



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, will enact his play, "The Times of Joe Gilgane," which depicts the Irish potato famine. The play is based on the true story of a man who survived the famine by late blight due to a water mold. The resulting crop failure caused an estimated 2 million to immigrate to America.

The free public event celebrating Irish heritage begins at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26, at the Manahawkin Instructional Site, 100 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, with lunch to follow.

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