

Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin, Inc.



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Newsletter

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First Congregational Church
137 Algoma Blvd.
Oshkosh, WI

5th Welsh Weekend for Everyone—2011 State Gymanfa Ganu

Oshkosh, Wisconsin
April 30 - May 1, 2011

The **Fifth Welsh Weekend for Everyone** (*Pumed Penwythnos Cymreig i Bawb*), including the **79th Annual State Gymanfa Ganu**, will be held this year at the First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh, WI.

On Saturday, April 30, activities will focus on learning about Welsh heritage, foods, language, and music through **workshops** from 12:30 p.m. (registration) to 4:00 p.m., a **meal** from 5-6, and a **Noson Lawen** – a Welsh-style variety show – from 6-8 pm. The workshops welcome anyone with an interest in Welsh culture or heritage and are suitable for adults and children of all ages. There will also be organized activities for younger children, all with a Welsh theme.

Artist Tom Muich has designed a logo for the weekend that is available to be **silk-screen** printed on T-shirts or bags. Please bring with you on Saturday a white or pastel shirt, smooth surface bag or other item to printed.

Entries for a literary competition, known as an “**Eisteddfod**,” will be adjudicated at the Noson Lawen. To enter, write a poem or essay consisting of a stanza or series of stanzas of less than 50 lines total (poetry) or 750 words or less (essay), dealing with the theme “harvest.” The work should have a Welsh connection. Welsh language submissions are welcomed and encouraged. The competition is open to anyone. Entries must be handed in at the Welsh Weekend site no later than 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 30. 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.

On Sunday, May 1, all are cordially invited to attend the Gymanfa Ganu (singing festival), at 2:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church. If you like the rich harmonies of four-part hymn singing, you will love this afternoon experience! The singing will be followed by a te bach (refreshments) in the fellowship hall.

For more information about the Welsh Weekend for Everyone, and a **registration form** for Saturday’s activities, please see www.ripon.edu/academics/faculty/nortonm/penwythnos11.htm or call Joe Corbin 608-393-8548.



Directions to the Church & Area Lodging

Take Hwy 41 to the Hwy 21 exit. Take 21 to High Ave.
Turn right on High Ave. and go 1.5 miles to Brown St.
Turn left on Brown St., making a U-turn onto Algoma Blvd.
The church is on the south side of Algoma Blvd.

Holiday Inn Express
2251 Westowne Ave
Oshkosh, WI 54904
920-303-1300



Sunday, May 1—Gymanfa Ganu

The 79th Annual Wisconsin State Gymanfa Ganu will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011, at 2:30 pm at the First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd, in Oshkosh. The director will be Rev. Joe Corbin of Reedsburg. The organist will be Steven Jensen of Milwaukee. Special music is being planned for the event.



The First Congregational Church of Oshkosh is an historic church dating back to 1861. Early Welsh immigrants to America were among those who were influential in early church history. This gymanfa is being held as part of the congregation's celebration of their 150th anniversary.

The sanctuary has recently been remodeled, improving the acoustics for musical events like our gymanfa. Many musical groups in the area hold their events in this church because of the marvelous acoustics. It has a large pipe organ which will carry the congregational singing beautifully. Previous state cymanfaoedd were held in this church in 1969 and 1997.

There is ample parking for our event with a church parking lot on the west side of the building and a large public parking lot directly across from the front of the church. The church is handicap accessible with the entrance on the southwest corner of the church. Following the gymanfa there will be refreshments in the fellowship hall.



Peniel Restoration Project



At last year's Peniel Gymanfa, the idea of restoring the Welsh Peniel Chapel on County Road FF off Highway 26 between Rosendale and Oshkosh was introduced. Since then, estimates have been received to repair the roof, outside soffits, some siding repairs, the front steps and landing, rewiring the chapel, repairing damaged tiles on chapel ceiling, replace one door and frame and fixing the other door in the kitchen entrance.

Overall the chapel condition is remarkable considering it was built in the 1800s. However, the above repairs do need to be made to ensure the chapel will survive for years to come. The Peniel committee would appreciate donations to help defray the cost of restoring this important landmark of Welsh-American culture. Any questions or comments should be directed to Jean White at 920-922-9424 or email at tjwhite65@charter.net. Donations may be sent to Jean at 1769 Creek Vu Drive, North Fond du Lac, WI 54937.

In Memoriam

Wisconsin Welsh mourn the passing of the following from our community:

- Ruth Adams..... Waukesha
- Joanne Pritchard Evans Rothschild
- Robert Hugh Foulkes Rock Island, IL
- Emma J. Harder Mequon
- Janice Jones Hartford..... New Lisbon
- Griffith H. Howell..... Menasha
- David John Jones St. Paul, MN
- Robert T. Lloyd..... Randolph
- David Miller..... Pickett
- Lois Mae Miller Madison
- Ellen Morris-Gutierrez..... Waukesha
- Eldora Catherine Owen..... Redgranite
- Elmer J. Owens Oshkosh
- Helen Rundell Pritchard..... Madison
- Katherine B. Roberts..... Appleton
- Doris Rowlands..... Waukesha
- Rev. John Philip Talmage..... Milwaukee
- Donald "Doc" Thompson..... Randolph
- Bruce Edward Wentzel..... Omro
- Patricia Wetzel Burnett
- Lloyd Dean Williams Waukesha

Please send additional names of those who should be included in the Memorial List to Hugh Davis (with the subject of "WGGAW Memorial" on the e-mail or envelope) at 661 Cardiff Dr, Hartland, WI 53029 or hjdavis1@gmail.com.



WISCONSIN 2011 GYMANFA GANU SCHEDULE

"Deuwch, Canwn i'r Arglwydd"

"Come, Sing Unto the Lord"

May 1 Oshkosh 2:30 p.m.

79th Annual State Gymanfa Ganu at First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd. Session followed by te bach.
Director: Rev. Joe Corbin, Reedsburg. Organist: Steven Jensen, Milwaukee. Contact: Rev. Tom White, 920-922-9424.

Directions: Take Hwy 41 to the Hwy 21 exit. Take 21 to High Ave. Turn right on High Ave. and go 1.5 miles to Brown St. Turn left on Brown St., making a U-turn onto Algoma Blvd. The church is on the south side of Algoma Blvd. Church is fully accessible.

June 12 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. Contact: Jane Kemnitzer, 608-574-4352

Directions: Take Hwy 151 southwest past Mineral Point to Cty A. 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.

July 10 Redgranite 2:30 p.m.

Gymanfa Ganu at First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hwy 21 and Bonnell Ave. in Redgranite. Session followed by te bach. Director: Trefor Williams, Milwaukee. Organist: Rev. Tom White, North Fond du Lac. Contact: Rev. Dorothy Hecknen Mendonca, 920-566-4666. Church is fully accessible and air conditioned.

August 28 Pickett 2:30 p.m.

Gymanfa Ganu at Peniel Chapel. Session followed by te bach. Director: Jay Williams, Clinton, New York. Organist: Rev. Tom White, North Fond du Lac. Pianist: Sarah Conrad, Eldorado, WI. Contact: Rev. Tom White, 920-922-9424 or tjwhite65@charter.net.

Directions: 1 mile west of Hwy 26 on County Road FF between Oshkosh and Rosendale.

September 18 Wild Rose 2:30 p.m.

Gymanfa Ganu at Wild Rose Presbyterian Church, 501 Jackson Street. Director: Ann Lemmenes, Waupun. Organist: Rev. Tom White, North Fond du Lac. Te bach to follow session. Contact: Alyson Janke 920-622-3515

October 9 Cambria 2:30 & 6:00 p.m.

Gymanfa Ganu at Cambria Presbyterian Church, corner of Florence and Towyn. Supper between sessions. Director: Rev. Joe Corbin, Reedsburg. Organist: Steven Jensen, Milwaukee. Contact: Tom Williams, 920-348-5746. Church is fully accessible.

November 13 Columbus 2:30 p.m.

Christmas Gymanfa Ganu at Olivet Congregational United Church of Christ, 313 West Prairie Street, Columbus, WI 53925. Session followed by te bach. Director: Rev. Tom White, North Fond du Lac. Organist: Gregg Punswick. Contact: Hugh Davis, 262-751-5030 or hjdavis1@gmail.com.

Note: Events in italics are run independently from the WGGAW by the individual churches.



Other Welsh Events

North American Festival of Wales
September 1 – 4, 2011
Cleveland, Ohio
www.nafow.org

Cwrs Cymraeg
July 17 – 24, 2011
Winchester, VA
www.madog.org

Welsh Heritage Week
July 17 – 24, 2011
St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada
www.welshheritageweek.org

Hugh Davis
661 Cardiff Dr
Hartland, WI 53029

WGGAW Membership and Contributions Form

You can support the Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin (WGGAW) by joining or renewing your association membership. Gifts received prior to April 1 will be recognized in this year's Wisconsin State Gymanfa Ganu program. **Contributions are tax deductible.** Categories of giving:

- Bardd/Bard — \$100.00 or more
- Noddwr/Patron — \$25.00 to \$99.99
- Cyfaill/Friend — \$5.00 to \$24.99

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Mail this form to: Dick Myers, WGGAW Treasurer, 155 N Harbor Dr #2602, Chicago, IL 60601-5009.