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COMHALTAS



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Winnipeg Comhaltas Newsletter

Welcome to the June edition of our newsletter! Here in Manitoba, we are very lucky that the number of Covid-19 cases has been relatively low, compared to other provinces. The outbreak has been contained, mainly due to the excellent public response to the crisis. People have been responsible about following the recommended health guidelines, and showing respect for social distancing. Everyone has been quarantined for the past several weeks, and now that Spring is approaching, we're all eager to get outside and enjoy the nice weather. Comhaltas musicians are no exception, and lately some members have held a session in the park! See below for some shots of the session. Since most of our regular social activities remain on hold, this newsletter is featuring the activities that members have been up to, while they're cooped up at home. We've received submissions from members showing their activities such as art work, photography, and short descriptions of their life under lockdown. As society gradually gets up and running again, we all look forward to sharing music and conversation on a regular basis! Cheers, until we meet again!

Member of the Month

Virginia Lockett



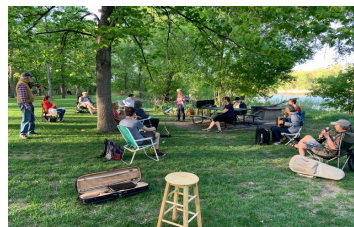
Virginia has been part of the Winnipeg Irish community, and a member of Comhaltas for over 20 years. She attends regular Comhaltas meetings and currently serves on the Events Planning Committee.

She has volunteered for Folkarama and numerous other events, on a regular basis, for many years. Virginia plays guitar and mandolin, both very well, and sometimes prefers to encourage the other players and to enjoy the music from the audience. She credits Tom Naughten for introducing her to Irish music when they both worked up in The Yukon, many years ago. Thank you, Virginia, for all your volunteer work over the years, and for your ongoing contribution to the Winnipeg Irish community.

Sessions in the park!



Thanks for the Photos: Erin Burns-Flett, Ethan Redekop, Virginia Lockett



Submitted by Pamela Jeffrey

A painter paints pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence."

"There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats." Albert Schweitzer

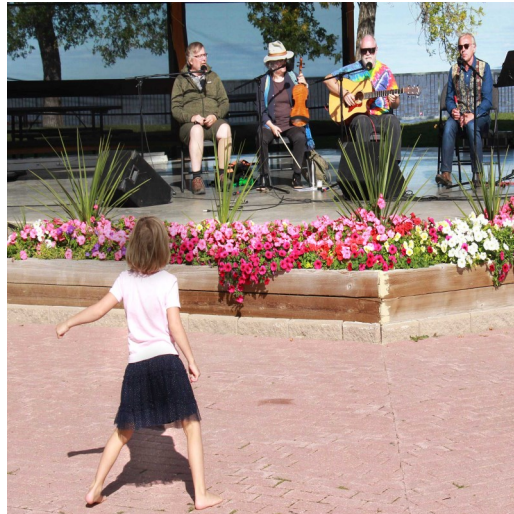
Submitted by Virginia Lockett

**It's been a bit of a strange day!
First I found a hat full of money.
Then I was chased by an angry man with a guitar...**

Pencil drawings submitted by Pamela Jeffrey. Created during the covid-19 quarantine



Flashback to last Fall: Winnipeg's illustrious Irish band, **Curraugh**, performs an outdoor concert in Winnipeg Beach to an enthusiastic audience member! We all hope for a speedy return to good times.



Irish Waves: Taken off the Coast of White Strand, Miltown Malbay

