

Irish History Round Table



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An Irish Nov. 4

Civil War memorial ceremony

At 11 a.m. the annual wreath-laying at the monument to the Ninth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry will be held in Bayview Park, New Haven. The Ninth was Connecticut's Irish regiment in the Civil War. The regiment was organized in late summer 1861 and served until 1865 in campaigns ranging from New Orleans and Vicksburg to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The monument was dedicated in 1903. The tradition of an annual wreath-laying around Veterans Day was begun in the late 1990s led by Maureen Delahunt, the late Irish History Round Table President John Boyle and former Connecticut Irish-American Historical Society President Jeanne Whalen. It is sponsored by the Irish History Round Table, the Connecticut Irish-American Historical Society, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the South Central Connecticut Civil War Round Table. Civil War re-enactors, a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard and bagpiper Pat Whalen have been invited. "Coffee and ..." will be served at the park after the ceremony.



Christ Church cemetery discussion

From 2 to 4 p.m., state archaeologist Dr. Nick Bellantoni will lead a panel discussion at the New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave., New Haven, regarding the discovery of human remains on the site of New Haven's earliest Catholic cemetery. The remains were found in July 2011 during construction at Yale-New Haven Hospital. In the 1830s-40s, the church and its cemetery occupied that site. Most parishioners were Irish immigrants. Panelists will include: Gary Aronsen of Yale, Sarah Brownlee of the Peabody Museum, Dan DeLuca and Anthony Greigo. The program is free and open to the public.

Dracula author's first novel

DUBLINER Bram Stoker is known, if at all, almost entirely for his 1897 novel about the Transylvanian vampire, Count Dracula. But Stoker's literary achievements go far beyond that sensational story of an eastern European bad guy. Born in Clontarf, Stoker wrote many other books, was well respected as a literary critic, was business manager of the Lyceum Theatre in London and a founder of the Dublin Sketching Club.



Bram Stoker

At our October meeting, Robert Smart, professor of English at Quinnipiac University, will introduce Stoker's first novel, *The Snake's Pass*, a fascinating story of mingled Irish-English relations. In *The Snake's Pass*, says Smart, "Stoker expressed pretty badly Anglo-Irish dreams for an 'improved' Ireland through a stiff application of English science and engineering. There is a 'gombeen man' in the story and vague allusions to history buried at the bottom of a troublesome bog, but all in the end is fixed by the marriage between Nora Joyce and her English beau — but not before she gets some polishing via Italy and London."

Don't miss this pre-Halloween glimpse into Stoker's works.

October 16 — 7:30 p.m.

Get well wish

Kathy Kraffmiller of Milford is home and recovering after surgery. Kathy is active in several Irish organizations and has played a major role in starting and continuing the annual Irish festival in Milford. Our best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery.

500th milestone

On Nov. 13, the Irish History Round Table will celebrate its 500th presentation with a special musical program:

***Rick Spencer & the Kellys
Forging a national identity:
Music of Irish America***

**** Please note****
This program will be on the 2nd Tuesday of November.

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P.O. Box 185604
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Meeting #499 — Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Bram Stoker's First Novel: The Snake's Pass

Presenter: Professor Robert Smart, Quinnipiac University

Knights of St. Patrick — 1533 State St.— New Haven

7:30 p.m. — Free and open to the public

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WEBSITES

- ◆ CT Irish-American Historical Society — www.ctiahs.com
- ◆ New Haven Irish-American Community Center — www.iacc-ct.com
- ◆ Milford Irish in Connecticut — www.milfordirish.org
- ◆ AOH Fr. McKeon Division 7, New Haven — www.nhoah.com
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