

Stockton's Manahawkin Instructional Site to Host Event Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

'The Times of Joy' March 16 Performance Recounts Effects of Irish Famine

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Galloway Township, NJ – Stockton University's Manahawkin instructional site will offer Dr. Richard Michael O'Meara's performance of "The Times of Joy," about the events of the Irish Diaspora, on **Monday, March 16**.

Dr. O'Meara is a retired soldier and attorney, and currently teaches Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Stockton University.

"The Times of Joy" is a recollection of John Patrick Joy's life and how it was affected by the diaspora and the Great Hunger of Ireland which began in 1845. Like many Irish citizens, Joy left Ireland during this time. His departure saw him traveling the world with the British army, living in New York City and joining the Irish Brigade in the American Civil War. Similarly, many other Irish people spread across the world, finding new homes in Britain, Australia, Canada and the United States. Collectively, these Irish immigrants preserved their culture, bringing it to their new homes.

The free public event will be held at the instructional site, 712 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, from noon to 2 p.m. Light lunch and refreshments will be served. Those attending are asked to reserve a seat by calling 609-626-3883.

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