

# Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin

Welsh News from Wisconsin

Winter/Spring, 2013

## What's Your Heritage?

### Welsh in Wisconsin

Welsh immigrants, like the Irish, were the most easily identifiable British immigrant group in Wisconsin. The Welsh made a conscious effort to settle in rural enclaves apart from other English and American settlers. Welsh immigration occurred primarily between 1840 and 1890 with the peak years between 1850 and 1860. The earliest known Welsh settlers in Wisconsin arrived in Genesee in Waukesha county in 1840. Most Welsh became farmers and settled in the southeastern counties. The largest groupings were in southern Winnebago County, where five Welsh Churches were established; and in the eastern half of Columbia county, western Dodge county, and southern Green Lake and Marquette counties.

### Cornish in Wisconsin

The Cornish were the first settlers from the British Isles to arrive in Wisconsin. Calling themselves Cornish rather than English, they came from Cornwall County in England where they worked in lead and tin mining. The opening of mines in Illinois and Wisconsin brought a stream of Cornish settlers between 1830 and 1850. In 1850, roughly 7,000 of the 28,000 English settlers in the lead region were Cornish. The lure of gold in the west and the decline of the lead industry in Wisconsin led many Cornish to leave Wisconsin in the mid-19th century. (*This information was from the Wisconsin State Historical Association.*)

## COME CELEBRATE!

Most of us can't claim pure blood lines from anywhere. As cultures began to trade and travel, as clans and warring tribes moved across the continent, blood lines mixed. The best any of us can do is to try to pick out the predominate lineage in our family trees and enjoy it to the fullest extent possible.

Here is what you can do to enjoy your Welsh-ness to the fullest. You can come to Appleton to Memorial Presbyterian Church on May 4 in the afternoon to enjoy a veritable overflowing table of Welsh activities designed for the whole family to enjoy. There will be workshops on genealogy and Welsh heritage; Welsh language for beginners; a singing school to learn pronunciations for the hymns used in Sunday's Cymanfa and Cooking demonstrations to prepare the evening meal. There will also be displays set up and refreshments. There will also be some children's workshops capped off by a Noson Lawen, a "Merry Evening" of sharing our talents in a light-hearted celebration.

Sunday, May 5, will be the 81<sup>st</sup> State Cymanfa at 2:30 p.m. It will be directed by **Mary Morris Mergenthal**, from St. Paul, MN, and the organist is Steve Jensen of Milwaukee.

Room reservations must be made by the cut-off date of April 5, to receive the rate of \$109.00. Please make your reservations at the:

Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center.  
333 W. College Avenue  
Appleton WI 54911 USA  
TELEPHONE: +1 (920) 733-8000

Phone Reservations: +1 (800) 967-9033  
(US/Canada Toll-free) or +1 (888) 201-1718

**The Welsh North American Association – the WNAA invites us to... Join Them in Toronto!**

### Be sure your passport is current!

The **2013 NAFOW** Headquarters Hotel is the fabulous Fairmont Royal York, 100 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Festival rates available August 28th - September 2nd. For extended stays, see details below.

When you choose to stay at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel for the North American Festival of Wales, you are at the heart of festivities and will be helping us meet our contractual obligation to fill the room block reserved for Festival attendees.

NAFOW Room Rates (quoted and charged in Canadian dollars) Single/double occupancy -- \$111 CAN per night, plus taxes.

Triple/quad occupancy -- \$141CAN per night, plus taxes

Children under 18 years of age are complimentary when accompanied by an adult. Please advise reservation agent when making your reservation if children will be in your party.

These Festival room rates are available for an extended stay 4 days in advance and 4 days following the Festival dates, subject to room availability. Call Fairmont's Global Reservations Centre at 1 (800) 441-1414 for assistance with an extended stay reservation. These Festival room rates are available for booking until August 8, 2013, or until the Festival room block is sold out, whichever happens first. After that date, the hotel will honor the Festival rate only if group rooms are still available.

For additional assistance contact Dr. Megan Williams, Executive Secretary, Welsh North American Association, at 1-(607) 279-7402.



## CALENDAR OF WELSH EVENTS FOR 2013

**Sunday, March 3, 2013 *Cambrian Heritage Society Dathlu Dewi Sant / Celebrating Saint David*** St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2126 N. Sherman Ave., Madison, starting at 12:30 p.m. Luncheon and Wales Trivia Quiz (Are you smarter than a student from Ysgol Gynradd Henllan?) with prizes.. Presentation by Robert Humphries about his research in Celtic Studies. Don't forget to bring one or more non-perishable food items and/or a monetary donation for St. Paul's food pantry! Contact: Trina Muich at: [trinamuich@gmail.com](mailto:trinamuich@gmail.com) 608-957-2961

**March 3rd *Racine & Vicinity*** The St. David's Society will hold its annual luncheon on Sunday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 40 Ohio Street in Racine. Worship at 10:00 am followed by refreshments and our annual meeting. Musical performances by the scholarship winners from the local high schools and a traditional Gymanfa Ganu and will then move downstairs to Welsh Hall for our catered luncheon. Contact Dick Myers (cell) 414-228-7466 or [dickmyers@wi.rr.com](mailto:dickmyers@wi.rr.com)

**March 3, 2013 *Welsh Club of the Milw. Area St. David's Day*** At Saxe's 18 West, Wales, Wisconsin. Social at 12:00 noon; Luncheon at 1:00 p.m.; program to follow. Silent Auction of Welsh items will be offered and children's activities. Contact Scott and Allison Lange for ticket information: 262 549 6908. Cost: \$25 Adult; \$20 for 65 and over - Senior; \$10 Children

**April 6, 2013 – *Welsh Club of the Milw. Area Luther Manor, 4545 N. 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, Wauwatosa, WI*** A luncheon is at 12:30 and the cost is \$10.00., Program: Scholarship Winner Tanner Lundquist, Pianist Directions: Hwy. 45 to Hampton Ave. East on Hampton Ave. to 92nd St. (Timmerman Airport is on the north side of Hampton Ave.) Turn right (south) on 92nd St. and go about two blocks. Enter Luther Manor at the North entrance (the northern-most driveway) and proceed to the S-T-U entrance. Parking is near the door. Contact: Marge Schwolater at 414-235-9242 a week in advance to make a reservation.

**April 7, Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Spring Board meeting will be at the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Appleton.**

**April 26-28 *Niagara Falls, Ont. The Ontario Welsh Festival***

**May 4 & 5 Appleton 2:30 p.m. 76<sup>th</sup> State Cymanfa Ganu & Welsh Weekend For Everyone** Saturday: Welsh Activity day and Sunday: 81<sup>st</sup> Annual State Cymanfa Ganu at Memorial Presbyterian Church, A te bach will follow Y Gymanfa Ganu. Director: Mary Morris Mergenthal, St. Paul MN. Organist: Steve Jensen, Milwaukee. Contact: Mary Lou Opgenorth (920-739-3005). *Church is located at 803 E. College Avenue, Appleton.* See more

information in an article in [this](#) Newsletter!

**June 8, 2013 *Welsh Club of the Milw. Area at Kirkland Crossings***, 700 Quinlan Drive, Pewaukee, WI A luncheon is at 12:30 and the cost is \$10.00. Program: Ann Abney and Grace Ledin, Carroll University students, present their reflections on studying at Aberystwyth University during the 2012-2013 school year. Also we will have our Memorial Service. Directions: Exit I94 at Hwy. 16 north. Exit at Ryan Street south. Turn right on Quinlan Drive. Contact: Marge Schwolater at 414-235-9242 a week in advance to make a reservation.

**June 9 *Rewey 2:30 p.m.*** Gymanfa Ganu at Carmel-Peniel Welsh Presbyterian Church, Peniel Road. Session followed by te bach. Director: Geraint Wilkes, Hartland. Pianist: Barbara Brown, Mt. Horeb. Directions: Take Hwy 151 southwest past Mineral Point to Cty A (left turn off 151). Go right (west) on A to Jones Branch Road. Turn left and proceed to Peniel Road. Turn right on Peniel. Chapel is about 1 mile. Contact: Jane Kemnitzer, 608-574-4352

**July 14-21 *Cwrs Cymraeg 2013*** – Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois. For information, contact Dick Myers (414) 228-7466 or go to: [www.madog.org](http://www.madog.org)

**July 21 *Redgranite 2:30 p.m.*** Cymanfa Ganu at First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hwy 21 and Bonnell Ave. in Redgranite. Singing followed by te bach. Director: Trefor Williams, Milwaukee. Organist: Rev. Tom White, North Fond du Lac. Church is fully accessible and air conditioned. Contact: Rev. Dorothy Heckner Mendonca, 920-566-4666.

**July 21-28 *Welsh Heritage Week 2013*** Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois, For information, contact Danny Proud (608) 212-3793 or go to: [www.welshheritageweek.org](http://www.welshheritageweek.org).

**July 28 *Three Lakes 7:00 p.m.*** Gymanfa Ganu at Union Congregational Church - United Church of Christ, Corner of Forest St. and Hwy 45. Director: Rev. Joseph Corbin, Reedsburg. Organist: Gary Stebbeds, Three Lakes. Contact: June McDuffie, 715-546-2772

**August 25 *Pickett 2:30 p.m.*** 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Gymanfa Ganu at Peniel Chapel. Session followed by te bach. Co-Directors: Mr. Geraint Wilkes and Mr. Chris Guy; Reed Organist: Rev. Tom White, North Fond du Lac. Pianist: Sarah Conrad, Eldorado, WI. Directions: 1 mile west of Hwy 26 on County Road FF between Oshkosh and Rosendale. Contact: Rev. Tom White, 920-922-9424 or [tjwhite65@charter.net](mailto:tjwhite65@charter.net).

**August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 2<sup>nd</sup> - *Toronto ON.*** North American Festival of Wales, Toronto, Canada (We are in the midst of trying to make arrangements for a group bus tour to attend the NAFOW.)

**September (tba) *Wild Rose 2:30 p.m.*** Gymanfa Ganu at Wild Rose Presbyterian Church, 501 Jackson Street. Director: Ann Lemmenes, Waupun. Reed Organist: Rev. Tom

White, North Fond du Lac. Session followed by te bach.  
Contact: Alyson Janke, 608-296-2096

### **October 4-7, 2013. 5th Welsh Heritage Festival, Wymore NE**

Gymanfa Ganu on Sunday, October 6th at 2 p.m. at the Wymore Presbyterian Church, Rev. Joe Corbin, director.

### **October 13 Cambria 2:30 & 6:00 p.m.**

68th Annual Gymanfa Ganu at First Presbyterian Church, corner of Florence and Towyn ( 121 W Florence St.). Supper served between sessions. Director: Danny Proud Organist: Ann Lemmenes Contact: Neal Lloyd (920) 348-5657. Church is fully accessible.

### **November 10<sup>th</sup> Wales, WI 2:30 p.m.**

Christmas Gymanfa Ganu at Jerusalem Presbyterian Church, 207 W. Main St., Wales, WI 53183. Director: Rev. Joe Corbin

"Note: Events in italics are run by individual organizations independent of the WGGAW"

## **UW Continuing Studies Classes of Interest To the Welsh**

Several classes and a tour are being offered by UW Extension this Spring. More information at:

<http://catalog.dcs.wisc.edu/Documents/2469/Brochure.pdf>

### **The Rise and Fall of Taliesin I**

Ron McCrea, author of Building Taliesin: Frank Lloyd Wright's Home of Love and Loss, describes in words and photographs the tragically brief career of Wright's original Wisconsin estate, from its conception in Italy in 1910 to its destruction in a fire and mass murder in 1914. Wright's love affair and creative companionship with Mamah Borthwick are central to the story.

Instructor: Ron McCrea is a Madison journalist who has written on Wright topics for 30 years while editing daily newspapers in Madison, New York, California, and Washington, D.C. His Taliesin book was honored as "The Find" by the Boston Sunday Globe. Thursdays, April 4-18, 7:30-8:45 pm; \$38; #5725; Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street; 0.4 CEU

### **A Taliesin Diary: My Parents and Frank Lloyd Wright**

David and Priscilla Henken were part of the Taliesin Fellowship in 1942-43. Priscilla kept a detailed diary of Taliesin life, which was published in 2012. Their older daughter, Mariamne Whatley, will discuss events, issues, and the day-to-day activities documented in the diary. She will also discuss the Henkens' continuing relationship with Frank Lloyd Wright in the development of the community of Usonia in Pleasantville, New York.

Instructor: Mariamne Henken Whatley is professor emerita of Gender and Women's Studies and Curriculum and Instruction at UW-Madison. She has published extensively in women's

health, sexuality, and health education. Her parents' experiences with Frank Lloyd Wright formed her ongoing interest in his work and legacy. Thursdays, April 25-May 2, 7:30-8:45 pm; \$25; #5724; Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street; 0.3 CEU

**For more information, contact Kim Seymour at 608-262-3731 or [kseymour@dcs.wisc.edu](mailto:kseymour@dcs.wisc.edu) Visit our website: [continuingstudies.wisc.edu/classes/history.htm](http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/classes/history.htm)**

### **A STUDY TOUR TO:**

### **Medieval Wales and Its Borderlands**

Plans are underway for our 38th medieval study tour. Next fall's seminar focuses on the rich historical landscape, art, and architecture of Wales and its Borderlands. The tentative itinerary includes visits to Chepstow, Tintern, Cardiff, Caerphilly, Kidwelly, St. David's, Harlech, Caernarfon, Beaumaris, Conwy, St. Winifred's Well, Valle Crucis, Abergavenny, Tretower, Ludlow, Stokesay, Great Chalfield, Hereford, Worcester, Tewkesbury, Shrewsbury, Malmesbury, Berkeley, Lacock, Bradford-on-Avon, Ewelme, and Oxford.

Tour information will be available after Feb 1, 2013. For more information, contact Professor Jane T. Schulenburg at 608-262-8663 or [jschulenburg@dcs.wisc.edu](mailto:jschulenburg@dcs.wisc.edu).

### **WELSH WEBSITE**

Our Welsh Website has experienced some difficulty in the last months with its hosting site at Ripon College. We are in the process of getting and building a new website. Dr. Mary Williams Norton wondered what she would be doing with her time after she retired, now she knows! Thankfully she is spearheading this important project for us.

### **May 3, 4 and 5, 2013**

### **Welsh Weekend for Everyone at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Appleton WI.**

Memorial Presbyterian Church, 803 East College Ave., Appleton WI

Friday, May 3 Supper and Pub night (TBA at Paper Valley Hotel, the recommended hotel)

Saturday May 4 morning: Exploring Appleton and lunch on your own

Saturday, May 4 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Memorial Presbyterian Church: workshops, displays, film, 5:00 p.m. supper, 6:00 p.m. Noson Lawen and chairing of the eisteddfod winner

Sunday, May 5 2:30 p.m. State Gymanfa Ganu directed by Mary Mergentahl of Minneapolis, MN, A Te bach will follow Y Gymanfa Ganu .

**Please use the enclosed Registration Form.**

Details about the weekend schedule, registration, and hotel accommodation will follow as planning continues. Questions? Please contact Dr. Mary Williams-Norton at: williamsnorton1858@centurytel.net or 608-635-4946.

### 2013 Eisteddfod theme: Paper (Papur)

#### Background and Rules for Eisteddfod Entries

To enhance and encourage an appreciation of Welsh culture and tradition, in 2009 an Eisteddfod competition and awarding of a chair was added to the activities of Trydedd Penwythnos Cymreig i Bawb (Third Welsh Weekend for Everyone) in Wisconsin. In 2009 and 2010 entries in the form of poetry were required. In 2011 the competition was broadened to include essays as well. Each year a theme is chosen. The basic rules for entries are these:

The call to bards for the Chair competition: Barddoniaeth neu Ysgrif/ Poetry or Essay;

Gwobr /Prize: Cadair yr Eisteddfod / Eisteddfod Chair

Pennill, neu gyfres o benillion, gyda chyfanswm o 50 o linellau (barrddoniaeth) neu 750 o eiriau (ysgrif), yn dilyn y testun sydd wedi cael ei ddewis: papur. Dylai'r gwaith fod â chyd-destun Cymreig. Croesewir gwaith yn y Gymraeg.



**2013 Chair refinished and donated by Mary Williams-Norton. Pillow fabric from Angela Jones, Swansea University, Wales**

A stanza, or series of stanzas of less than 50 lines total (poetry) or 750 words or less (essay), following the chosen theme: paper. The work should have a Welsh theme or connection. Welsh language submissions are welcomed and encouraged.

The Chair competition is open to anyone. Entries must be handed in at the Welsh Weekend site no later than the designated time—this will be announced after afternoon registration is completed—on Saturday. Each entry must be submitted under a ffugenw (pen name) and not list the writer's actual name anywhere on the document. The winner will be called by ffugenw during the Noson Lawen/ Eisteddfod and awarded the Chair at that time with traditional pomp and ceremony!!

## The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin

Kim A. Corbin, President

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**Er Cof Am**

We honor the memories pf those who have departed our midst.

2012 - 2013 Memorial list

Henry Evans. . . . . Juneau  
June Goodrich. . . . . Hartland  
Elmer Knickelbine. . . . . Wauwatosa  
Carole S. Lloyd. . . . . Cambria

Carol L. Owens. . . . . Oshkosh  
Phyllis A Shudy. . . . . Milwaukee  
Margaret Walters. . . . . Wild Rose

*Seithfed Penwythnos Cymreig i Bawb*

**Seventh Welsh Weekend for Everyone May 4-5, 2013**

**Saturday, May 4, Event Registration**

Name of contact person for the family (or friends) group:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ Sate\_\_\_\_\_ Zip code\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Afternoon event registration (\$10.00 per group in advance, \$15.00 at the door):** To help us plan workshops, please let us know how many will there be in your group in each of these age groups:

Adults\_\_\_\_\_ Children 11-16\_\_\_\_\_

Children 6-10\_\_\_\_\_ Children under 6\_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed for afternoon event registration** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: There is no registration fee for the evening or Sunday program.**

**Supper meal registration (\$5.00 per person):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Supper meals @ \$7.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

Is any member of your group planning to perform in the *noson lawen*? If so, please give name(s) here:

**To register in advance, please send your check payable to Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin (WGGAW) to**

**Dr. Mary Williams-Norton  
W9866 Kent Road  
Fferm Bryn Cedrwydd  
Poynette, WI 53955-9409**

**Email:** williamsnorton1858@centurytel.net

**to arrive by April 25, 2013. \*\*REGISTER IN ADVANCE AND SAVE!!**

**Registration at the door will be \$15.00 per group.**