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OF OREGON

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members and Friends:

It's March and that means soon it will be St. Patrick's Day. We aren't going to let the Covid virus stop us from having a celebration. Thanks to some creative members of our club and Board we will be hosting a virtual St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17th. Please check out all the fine performances at [oregonirishsociety.org](http://oregonirishsociety.org). Member Christina White is sending out teasers both on the webpage and on Facebook. If you see these please share them. By sharing we broaden the reach of the club. We hope you are safe. Many members report they are getting the vaccine. We hope when your turn comes you are able to get your "jab" as they say in Ireland.

Slainte,  
Mary Sacksteder

# A VIRTUAL ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

As noted in last month's newsletter, the All Ireland Cultural Society has hosted the St. Patrick's Day celebration for almost 80 years. This year we will be having a virtual celebration in compliance with Governor Brown's request that we celebrate safely. The celebration outlined below will be fashioned after our traditional program. We've left nothing out and invite you to pay special attention to the puppet show if you have young children and to get up and dance to the music and song that is coming your way. To set the mood tune into the evening of Irish music sponsored by the club earlier this month at the Gresham Center for the Arts. Club member and popular piper Tim Birr started off the evening with some well known pipe tunes, followed by Cary Novatny, Eddie Parente and Matty Sears playing Irish favorites.

Check out the presentation on our Facebook page or at the Gresham Center for the Arts web page <https://fb.watch/43yQydBiIG/>. Then turn to our St. Patrick's Virtual Celebration.

The Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Pipes and Drums  
Stu White and the Oregon Fire Choir  
Molly Malone Dancers and Yeates Academy  
Oregon Irish Dance Academy  
An Daire Academy  
Cary Novotny, Skip Parente and Matty Sears Band  
Maldon Meehan - Sean Nos dancing  
Tir Eoghain Ceili Dancers  
A sing-a-long  
Ceili of the Valley Ceili Dancers  
Penny's Puppet show .....and MORE

These wonderful performances will be available on our website [www.oregonirishsociety.org](http://www.oregonirishsociety.org) on March 17th via our YouTube. It's free for you to enjoy! [Here is a link to a promo video](#) to give you an idea of the kind of entertainment we are offering. All the info about the event is at [www.oregonirishsociety.org](http://www.oregonirishsociety.org).

While enjoying our virtual St. Patrick's celebration don't miss what our brethren to the north are offering to celebrate our Patron Saint. View the Virtual Taste of Irish Seattle at [IrishWeek.org](http://IrishWeek.org). You can't get too much Irish!!!

# WHAT BETTER COMBINATION - YEATS AND IRISH MUSIC

## I AM OF IRELAND Yeats in Song

*W. B. Yeats set to music by Raymond Driver*

Cathy Jordan • Seamie O'Dowd • Kevin Burke  
John Doyle • Mick McAuley • Christine Collister  
Eleanor Shanley • Fergal McAloon • Brid O'Riordan  
Jackie Oates • Ashley Davis • Dave Curley  
and members of Lúnasa



This new album coming out in June will feature 23 poems by Yeats set to music created by Raymond Driver and performed by notable Irish and Irish-American artists like Kevin Burke, Mick McAuley and Eleanor Shanley. Although the entire album will not be available for St. Patrick's season, one of the songs contained in it is available at [yeatsinsong.com](http://yeatsinsong.com). Give a listen - you might find yourself counting the days until the album is available. The two artists on this song, Seamie O'Dowd and Cathy Jordan, are renown traditional artists, Seamie as a guitarist and Cathy as a singer, both having spent many years with the traditional Irish band Dervish.

You can find Seamie at <https://www.facebook.com/.seamie.odowd> and Cathy at <https://www.dervish.ie/>.

# GREAT IRISH FARE TO BE HAD AT OUR SUPPORTING RESTAURANTS

Portland has a number of good Irish restaurants and we have been lucky to have been given support by many of them for events we have run over the years. As we know, the hospitality industry has been especially hard hit by the Covid-19 epidemic. We now have a chance to kill two birds with one stone: enjoy great Irish fare and support those who have supported us. Here's a list of restaurants that will be offering traditional favorites on a full or limited basis. All will be offering take out and most will offer a dining in option:

The Dullahan Irish Pub, 352 B Street, Lake Oswego, 503-305-8087, [www.thedullahanpub.com](http://www.thedullahanpub.com).

Kells Irish Restaurant & Pub, 112 SW 2nd Ave., Portland, 503-227-4057, [office@kellsirish.com](mailto:office@kellsirish.com).

Kells Brewery, 210 NW 21st, Portland, 503-719-7175, [kellsbrewpub.com](http://kellsbrewpub.com).

(There will be no music or dancing at either Kells locations for St. Patrick's Day).

Kiawe Island Bistro, 212 NE 164th Ave., Suite 12, Vancouver, WA 360-254-5544. [kiaweislandbistro.com](http://kiaweislandbistro.com).

A limited menu and only take out available.

Paddy's Bar and Grill, 65 SW Yamhill, Portland, 503-224-5626, [www.paddys.com](http://www.paddys.com).

Will have their famous green beer available.

T.C. O'Leary's, 2926 NE Alberta Street, 503-477-5969, [facebook.com/tcolearys](https://facebook.com/tcolearys).

All seating will be outdoors, tent for the performers.

Whelan's Irish Pub, 11709 SE Division St., Portland, 503-327-8020, [www.whelanspdx.com](http://www.whelanspdx.com).

# STAYING HOME - BAKE YOUR OWN BREAD

Annie's Wheaten Bread Recipe - Courtesy of Anne Doherty

1. 1 and 2/3 cups regular flour
2. 1 cup whole wheat flour
3. 1 tsp salt
4. 1 tsp baking soda
5. 1 tsp baking powder
6. ½ stick cold butter
7. ¼ cup steel-cut oats (pinhead)
8. ¼ cup rolled oats
9. ¼ wheat bran – or oat bran
10. 1 tbsp brown sugar – optional
11. 1 and 1/3 cups buttermilk

Pre-heat oven to 425F

Mix the first 5 ingredients together

Cut in the cold butter

Mix in ingredients 7 to 10

Mix in the buttermilk

Dough should be soft and not too sticky

Drop onto a floured board

Do not knead – just shape into a round about 6" diameter

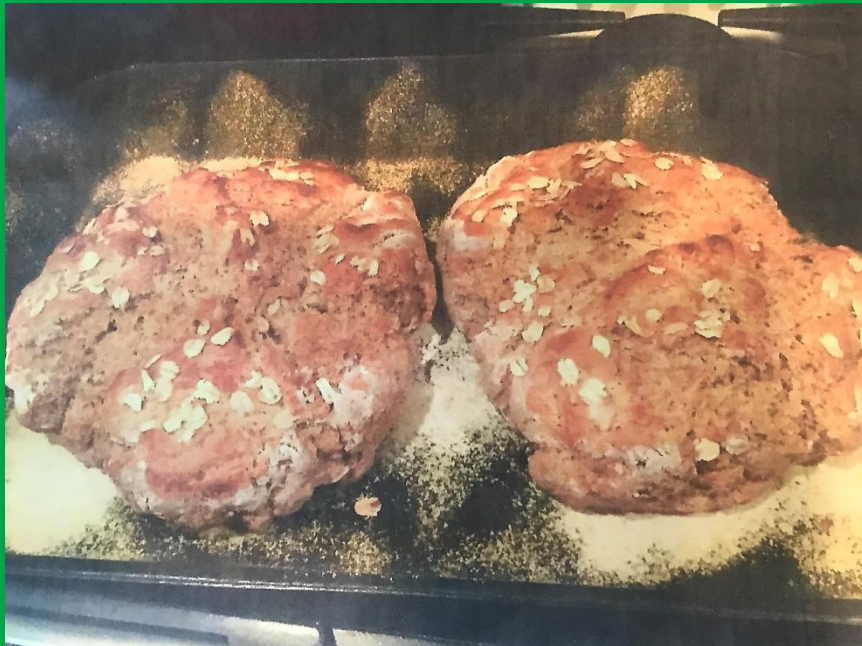
Cut an X on the top

Optional – brush top lightly with buttermilk and drop on some rolled oats

Bake on a buttered/floured baking sheet. I use a cast iron skillet/dish.

Or you could use a loaf pan

Bake at 425F for 10 minutes, then at 400F for another 45 to 50 minutes



## OUR APRIL MEETING

Two important issues will be presented at our April meeting, scheduled for Saturday, April 17th, voting on new Board members and proposed changes to the by-laws. The proposed changes will be published in our April newsletter so you'll have a heads up as to what they are. Meeting access will also be included in the next newsletter.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

**Get Well Wishes** go out to John Delihanty who has returned home after a stay in hospital, and Mary Meyer who is currently in hospice care.

**Congratulations** to the committee, especially Christina White, who've done a masterful job of putting together our virtual St. Patrick's program.

**Welcome** to new members Mary and Richard Buck and Julie and MJ Herlihy.

## GENEOLOGY COMMITTEE

Contact Don Anderson ([dndanderson@comcast.net](mailto:dndanderson@comcast.net)) if interested in joining the Genealogy Committee.

## CELTIC EVENTS

Celtic Community Night at Artichoke Music, 2007 SE Powell Boulevard, Portland, OR. The second Wednesday of the month is dedicated to Irish music. All scheduled dates are postponed until further notice.

2nd Saturday Community Concert has been postponed.

## IRISH THEATER NEWS

Gemma Whelan has announced that Corrib Theatre has commissioned three short audio plays from Irish playwrights that will deal with the current global turmoil. Those authors are Jodi McCarrick, Rosaleen McDonough and Bisi Adigun, a Nigerian-Irish author. Those plays will be available in early 2021 and a discussion will be held via Zoom. We're all anxious for the new Corrib season to begin and if you have questions or would simply like to chat with Gemma she invites you to do so via e-mail. Her address is [gemma@corribtheatre.org](mailto:gemma@corribtheatre.org).

# IRISH CRUISES

## **Joanie Madden 2020 Cruise is postponed until September 2021. This cruise is still a go!**

For those of you who'd like to venture a little further from home, Joanie Madden and Cherish the Ladies are running a western Mediterranean cruise from September 5 to 12, 2021, leaving from and returning to Barcelona, Spain. Although Cherish the Ladies is a traditional band, there will be social dance music, singers, and comedians in abundance as well as Swallows Tail, a traditional band that needs no introduction, for set dancing. Need to brush up on your jive or quick step, there will be lessons available, sessions too for those who would like. Here are the ports of call for this cruise aboard the Norwegian Epic: Barcelona, Rome, Florence, Pisa, Cannes, Palma, Majorca, Spain. There is a range of pricing: interior cabins start at \$1,399; balconies are \$1,779 - \$1,929; mini suites are 1969-3668. Airfare is not included in this pricing. For more information go to [info@joaniemaddencruise.com](mailto:info@joaniemaddencruise.com).

## **ANDY COONEY'S 23RD ANNUAL CRUISE OF IRISH STARS - 2022**

This talent-packed cruise will be leaving from and returning to Fort Lauderdale, Florida between January 29th and February 5, 2022. Andy Cooney and his band plus Ronan Tynan are the headliners but there are many other wonderful musicians and entertainers who will be on board for your pleasure. The ports of call for the Sky Princess, Princess Cruise Line, are:

Grand Cayman  
Cayman Islands  
Belize City  
Mexico  
Roatan  
Honduras  
Cozumel

Pricing for this cruise varies from \$1,099 to \$1,919.00 based on double occupancy, taxes and fees of \$349 per person are not included in that pricing. If you book before June 1st you'll receive the premier beverage package, free wi-fi and prepaid gratuities. To book please call Travel Professionals at 1-800-724-9511 or contact them at 62 N. Main Street, Suite, #114, Florida, NY 10921, [travelpro@warwick.net](mailto:travelpro@warwick.net).

Deposits are fully refundable until October 13, 2021.

Those of you who would like more regular contact with Andy Cooney tune into his new podcast called Andy Cooney New York Irish Hour. You can find it through your podcast app or on You Tube.



# IRISH DANCE

## **Irish Dance - Weekly Classes - All Postponed Until Further Notice**

Monday: Set Dancing classes at Betty Woerner's, 2912 SW Arnold Street, Portland, OR 97219. Call 503-244-1593 for more information or directions. There is no charge for classes.

Sean nos dancing taught by Maldon Meehan. Classes are available on Zoom and will cover a variety of themes such as: dancing to the tune; triplets; signature moves; improvisation and the body. Beginner and more advanced classes are available. For more information and/or registration, please contact Maldon at: [maldonmeehan@gmail.com](mailto:maldonmeehan@gmail.com).

Thursdays: Winds of Donegal, 7-9:00 PM at the Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St., Tualatin, \$5 fee. Beginners always welcomed!

## **Monthly Dance Events - All Postponed Until Further Notice**

Ceili Mor: 1st Friday of the month. 8-11 PM (Doors open 7:30 PM), October through May, Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St., Tualatin. \$12 adults, \$10 students (Age 12 and up), veterans, and seniors 65 and over \$10.00. For more information please go to [SandAlrish Entertainment.com](http://SandAlrishEntertainment.com) or [www.irishpdx.com](http://www.irishpdx.com).

Irish Jam Session: 2nd Sunday of the month. 3-6:00 PM, Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St., Tualatin. For more information, contact Sam Keator at [sam.keator@frontier.com](mailto:sam.keator@frontier.com).

Ceili of the Valley: 2nd Friday Ceili. 8-11PM (Doors open 7:00 PM, lesson about 7:15), Year Round, VFW Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem. \$10 General, \$8 CVS Member, \$5 students (age 11 and up), Kids 10 and under are free, \$30 Family. For more information please go to [www.ceiliofthevalley.org](http://www.ceiliofthevalley.org)

Ceili of the Valley also hold classes every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the same location. \$5 per class

Tir Eoghain ceili class has now gone from a weekly to a monthly meeting. There will be no class until further notice. The new date and time will appear in next month's newsletter.

Comhaltas Ceili: 4th Friday of the month ceili usually held at the Sellwood Community House, 1436 SE Spokane Street, Portland, OR 97202, has been postponed. When it resumes the schedule will be: Foinn Seisun tune learning from 4:00-5:00 pm; Irish Gaelic Conversation from 4:00-6:00 pm; Improver Session from 5:00-6:00 pm; Irish Song Circle from 5:00-6:00 pm; pot luck from 6:00-7:00 pm; open session 7:00-9:45 pm; set dancing lesson 7:00-7:30 pm; set/ceili dancing from 7:30-9:45 pm.

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