

# 1916 GARDENS OF REMEMBRANCE

## Ireland and Her Diaspora

Commemorating the  
100th Anniversary of the Easter Rising



## CITY OF SPRINGFIELD - WESTERN MASS EVENTS

**March 8 – May 22, 2016**

### **Easter Rising: Springfield's Response to the 1916 Rising**

This display will include two exhibit cases with photographs, a newspaper of the day, and memorabilia related to the Easter Rising and its impact in Springfield. The display will also include several other newspaper headlines reproduced and enlarged in order to provide viewers with an understanding of the impact this important event had on the people of that time. This exhibit will explore this seminal event, and examine the role Irish-Americans played in supporting the efforts of the Republicans.

#### **Exhibit Open**

*Sunday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Tuesday-Saturday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Closed Monday*

**Lyman and Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History, Springfield Museum**

***Museum Admission Required***

**March 13, 2016**

### **PBS Premieres, The 1916 Irish Rebellion-Three Part Series:**

**1. The Awakening** - This episode traces events in Ireland and abroad leading to the preparations for the Rising. The themes and events covered include the rise of cultural nationalism, the re-emergence of the separatist physical force tradition, the contested traditions of nationalism and unionism, the rise of organized labor, the role of women, the role of Irish America and the influence of the Diaspora and international political movements.

**2. Insurrection** - The story of the Rising itself; the way in which the clandestine and separatist Irish Republican Brotherhood infiltrated the Irish Volunteer Movement; the attempt to secure assistance from Britain's enemy Germany; the arrest of Roger Casement and the botched gun-running off the coast of Ireland immediately before the Rising; the confusion surrounding the order and countermand for a call-up of the Irish Volunteers on Easter Sunday; British Intelligence awareness of what was planned and an apparent lack of readiness to tackle what happened on Easter Monday.

**3. When Myth and History Rhyme** - The concluding episode details the aftermath and response to the Rising in Ireland and abroad. The initial reaction of many Dubliners to the Rising gave way to a grudging respect that grew exponentially with the British response. The rebellion, while ostensibly a failure, created the conditions for a national revolution and changed the course of Irish history.

*The documentary is an initiative of the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies at the University of Notre Dame.*

**Airs at 2:30 pm · WGBY Public Television for Western New England**

**March 17, 2016**

### **Springfield Parade Committee St. Patrick's Day Mass**

Join the Springfield Parade Committee and their honored guests at their annual Mass. The Springfield float this year will commemorate the 1916 Rising, honoring those who sacrificed their lives for their beliefs and love of country. Immediately following Mass, the Irish Flag will be raised on the steps of Springfield City Hall, followed by a reception in the Ante Room.

**9:00 am · Sacred Heart Church, 395 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA**

*Free to the Public*

**March 20, 2016**

### **Welcome to the Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade**

The Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade has been a cherished institution since 1952. Each March, the streets of Holyoke are filled with happy folks from near and far celebrating Irish heritage, civic pride, faith, family, friendship and tradition. This regional event attracts over 400,000 on-street spectators.

**Cead Mile Failte - A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!**

**11:00 am · Holyoke, MA**

*Free to the Public*

**March 21, 2016**

### **Of Terrible and Splendid Things: A Commemoration of the Easter Rising 1916**

A word and image exhibit researched, compiled, and created by the students in the Spring 2016 Exhibition/History class including memorabilia and photographs.

*The event is co-sponsored with the Irish Cultural Center of Western New England and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.*

**Reception 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm · Elms College, Chicopee, MA · Mary Dooley Center, 2nd Floor**

*Exhibit Open daily, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, March 7 - 31, 2016, excluding college holidays*

*Free to the Public*

**March 27, 2016**

## **The Annual Commemoration of the Easter Rising (Éirí Amach na Cásca) of 1916**

All are welcome to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Rising, an event that forever changed the course of Irish History. A procession will take place to the graveside of Irish Volunteer Patrick Hagerty at 4:00 pm. There will be a short ceremony with readings in both English and Irish.

The annual presentation of the Hagerty Award for Selfless Dedication to the Cause of Irish Freedom will take place at the graveside.

**4:00 pm · St. Michael Cemetery, 1601 State St. Springfield, MA 01109**

***Free to the Public***

***Reception immediately following at the Members' Lounge of the John Boyle O'Reilly Club, 33 Progress Ave, Springfield, MA 01104***, where an educational slide show of the Easter Rising will be presented. Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment with music by the Bards.

***Free to the Public***

**April 3, 2016**

## **The 1916 Irish Rebellion (*Film*)**

An initiative of the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies at the University of Notre Dame, this documentary tells the story of the 1916 Easter Rising in a comprehensive way, and for the first time places these events in their proper historical, political, and cultural context, as the precursor to an independent Irish state and the disintegration of colonial empires worldwide. Narrated by Liam Neeson, this landmark documentary tells the dramatic story of the events that took place in Dublin during Easter Week 1916, when a small group of Irish rebels took on the might of the British Empire. The documentary features a combination of rarely seen archival footage, news segments filmed on location worldwide, and interviews with leading international experts. It also uncovers the untold story of the central role Irish Americans played in the lead-up to the rebellion. Although defeated militarily, the men and women of the Easter Rising would wring a moral victory from the jaws of defeat and inspire countless freedom struggles throughout the world – from Ireland to India.

***The documentary is an initiative of the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Special thanks to WGBY and The Consulate General of Ireland, Boston.***

**2:00 pm · Symphony Hall, Springfield, MA**

***Free to the Public***

**April 10, 2016**

## **The Quiet Man (*Film*)**

Hollywood fell in love with Ireland and its unspoken beauty. Take a step back in time and enjoy a relaxing afternoon watching the film, *The Quiet Man* (1952). The movie's director, John Ford, offers a loving, sentimental, nostalgic tribute to his Irish ancestry and homeland in this epic romantic comedy. Filmed mostly on location in Ireland, this rich, beautifully textured Technicolor presentation is most deserving of its Color Cinematography award. Ford considered the rollicking comedy love story one of his favorite films. The memorable plot depicts the collision course between an Irish-American boxer (John Wayne) and a mean, local bully (Victor McLaglen). The pair becomes further entangled when (John Wayne) falls in love with (Victor McLaglen's) feisty, red-haired, materialistic sister (Maureen O'Hara), who refuses to consummate her marriage without her dowry - 350 Irish pounds in gold.

**2:00 pm - City Stage, Springfield, MA**

*Free to the Public*

**April (Show Date TBA on Facebook/1916springfieldremembrancegarden.com)**

## **The Bloody Irish - on Broadway - New York City Bus Trip**

Travel aboard a Peter Pan Coach to an uplifting and original musical stage show depicting the 1916 Easter Rising armed rebellion. *The Bloody Irish*, recently recorded live in the Helix Theater, Dublin, is a remarkable performance that is sure to move its audience. The stage show combines rousing Irish ballads of that period, such as "Rocky Road to Dublin" and "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," with the poignant human story of bravery, doubt and loss on the ground. Barry Devlin's play steers away from the "standard reiteration" of this often discussed part of Irish history. What he hoped to achieve was something strikingly different and this musical show is certainly that.

*Cost includes transportation, tickets and gratuity. Time allowed to explore New York City and lunch is on your own.*

**Depart: 7:30 am from Central High** (*Cars can be parked and left for the day*)

**Estimated time of return to Springfield: 9:30 pm - Cost: TBA**

**April 23, 2016**

## **Ancient Order of Hibernians Raising of the Irish Flag, Mass and Reception**

**1:00 pm Flag Raising - City Hall - Holyoke, MA - 4:00 pm Mass - St. Jerome's Church - Free to the Public**

*Immediately following:*

**Reception at the Warehouse, Holyoke, MA** with music by the Noel Henry Band from Boston.

**\$30 per Person** - All proceeds benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph Retirement Fund.

**April 24, 2016**

## **Ceili at the Club in Commemoration of the 1916 Uprising**

Refreshments will be served. Music by: Jimmy McArdle, Barney McElhoe, Jerry Sullivan and John Joe Martin.

**2:00 pm**

**John Boyle O'Reilly Club, Springfield, MA**

***\$5.00 per Person***

**April 30, 2016**

## **Trace Your Genealogy**

Dave Robison has been working on his own family genealogy since 1969, and is now working full-time as a genealogist. He also teaches genealogy classes for the museum's schools. This introductory overview will cover the basics of how to conduct genealogical research, become a genealogy detective, explore genealogy websites and how to get the best out of them, and much more.

Following Dave's presentation, Maggie Humberston will talk specifically about the museum's resources for genealogy (with handouts) at the Wood Museum.

**2:00 pm - 3:30 pm · Springfield Science Museum (Tolman Auditorium), Springfield Museums**

***Free to the Public***

**May 14, 2016**

## **Welcome Reception to Greet Honored Guests from Ireland**

The exhibit prepared by the Springfield Museum will be on display. There will be Irish music and light hors d'oeuvres.

**4:30 pm - 5:30 pm · Lyman and Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield, Springfield Museums**

***Free to the Public***

## **Mass of Remembrance and Honor Ireland and Her Diaspora**

This Mass, sponsored by the John Boyle O'Reilly Club, will honor the efforts of the men and women who struggled to achieve the aims of the Proclamation. It will also offer a time for prayerful reflection to honor the families who came to America and settled in Western Massachusetts.

**6:00 pm - 7:00 pm · Springfield St. Michael Cathedral**

***Free to the Public***

**May 14, 2016 (Continued)**

## **Fáilte Abhaile-Welcome Home 1916-2016**

The Pioneer Valley comes together to celebrate its Irish heritage, spend time visiting family and friends from across Western Massachusetts and to celebrate our Irish community. There will be Irish music featuring our local talent, refreshments, light fare and a cash bar.

**7:30 pm - 11:00 pm · Lyman and Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History,  
Springfield Museums, 21 Edwards Street, Springfield, MA**

*Free to the Public*

**May 15, 2016**

## **1916 Remembrance Garden Dedication Ceremony**

Join Congressman Richard E. Neal and Mayor Domenic J. Sarno in commemorating the 1916 Remembrance Garden in Western Mass. The garden is the first to be built in the United States, and its design represents the seven men who were signatories of the Irish Proclamation, sacrificing their lives for their beliefs and love of country. The Honor Escort, welcoming dignitaries from Ireland, will include the officers from the John Boyle O'Reilly Club, the Sons of Erin, the Irish Cultural Center of Western New England, the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, and area St. Patrick's Day Parade committees. The commemoration ceremony will include a flag raising, a 1916-2016 reflection, and the unveiling of the engraved granite proclamation from Ireland.

**11:00 am · Forest Park - Springfield**

**The public is invited to the John Boyle O'Reilly Club following the ceremony.**

*Free to the Public*