March 16 – April 21) at Lorica Artworks, 96 Main Street, Andover, MA 01810 for information please call 978 470-1829. Sponsored by the Irish Foundation – **Handicap Accessible**

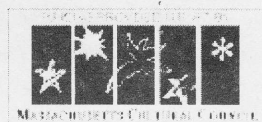
**Saturday, March 17, 2012 - HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS DAY** – Irish Music all day at the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant, 300 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 For further information call 978 688-8337.

**Sunday, March 18, 2012 – LECTURE** by **Dr Kathleen Shine Cain** of Merrimack College who will speak on **"Leaving the Troubles Behind: Images and Narratives of Northern Ireland"** at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 at 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH **(FREE) - Handicap Accessible**

**Saturday, March 24, 2012 - IRISH FILM FESTIVAL** at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 10:00 a.m. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH For further information please call 978 794-1655. **(FREE) - Handicap Accessible**

**March 25, 2012 IRELAND IN SONG - CELTIC MELODIES FOR VOICE AND PIANO** performed by Terri and George Kelley at the Lawrence Public Library, Sargent Auditorium, 51 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 at 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lawrence Public Library. **(FREE) – Handicap Accessible**

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