

**Dear Friends of Heartland Gallery,**

**Cead Mile Failte!** (*Irish for "A hundred thousand welcomes"*) Spring is in the air (well, almost) and we have many events planned for the month of April. We hope that you can join us for one or more. Please note the locations specified under each entry.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1 (8-10pm) – MATT CRANITCH (fiddler) & JACKIE DALY (accordionist) IN CONCERT**

Please join us in welcoming this duo as part of the 2011 **Piper's Hut Concert Series**. Tickets are \$20, or \$10 for students/seniors. FYI: The concert has been moved to the **McKinley Presbyterian Church and Foundation** on the **corner of 5th and John Streets in Champaign**, as ticket sales and reservations exceeded the amount that Heartland Gallery can comfortably seat. Food and drink is BYO, but no alcohol will be allowed at the church. Feel free to bring a snack or drink to share. Parking is free in the parking garage directly across 5th Street from the church building. Matt & Jackie have been among the foremost interpreters of the rich Sliabh Luachra tradition of instrumental music from the cultural region that borders northwest Co. Cork and east Co. Kerry. For more info on these performers and to reserve or purchase seats, please visit [www.pipers-hut.com](http://www.pipers-hut.com). This is a concert you will not want to miss!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1 (7-10pm) - FIRST FRIDAY at ANDERSONVILLE GALLERIA**

If you happen to be in or around the Chicago area, please consider dropping in on Friday evening for this monthly event at the **Andersonville Galleria, 5247 N. Clark St., Chicago**. Heartland Gallery has a space on the 2nd floor, selling items from the Celtic lands. Though I will not be available for the event this month due to the concert in Urbana, there will be plenty of helpful people around to assist you, and wine will be served. Enjoy the evening browsing 90+ art and craft retail businesses under one roof in one of Chicago's finest neighborhoods.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7 - SUNDAY, APRIL 10 - THE BONEYARD ARTS FESTIVAL at Heartland Gallery**

This annual Champaign County festival, presented by **40 North/88 West** and sponsored by **The News-Gazette** and the **Krannert Center for the Performing Arts**, celebrates the arts in a variety of venues throughout the county. **Saturday, April 9** is the designated day for downtown Urbana events. Heartland Gallery will again be a venue and will feature local watercolorist **Shoshanna Bauer**, who will be available for an informal afternoon (1-5pm) reception and an evening (6:30-8) wine reception, and will be showing her framed original paintings as well as her fine art giclee prints and cards. Shoshanna's watercolors will be on exhibit through Saturday, April 30, but can be purchased at any time.

We will also be showcasing new functional and decorative Irish ceramic artworks by **Louise Browne** (Co. Galway), **Thomas Diem** (Co. Meath), **Michele Hannan** (Dublin), **Ray Power** (Kilkenny) & **Colm de Ris** (Dublin), and recycled handblown glass by **Terence McSweeney** (Killarney). We will also have live music performed by local

blues/roots guitarist **John Elder** from 1-2pm, several members of "**Don't Ask**" performing klezmer music from 2-3pm and "**Tastes Like Chicken**," a local trio comprised of **Gina Cassidy, Rebecca Grosser, and Roger Bowen**, performing bluegrass and some Irish tunes from 4-5pm.

Under our outdoor awning will be romantic scenes from Shakespeare performed by actors sponsored by the **Krannert Center for the Performing Arts** from 3:30 to 3:45pm.

**Special Boneyard Arts Festival Hours:** Our expanded hours at Heartland Gallery during the festival will be **Thursday (10am-5pm), Friday (10am-5pm), Saturday (10am-9pm) and Sunday (Noon to 4pm)**. Please check Wednesday's **News-Gazette** or Thursday's **The Buzz** newspaper, or visit [www.40north.org](http://www.40north.org) for a complete listing of Boneyard Festival venues, exhibits and activities.

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 30 (8am-?) - CHRISTIE CLINIC ILLINOIS MARATHON "Race Day"**

Get in on the excitement of this 3rd annual race by participating as a volunteer or cheering from the sidelines. John and I will be walking the half marathon for our third year in a row, but the gallery will be open from 8am on. The marathon begins on campus at 7am and the half marathon begins at 7:30am. We will have some chairs set up under the Heartland Gallery awning and free cold drinks inside for those who want to watch from Main St. in downtown Urbana. We will be back in the gallery shortly after finishing the race. Please join us for light refreshments from 2-4pm and take your chances at winning a prize by guessing our exact finish time. And, if you are a participant in the race, be sure to spend your wooden nickel with us. We are offering a 25 % discount on any item in the gallery in exchange for your wooden nickel.

Finally, we have some new items in the gallery this month, in addition to the aforementioned exhibition items. There are two new oil paintings by local artist **William Roy**, of Urbana, and some beautiful handblown glass eggs with stands by **Matthew Urban** from *Furnace Urbini Glass Works*. From Ireland, we have new fine art photography greeting cards from **Willow Design**, new giclee art prints by **Vera Gaffney** of Co. Roscommon, and new sterling silver jewelry designs from **Declan Killen** of Dublin and **Martina Hamilton** of *The Cat and the Moon* in Sligo, both of whom offer contemporary as well as traditional jewelry designs. Please come in to view these new collections. I will be attending an Irish trade fair in Secaucus, NJ in two weeks, where I will be placing orders for more new products from abroad. It's always nice to be able to meet with my favorite Irish/Scottish/Welsh artisans when they travel to this side of the Atlantic.

**FYI: Upcoming events** at Heartland Gallery later this year include an **August 18** concert with world reknowned **Celtic harpist/spoken word artist Patrick Ball** from California and a **September 11 Piper's Hut** concert with **Scottish folk singer/songwriter Jim Malcolm**. Both have entertained us in the gallery before and we look forward to hosting them again. Also, the **C-U Folk and Roots Festival** is scheduled for **November 4-5** this year, and we will be a sponsoring venue. Please help

get the word out this time to all your friends and acquaintances. More detailed info will be available in future newsletters.

Thanks again for your continued patronage. **SLAINTE!** (*Irish for "Good health", Cheers*),