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Most of us are grateful for many things on Thanksgiving Day – our families and loved ones, a nice life, good health, and so on. We may also be grateful for things, persons, or events beyond our immediate lives. Personally I am thankful for the current peace between Northern Ireland and the Republic. Let us hope it will last.

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### **Story Telling Featured at October General Meeting**

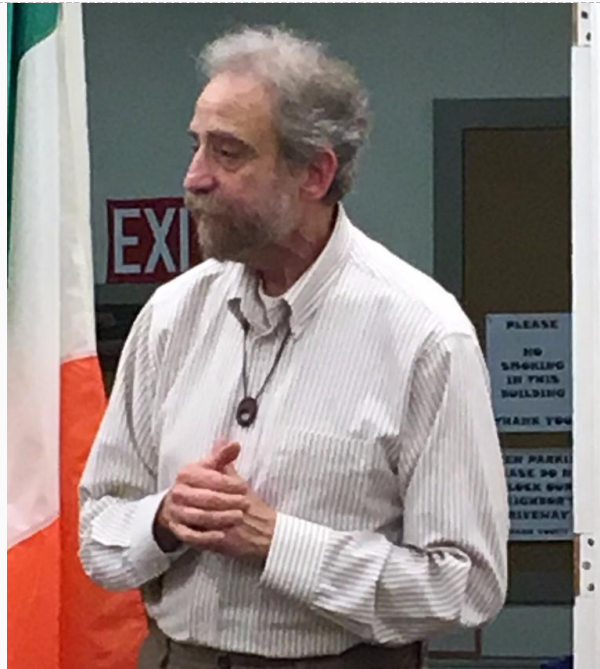
Lynn Duddy and Lawrence Howard from the Portland Story Theater entertained members and guests at the October General Meeting with their storytelling. Lynn told a personal

story from her childhood.



Lynn Duddy

Lawrence told an Irish story about Fionn mac cumhaill (Finn MacCool) and the Salmon of Knowledge.



Lawrence Howard

We thank Lynn and Lawrence for their wonderful presentations.

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### AICS Part of Samhain Celebration in Salem

The AICS participated in the second annual Samhain Celtic New Year Festival on October 21st presented by Céilí of the Valley Society in Salem. There were workshops, classes, and demonstrations throughout the day. Continuous entertainment included set and Céilí dancing, Portland Scottish Country Dancers, Highland pipes, Irish harp music and singing, and the Welch Society of Oregon Chorus. The day wrapped up with live music by Dreos and dancing.



Bruce Kenny and AICS Display at Samhain in Salem

Our own Bruce Kenny explained the basics of the Irish language including common phrases and rudimentary elements of structure and pronunciation in one of the workshops. Many thanks to Céilí of the Valley for inviting us to participate.

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### A Dirty Job: It Had to Be Done

Have you ever wondered where AICS stashes its supplies, canopies for festivals, and the flags of Ireland and the United States? We have a shed for storage in Linnton. Over the years it has gotten cluttered and disorganized so AICS had a clean-up, spruce-up session on October 14 from 10AM to 2:30PM.

Brendan Kerg, JJ Grealish, and Tom Crowley worked hard on reconfiguring the

shed. They pulled out the existing shelving and built new shelves and a counter top.



JJ, Tom, and Brendan

Rose Ann Ranft, Helen Grealish, and Mary Rose sorted the items and reorganized everything. **All the bins have been relabeled with green tags for St. Patrick's Day stuff and white labels for everything else.** Now no one has to search endlessly for the supplies for the appropriate event.



## Organized Bins on New Shelves

Not all went smoothly. This was truly a dirty job. Especially bothersome were Japanese beetles everywhere. Brendan sealed the walls so we hope that will keep them out.

If you ever have to go to the shed, do not be afraid. Thanks to our stalwart crew, the shed is now clean, organized, and beetle-free.

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### Save the Date for AICS Events

***Bad weather is coming! Occasionally an AICS event has to be cancelled because of unsafe driving conditions. The board will notify members via email about cancellations on the afternoon of the event. If you do not have email, call the club telephone, 503 286 4812, if you have concerns about the weather. Remember that the board will put members' safety first.***

#### General Meeting

Saturday, November 18, 7PM

Oregon Stamp Society Building

4828 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Portland

For more information call 503-286-4812.

Program: Women Who Influenced Irish Writers. Presentation by Louise Martell

#### Genealogy-DNA Group

Saturday, November 18, 6PM

Oregon Stamp Society Building

4828 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Portland

(Before General Meeting)

Belfast Girls – AICS night

Saturday, November 25

Corrib Theatre Production

Shaking the Tree Theatre

823 SE Grant St

Portland

Tickets through [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

Code word, AICS, for \$5 discount

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 2, 12:30PM to 4:30PM

Holiday Inn Portland Airport

8439 NE Columbia Blvd

Portland

Buffet dinner/luncheon.

Rose Ann and Mary Sacksteder are in charge of gifts, games, and entertainment. Be prepared for surprises and fun!



Assortment of AICS Christmas Gifts

\$28 for members (up \$1 from last year), \$30 for non-members

Send checks to AICS, PO Box 3411, Portland, OR 97208 by Nov. 27.

### Pub Social

Next one will be in January. Place TBA

Pub socials are informal gathering of members and guests, and they are free except food, drinks, and tips. Usually on the last Sunday of the month.

### General Meeting

Saturday, January 20, Time TBA

Oregon Stamp Society Building

4828 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Portland

For more information call 503-286-4812.

Program: **"High" Tea**

### Genealogy-DNA Group

Saturday, January 20, Time TBA

Oregon Stamp Society Building

4828 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Portland

(Before General Meeting)

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### 2018 Dues Due Soon

Membership dues for 2018 are still \$25 for individual membership and \$40 for family membership. They are due in January. But AICS will gladly accept them earlier.

At the Christmas Party Christine Seed, our treasurer, and Helen Grealish, our



corresponding secretary, will gladly accept your checks/cash for membership dues . If you pay your dues at that time you will receive an orange and green wine-glass glass charm. These are really cute, very useful, and you will save on postage!



If you are not attending the Christmas Party or prefer to wait until after Christmas you can pay your dues at the January meeting or mail checks to – AICS, PO Box 3411, Portland, OR 97208-4812.

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#### Celtic Events

##### **Corral Creek Blue Grass**

Saturday, November 11

2nd Saturday Community Concert

Doors open 6:45PM - Concert 7:30PM

Winona Grange #271

8340 SW Seneca St.

## Tualatin

Corral Creek comes to you with a mixed set list which includes Bluegrass standards, Oregon tunes, original tunes about life experience, comedy tunes, and a few stories. Ron, Pam, Ed, Carl and Tracy have come together from various backgrounds and experiences to share their music for the last twelve years. It's always a family show including sing-a-longs, humorous stories, and good times by all.

\$20 at the door, evening of the concert

Early tickets available, \$12 - \$17 through [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

Belfast Girls

November 17-December 10

Corrib Theatre Production

Shaking the Tree Theatre

823 SE Grant St

Portland

Five young women in famine-stricken Ireland are shipped off to Australia under a British **government scheme to supposedly help "orphan" girls find a better life.** En route, these strong and high-spirited women discover that they have been conveniently gotten rid of. Based on true accounts, it is a play about emigration and the female experience of the Famine, and of the powers-that-be scapegoating and victimizing its most vulnerable during a crisis.

Tickets through [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

Paper & Spit:

DNA + Genealogy, and How to Make That First Contact

Saturday, November 18th, 2 - 3pm

Genealogic Forum of Oregon

2505 SE 11th

Portland

If you missed Don Anderson's story of finding his biological parents, this is your chance to hear it

again. Like many adoptees, he wanted to know where he came from. Using both DNA and genealogy research, Don finds not only the identity of his birth parents but also his true ethnic heritage. His new book, *Paper and Spit*, chronicles his journey. Admission free.

Music from Dublin Castle

Portland Baroque Orchestra concert

Friday, November 17, and Saturday, November 18 at 7:30PM

First Baptist Church

909 SW 11<sup>th</sup>

Portland

and

Sunday, November 19 at 3:00PM

Kaul Auditorium

3203 SE Woodstock

(Reed College Campus)

Portland

For over 600 years, Dublin Castle was the center of Irish politics, military, and law. During the Baroque period, musical masters including Vivaldi, Purcell, and Handel visited Dublin Castle to compose for and lead an elite group of Irish state musicians. Guest director Peter Whelan leads a reincarnation of this period with a program of the earliest orchestral works to be composed on Irish soil.

More information and tickets (\$24-\$59) are available

online: <http://pbo.org/explore/explore/music-from-dublin-castle/349/>

**The Bays Family Band  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert**

Saturday, November 18, Concert at 8:00PM

Wee Ceili Room

Tualatin

Address and directions after reservations are made.

The Bays Family Band has been promoting the musical traditions of Ireland for over 30 years. Randal has been called "among the best Irish style fiddlers of his generation." He

is also a virtuoso on the guitar. The Bays Family Band also includes Susan Waters on fiddle and vocals, and sons Willie and Owen Bays on flute and concertina. First concert for this group at the Wee Ceili Room was Nov 4, 2007 with Randal and Daithi Sproule

\$20 at the door. Reservations required. Email [sam.keator@frontier.com](mailto:sam.keator@frontier.com) to reserve.

**Affiniti: A Celtic Christmas**

With special guest Howard Crosby  
Thursday, December 7 at 8:00PM  
Aladdin Theater  
3017 SE Milwaukie Ave  
Portland  
All Ages Welcome

Affiniti is a powerhouse female trio made up of vocalist Emer Barry (Soprano), Aisling Ennis (Harp), and Mary McCague (Violin). Their music is unique, and this show combines the mystery of Celtic Music with the Magic of Christmas. This Christmas concert will also feature Howard Crosby, nephew of Bing Crosby.

Admission \$25 advance, \$30 at the Door.

Tickets are available at the Aladdin box office and online at [TicketFly.com](http://www.ticketfly.com/venue/1241-aladdin-theater/)  
(<http://www.ticketfly.com/venue/1241-aladdin-theater/>).

### **Weekly Ceili Events**

**Tuesdays:** Tir Eoghain ceili class, 7:30-9:30PM

St. Therese Multi-Purpose Center

1260 NE 132nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97230.

\$5 sliding. 14 years old and up.

**Tuesdays:** Ceili of the Valley, 6:30-8:30PM

Ceili and set dancing

VFW Hall

630 Hood St. NE

Salem

Thursdays: Winds of Donegal, 7-9PM

***No class 11/23 Thanksgiving Day***

Winona Grange

8340 SW Seneca St.

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5\$ fee. Beginners always welcomed! This class is structured for adults – young and old. We also encourage mature teens who want to learn.

#### Monthly Ceili Events

Ceili Mor: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. 8-11PM (Doors open 7:30PM), October through May

Winona Grange

8340 SW Seneca St.

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\$12 adults, \$10 students (Age 12 and up), veterans, and seniors 65 and older.

For more information please go to [SandAlrish Entertainment.com](http://SandAlrishEntertainment.com)

**Irish Jam Session: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** of the month 3-6PM

Winona Grange

8340 SW Seneca St.

Tualatin

For more information, contact Sam Keator at [sam.keator@frontier.com](mailto:sam.keator@frontier.com).

**Portland Ceili Society: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, Nov. 17**

Featuring the tunes of Johnny Connolly and Cary Novotny

Instruction about 7:30PM, Dance 8-11PM

St. Barnabas Church Hall

2201 SW Vermont St

Portland

\$12 general admission/ \$8 for members

Visit the website for Portland Ceili Society, [www.portlandceilisociety.org](http://www.portlandceilisociety.org) for more information.

### **Ceili of the Valley: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**

7-8PM Lesson, 8-11PM Live music and ceili

VFW Ha630 Hood St. NE

Salem

[www.ceiliofthevalley.org](http://www.ceiliofthevalley.org) for more information.

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# ceili of the valley



## Tuesday Night Classes

6:30-8:30 Ceili & Set Dancing

## 2nd Friday Ceili

7-8 p.m. Lesson

8-11 p.m. Live Music & Ceili

all at the VFW Hall,  
630 Hood St. NE in Salem

[www.ceiliofthevalley.org](http://www.ceiliofthevalley.org)

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### **AICS Website**

[www.oregonirishclub.org](http://www.oregonirishclub.org)

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