



# IRISH SPIRIT

The St. Patrick Society Quad Cities, USA

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Spring 2006

## WHAT A WEEKEND!



Colorful Sons of Norway Float



Clansmen show their Irish pride



Pipers leading parade



Irish Mom Bonnie Burke waves to the crowd



Even the Little Irish Altie Leprechaun was larger than life on parade day



O'Peeters Family float



Preparade gathering of SPS Board members



Clan Luncheon Crowd



Tom Otting, Luncheon Emcee, traded jokes with Grand Marshal, Jim O'Neill



Happy crowd enjoys Irish social dancing at Heritage Day



Happy Parade winners

Irish eyes were certainly smiling and seeing plenty 'o green during our 2006 Grand Weekend. It was banner year for attendance at all the Society events, with record crowds at the Clan Luncheon and Parade, as well as the Col Bash and Irish Heritage Day. Our thanks to everyone who turned out to support these festivities.

The Society would also like to thank our panel judges for the Irish Mother of the Year Contest, Gilhooly Awards, Scholarships and Parade trophies, as well as our Committee Chairs and event volunteers for organizing another top-notch weekend. Additional thanks to the Cities of Davenport and Rock Island, their respective Police Departments, the Illinois Department of Transportation, The Rogalski Center at St. Ambrose University and The Col Ballroom.

The Grand Parade Committee extends its gratitude to all parade participants, Stern Beverage, JTM Concepts, Skeffington's Farmal Wear and St. Mary's Church of Rock Island for their contributions.

## Congrats to Parade Trophy Winners

**Best Irish Family Walking Group** – Fee-Daily Families

**Best Irish Float** – Hughes Clan

**Best School Group** – Davenport Central High ROTC

**Best Commercial Entry** – Kelly's Irish Pub

**Most Unique Entry** – Parrot Head Club

**International Trophy** – Best (non Irish) Entry – Sons of Norway

**Judges trophies** were awarded to: Ahern Clan, All Saints School and Band, Celtic Cultural Alliance and the O'Peeters Family.

## Grand Honorees

### Irish Mother of the Year & Grand Marshal

Two special Society members enjoyed a weekend of fame as our local Irish celebrities. Congratulations to Bonnie Burke, 2006 Irish Mother of the Year, and Jim O'Neill, 2006 Grand Marshal, who shined in the spotlight as presiding honorees for the Grand Weekend.



Our 2006 Weekend Honorees at Irish Heritage Day, pictured left to right Pat Bade, Jim O'Neill, Bonnie Burke, and Gerry Bade

### Gilhooly Award Winners

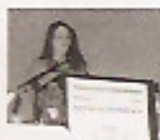
2006 recipients and Quad Cities Ceili Club founders, Pat Harrington Bade and Gerry Bade, were honored for their efforts in promoting Irish Social Dancing in the community. As a couple, the Bades have done much for the adult side of local Irish culture, by passing on their love and passion for dancing through their traditional ceili and set dance instruction. They have also been instrumental in bringing nationally and internationally known dance masters to the area. Because of their dedication, many people in the community have the opportunity to experience the joy of traditional Irish music and dancing.

## Scholarship Recipients

More congratulations to Colleen McGrath and Angela Kinney, who will each receive a \$1,500 award to continue their studies. Angela is in the Nursing program at St. Ambrose University. Colleen currently has an internship with the Illinois Fire Investigative Department and is in the process of finalizing her college choice. The Society wishes them every success.



Colleen McGrath



Angela Kinney





## 2006 Election

### Summary

At the Annual Meeting held on April 10, the Society members voted to renew terms for the following board members: Tom Cleary, Joe Dooley, Sara Brewster and Tom Schulte. Please welcome new board member, Leo Kilfoy, who will fill a vacancy left by Kevin Day. Leo is a former Grand Marshal and has been active with many Society activities through the years including the Culture Committee and 20th Anniversary.

The Board would like to extend its gratitude to Kevin Day for his service and dedication to the Society.

SPS Executive officer positions remain unchanged. Those are:  
 President- Pat Burke  
 Vice President - Kathy Douglas  
 Secretary- Jan Foley  
 Treasurer- Silia Smiley



## 2006-2007 Society Meetings Calendar

Mark your calendars with the following dates. Unless otherwise noted, all Board meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus in Davenport and begin at 6pm, with General Meetings at 7:30 pm. We encourage your attendance and involvement at our member meetings.

### 2006

August 14 - Board & General  
 October 16 - Board Meeting  
 November 13 - Board Meeting

### 2007

January 29 - Board & General  
 February 19 - Board & General  
 April 9 - Board & General -  
 Annual Meeting/Elections

## 2006 Erin Feis



### Sunday, September 17, 2006

Several committees are already hard at work planning our 22nd annual Erin Feis in the District of Rock Island. This year, new Chairs, Jan Foley, Jolene Whittemore and Vic Quinn, have stepped up to oversee the show. Based on last year's survey, we are implementing a few changes to enhance the event. Our Committees are always in need of energetic volunteers, so please contact, Jan Foley at (563) 323-6046 or Jolene Whittemore at (563) 391-1904 if you want to help out. Next meeting is July 11th at Ribco.



## SAU Irish Studies Update

The Society is pleased to report that Andrew Harvey is the recipient of the annual SPS travel grant. Andrew received \$500 for his fall semester studies at St. Patrick's College in Carlow, Ireland. This is the third travel grant the Society has awarded.



## Society Receives Grants

Thank you to the Scott County Regional Authority and

Riverboat Development Authority for their generous grants. SPS received \$7,100 from SCRA and \$6,000 to enhance Erin Feis. Their continued support is greatly appreciated.



## SUMMER EVENTS

There's plenty to entertain your Irish spirits this summer.



## Spring/ Summer Ceili Dances

Learn Irish social dancing with the Quad Cities Ceili Club. It's fun and no experience is needed. All dances are now held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 1111 W. 35th Street, Davenport. Dates are:

Sun., June 25 - Taped music

Sat., July 29 - Live music

Admission for live music dances is \$8 (ages 19 & up), \$5 for ages 12 - 18. Cost for taped music dances is \$5 for all ages. For details, call 563-386-7551 or visit:

[www.netexpress.net/~gbade/ceili/htm](http://www.netexpress.net/~gbade/ceili/htm)



## Irish Music at Mac's

Monthly Irish music jam sessions held at Mac's Tavern, Davenport from 1 to 4 pm on the first Saturday of every month. Enjoy traditional fiddling, piping, and drums from some of the best Irish musicians in the region. Call Mac's at 322-9487 to confirm performances.





### Get "Green" on Tuesdays

Pat McGuire's Irish American Grill will host the band, Stephen's Green, on these Tuesdays this summer: **June 6, July 6, Aug. 1, Sept 5, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.** Corned beef and cabbage will be served in addition to the regular menu. Reservations are needed and someone from your party must be there at 6:00 pm.



### Celtic Highland Games

**Saturday, August 26, 2006** from 8 a.m. to midnight at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in Davenport. 16 hours of Celtic sports, music, arts, dance and bagpipes. \$10 Admission for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Kids under five, free. Family rates available. Call (309) 794-0449 or visit: [www.celtichighlandgames.org](http://www.celtichighlandgames.org).



### 25th Anniversary Milwaukee Irish Fest August 17-20, 2006

Since the first festival in 1981, this celebration has provided a true taste of Ireland with music, dance, song, sports, genealogy, poetry, and culture. For more details, visit their website: [www.irishfest.com](http://www.irishfest.com).



### Peoria Irish Fest August 25- 27, 2006

Visit [www.stpatpeoria.com](http://www.stpatpeoria.com) for more details.



### Irish Hooley Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006

Dubuque County Fairgrounds Dance, music and song flow freely on this day of fun, frivolity and mirth. Proceeds benefit Dubuque Area Irish Dancers and Hospice. Contact Shamrock Imports for information, 563-586-5000.



### Iowa State Feis September 8, 2006

At Five Flags, Dubuque Doors open at 8 am. Enjoy seven stages of competitive Irish Dancing, hosted by Chicago's McNulty School of Irish Dance and Dubuque's Claddagh School of Irish Dance.



### Special Thanks

The Society would like to extend its sincere gratitude to Chris Jepsen of Jordan Storage for the generous use of his storage facility. We now have a new home for our Parade Float. Thanks to Joe Celsi for his past generosity, as well.



### Have you moved?

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