



Fantastic volunteers!

Booth director, Mike Casey, had Fringe help to make our famous buttons. Traffic was busy at the booth and festival goers were always met with a Fringe smile!



Fringers everywhere!



Celtic Fringe members helped make Irish Fest a glorious success!

It was a perfect weekend for all things Irish in Kansas City! Absolutely perfect weather and incredible attendance made the 2006 Irishfest an unforgettable weekend of fun. And Celtic Fringe members were everywhere...helping and enjoying. Fringe's own Dan Regan provided round-the-clock leadership as president. He had a knack of gathering the troops and conquering any problem easily. And with a good supply of beer, meetings were a great craic!



Great management!

Fringers Ed Scanlon (left, Fest director) and Dan Regan (right, Fest president), watch all activities like proud parents.

Another Fringer, Barb Scanlon organized the Heritage area and provided attention grabbing displays celebrating Kansas City Irish history. The tent was packed with readers learning about the Irish influence on the rail industry and how the partnership built America.

The Heritage tent also featured the Nelly Don story. Barb requested KC's Terrence O'Malley to share, in film and words, his great aunt Nell Donnelly's life and fashion empire. A fest highlight...a fashion show of vintage Nelly Don clothing! Still stylish.

Only a few Fringers were mentioned here but, there were many more roaming the Fest grounds. Thanks to all who worked long hours and created a perfect weekend for all of Kansas City to enjoy.

KCIF/Fringe display traveling the country.

Fringe sponsored display "Where Did You Come From?" was shown at the Colorado Irish Festival. It was originally created by Barb Scanlon for the first Kansas City Irish Fest. *Bullai mna, Barb!*



Our own Nelly Don models...

Prez Sarah Walsh and Jennifer Regan were perfect choices for models at the Nelly Don vintage fashion show. They added Irish style to a lovely day.

Fringers voted rookie volunteers of the year!

The 2006 Irish Fest was a great success for several reasons...great weather, fantastic music, family fun and most important, a legion of incredible volunteers.

It was agreed by all that two were special in their endless energy. Maureen Deeds (left) and Jayme Wear (right) made the Irish Fest raffle and booth a financial success. Did they ever sleep? Recognized by the Irish Fest committee to be exceptional promoters and tireless workers. *Go maire tu!*



Summer fun at the Armstrong's. Pub grub at the Walsh's.

Serious concentration was required at the Armstrong home this summer. Once and for all, which brew is best? The beer tasting contest was just one of the highlights at the June picnic, hosted by Daneil and Mike Armstrong. A great time was had by all including Molly McCarthy, celebrating her first birthday! Thanks to the Armstrongs for inviting the Celtic Fringe to enjoy the Armstrong pub & grill!



The judging did not end! Another great Celtic picnic took place in October thanks to the Walsh family! Fringers gathered at the Walsh pub to sample various Irish whiskeys and eat great grub. Weather was perfect and the judging was "spirited"! Many thanks to the Walsh family for allowing the Celtic invasion into their home. *Slante!*

what's happening in Ireland...

Ireland's St. Patrick's Festival 2007
March 15-19 www.stpatricksdays.ie

Did you know! All-Ireland Senior Football Championship

The All-Ireland Senior Football Championship is the premier "knockout" competition in Gaelic football played in Ireland. Games are organized by the Gaelic Athletic Association and are played during the summer with the All-Ireland Football Final being played in September in Croke Park, Dublin. The prize is the Sam Maguire Cup.

Every county participates. Kerry and Dublin are the most successful football teams. Ulster football teams gave the impression that they might dominate with Armagh and Tyrone winning titles in recent years. Kerry is the current champion winning a 34th title over Mayo. This is the most titles won by any county, confirming Kerry's dominance of the game.

For the first championship in 1887, the competition was played on an open draw knockout basis. From 1888, the provincial system was introduced, all counties in Ireland's four provinces would play on a knockout basis. These four champions would meet in the All-Ireland semi-finals. The present structure was adopted in 2001 to allow more games played but retain provincial championships and the knockout structure.

just a reminder...

Float building time is around the corner! The 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee made it official. Celebrating St. Patrick in Kansas City is the parade theme. Have a stout and start planning!

a little irish to remember...

beautiful, *alainn* sun, *grian*

A bit of Ireland in Kansas City!

There was a whole lot of foot stomping going on in October! Ireland's best traditional music, song and dance artists performed at Rockhurst High School thanks to Rory O'Connor's efforts.

Comhaltas, Echoes of Erin Tour was in town for one night only. Arriving from Toronto, the artists were fed by the O'Connor family



at their home then, it was off to perform to a music hungry crowd. Traditional instruments, amazing skill, pure vocals and fast feet wowed the crowd. How do they do that?

Celtic Fringe volunteers and additional sponsorship from the Irish Fest organization made the event a success. Thank you to all the host families! Thanks to Rachel Casey, Irish Museum and Michael Dugger, Missouri Valley Folklife Society for

spreading the word! A **special thank you** to Rory O'Connor and his dedication to preserving Irish tradition in Kansas City. The hope is to make this truly Irish show, an annual event. See you next year! *Buiochas!*

What's happening!

Heart and History of Irish Music – November 19 at 2 pm. Irish Museum and Cultural Center, Union Center. Live Irish music and entertaining history presentations for the whole family. Children under 18 and IMCC members free, others \$5 each. Tickets available at www.irishmuseum.org, at the door or 816-474-3838.

Cathie Ryan Band – November 9 at 7:30 pm. All Souls Unitarian Church, 4501 Walnut, KCMO. Sponsored by the Missouri Valley Folklife Society. Traditional vocalist and songwriter, Ryan shares the distinction with Allison Krauss, Dolly Parton and Emmylou Harris of being the only Americans featured in the 2003 Irish Music Collection. \$20 general public, \$18 for Irish Museum members with postcard, \$17 for MVFS and CrossCurrents members, \$10 for students. Children under 12 are free. Tickets available at www.mvfs.org, Bloomsday Books, Espresso dell-Anatra, Goodhart Shoes, Sheehan's Irish Imports or at the door.

Monthly Meeting

First Tuesdays, 7:30pm
Charlie Hooper's, 63rd & Main, Brookside
Officers meet at 7pm