



Irish Heritage Event Rescheduled at Stockton's Manahawkin Instructional Site

Presentation on Surviving Irish Potato Famine Includes Bagpipes, Lunch

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Galloway Township, NJ - One man's tale of surviving Ireland's 1845-1849 potato famine will be enacted at Stockton College's Manahawkin instructional site on **Wednesday, March 26, 2014**, along with a special bagpipe presentation and lunch.

The event was originally scheduled for St. Patrick's Day, March 17, but had to be rescheduled due to snow.

Dr. Richard O'Meara, an instructor in the School of General Studies at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, will enact his play, "The Times of Joy." It tells one man's story of surviving the disastrous failure of Ireland's potato crop in 1845. The crop failure in successive years was caused by late blight due to a water mold. The resulting famine left about 1 million dead and caused an estimated 2 million to immigrate to America and elsewhere.

The free public event celebrating Irish heritage begins at 11:30 a.m. at the instructional site, 712 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, with lunch to follow.

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