



All-Ireland cultural society OF OREGON

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Seanacháí is the name of our newsletter.
It is a Gaelic word that refers to a storyteller or historian.

The Seanacháí is usually published most months of the year
and sent out via email as well as posted on our website.
Email us at irishclubpdx@gmail.com if you'd like to be
added to our monthly email list for the Seanacháí.



Portland Went Green for St. Patrick's Day
- Celtic Cross in Mt. Calvary Cemetery

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As our year winds down, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this year for AICS a great one. I have relied upon the Board members and they have worked with me on every request or "ask" I have made. Thanks to Louise, Mary, Sam, Christina, Brendan and others who took on separate responsibilities, whether it be the picnic, the winter luncheon or writing the grant to the Irish Government.

We do have some good news. Our April General/Annual meeting will be in person at the Stamp Society on Saturday, April 16th at 3:00. We will have social distancing and please feel free to wear a mask if that makes you feel a little bit safer. At that meeting you will be voting in the 2022-2023 Board. We will have a Zoom option but I hope many of you will be there in person.

It has been a good year, even with the pandemic still in effect, but I know next year will be one of new adventures and programs for the AICS.

Hope to see you on the 16th at the Oregon Stamp Society, 4828 NE 33rd Avenue, Portland, 97211. Our meeting will start at 3:00 and we must vacate the building by 4:45 to allow another group to meet. Please be timely.

A happy and healthy Easter to all.

Margaret Doherty

President

VOTING AT OUR APRIL MEETING

Saturday, April 16th, 3:00-4:45 pm
Oregon Stamp Society (4828 NE 33rd Avenue, Portland, 97211)
Zoom Option Also Available – Members will receive the link via email.

The meeting on April 16th at 3:00 pm is both our general monthly meeting and our annual meeting, during which we take care of business that occurs but once a year – voting on a slate of officers, changes to our standing rules, a report by the Audit Committee, and a report by the History Committee. The Nominating Committee has published the following slate of officers for 2022-2023, but nominations will be taken from the floor, too. A sincere thank you to the Nominating Committee (Christina White, Madeline York, and Mary Rose Kerg) for all their efforts.

Nominating Committee's Slate of Offices for the 2022-2023 Board of Directors

President	Christina White
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New Standing Rule

The Board recommends, and you will be asked to vote on, the addition of the following language to our standing rules:
The All Ireland Cultural Society is inclusive, respectful and welcoming to all and does not discriminate on any basis.

Please be on time for the meeting so that we can conclude AICS business by 4:45 pm. There will be no provision for socializing but there are nearby Irish establishments that would welcome your patronage.

APPRECIATION DINNER – MAY 21ST

It's our tradition to hold a dinner at the end of our activity year to show our appreciation to Board members for their effort and time throughout the previous year. This year we are contemplating a catered dinner at the Stamp Society building. Although nothing has been finalized yet, please hold the date. There will be details in next month's newsletter.

WELCOME NEW AICS MEMBERS

Two new members have joined our ranks in the past month: Reade Weber and Nicholas McClanahan.
A warm welcome to both of them and please make yourselves at home.

THE SMUGGLER

A CORRIB THEATRE PRODUCTION AT T.C. O'LEARY'S



Tom O'Leary as Tim Finnigan

Corrib Theatre and Tom O'Leary have joined forces to present Ronan Noonan's play "The Smuggler" at TC

O'Leary's Pub, 2926 NE Alberta

Street, Portland, OR 97211. The play will run from April 28-May 22nd. Shows are Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, Thursdays at 10:00 pm (except for Thursday, April 28 when it will be presented at 7:30 pm), Saturdays at 2:00 pm and Sundays at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=129747>.

The theme is the dark underside of the American dream. What is it and what do you have to do to attain it? Those questions will be illustrated by the star of the show – none other than Tom O'Leary. If you always thought Tom was acting but weren't quite sure you have the opportunity to prove yourself right – or wrong! AICS will be scheduling a group evening at O'Leary's – we'll let you know when a date has been chosen.

DONATION OF IRISH BOOKS

Sincere thanks to Paul Lyons who donated a collection of Irish books to our library. Librarian Louise Martell received them and will add them to our current collection that is housed at the Stamp Society building.

HOUSE & OUTDOOR LIVING SHOW

There are tickets available for the House and Outdoor Living Show that's on from April 8-10th at the Oregon Convention Center. There are approximately 20 tickets available. If you are interested, please email Mary Rose Kerg at maryrosemulligan@comcast.net, and she will mail them to you.

SNAPSHOT OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out these events! Know of more local events that we should add to the list? Email us at irishclubpdx@gmail.com.



Cantrip
April 7th, 7:00pm
At: Lincoln City Cultural Center
[Click here for more info.](#)



Golden Bough
April 10th, 2:00pm
At: Whiteside Theatre, 361 SW Madison Ave, Corvallis, OR
[Click here for more info.](#)



Martin Hayes
April 11th, 7:00pm
At: Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St, Tualatin, OR
[Click here for more info.](#)



Celtic Music Event
April 23rd, 2:30pm
At: Oddfellows Hall, 1130 Hazel Street, Central Point
For more info, email Becky Saraceno, Jefferson Pipe Band, at spinningpiper@yahoo.com.

Highland Games Immersion Training Camp
April 29th – May 1st
At: 202123 Cox Ln, Bend
[Click here for more info.](#)



Elk Mountain Highland Games Camp; Festivals
April 30th – May 1st
At: Evans Valley Community Center, 8205 E. Evans Creek Rd., Rogue River
[Click here for more info.](#)



BELTANE/BIRTHDAY SET DANCE CEILI MAY 21ST

From Betty Woerner:

It's my 75th birthday in May, plus Janet and Mark also have birthdays then, so we are planning a ceili to celebrate! There is going to be a set dance ceili on Saturday, May 21, 7:00-9:15 pm, at St. Barnabas Parish Hall, 2201 SW Vermont St. (where we used to have the Portland ceilis). Masks must be worn indoors (although this may change by May 21), and you will be asked to show your COVID vaccination card or facsimile. The band will be Bob Soper and Joe Root. Please let me know if you are interested in calling a dance. We will need volunteers for setting up, taking down, snack table, and clean-up. Please let me know if you would like to help out. I will send out registration forms later. The dance line-up so far is:

1st half, 60 min: Antrim Square (Dancing 10 min) 18 min, Plain set (Dancing 20 min) 38 min, Waltz/Song 4 min

15 min. break

2nd half, 60 min: Merchant set (Dance 21 min) 30min, Clare Lancers (Dance 18 min) 26 min, Waltz/Song 4 min

LOCAL IRISH LANGUAGE

Brian O'hAirt: brianohairt.com

Portland Community College Irish Gaelic Courses: Online intro courses, Wednesday, May 4th, through June 15th, 2022. Section I: 6:00-6:50 pm and Section II: 7:00-7:50 pm. In person courses resume summer 2022! To register, visit pcc.edu/community.

IRISH CRUISES

Portland Shamrock Cruise: This is happening in 2023!



Joanie Madden Cruise September 2022: 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 4 to 11, 2022, 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. For more information email info@joaniemaddencruise.com.

Andy Cooney's Cruise of Irish Stars 2023: Jan. 29 – February 5, 2023. Round Trip Leaving Fort Lauderdale Through the Eastern Caribbean. Ports of Call: Princess Cays, Bahamas; San Juan, Puerto Rico, Amber Cove, Dominican Republic and Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos. Deposit of \$350 due at time of booking, fully refundable until October 12, 2022. Call Travel Professionals: 800 724-9511 or 845-651-4441. More info at www.cruiseofirishstars.com.

LOCAL IRISH SESSIONS

Artichoke Music Session Classes by Dan Compton: You can sign up for this class, info at artichokemusic.org. Next round of classes will start March 19th, and they will be online once again!

Bend Session Group: Info at bendtrad.org.

CCE Youth Session: Held usually on select Sunday afternoons at the NW Hostel Café at 1810 NW Glisan Ave. Hosted by Niamh Branigan with CCE Oregon. More info at cceoregon.org.

Irish Jam Session in Tualatin: 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.

North Bend (near Coos Bay) Irish Session at Liberty Pub: Wednesday nights 7-9 pm at the Liberty Pub, 2047 Sherman Ave, North Bend, OR 97459. For more info, contact Sharon Rogers at singingsharon@gmail.com.

Trail Jams Session: Sundays 1:30-4:30 at NW Hostel Café, 1810 NW Glisan Ave, Portland. Info: trailjams.org.

Women's Session | Seisiún na mBan: Tuesdays 8-10 pm at T.C. O'Leary's. Info at tcolearys.com. Led by Nancy Conescu.

LOCAL IRISH MUSIC

Celtic Community Night at Artichoke Music: 2007 SE Powell Boulevard, Portland, OR. Next concert is Wednesday, April 27th, with Gerry O'Connor. More info at artichokemusic.org.

Celtic Music Hour: The Celtic Music Hour presents music from the seven Celtic nations from musicians throughout the world. Hosts Ann and Beth, members of our local Ceili of the Valley Society, create weekly themes from Celtic music, culture, and history. The show airs live on KMUZ Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11 am on 100.7 and 88.5 FM. The show rebroadcasts Friday evenings at 7 pm. For information about online listening, options go to kmuz.org. Didn't catch Celtic Music Hour? KMUZ reinstated the 2-week archive. To access the Celtic Music Hour two-week archive, go to kmuz.org. Look for the "On Demand" link. Once open, locate the Celtic Music Hour on either the Tuesday or Friday show time. Open the link and click on the arrow in the gray-shaded area in the upper left-hand corner of the page. To keep updated on the Celtic Music Hour shows and themes look to the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CelticMusicHour>.



2nd Saturday Community Concerts: Monthly concerts, all the info is at irishpdx.com.

Live Irish Music at T.C. O'Leary's Pub in Portland: Info at tcolearys.com.

Sundays 2-4 pm: Preston Howard Wilde

Mondays 7-9 pm: The Lads (and Lady)

Third Thursdays: Oíche na Namhrán | Night of Songs (on hold temporarily due to the pandemic)

LOCAL SET/CEILI DANCING CLASSES

- **Monday Set Dancing Classes in Portland:** Practices at Sellwood Community Center, Mondays from 12:30-2:00 pm. Call 503-244-1593 for more information or directions. There is no charge for classes.
- **Salem Ceili of the Valley Weekly Ceili Classes:** 6:30-8:30 pm, \$5 per class – no partner needed and first class is FREE for new dancers! VFW Hall in Salem. Info at ceiliofthevalley.org.
- **Thursday Winds of Donegal Ceili Classes in Tualatin:** 7-8:30 PM at the Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St., Tualatin, \$10 fee. Beginners always welcomed! More info at irishpdx.com.
- **Tir Eoghain Monthly Ceili Class in Portland:** There will be no class until further notice due to the pandemic. Futher info is at oregonirishsociety.org.

LOCAL SEAN NOS DANCING 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 visit maldonmeehan.com or contact Maldon at maldonmeehan@gmail.com.

LOCAL STEP DANCING CLASSES

- **An Daire Academy of Irish Dance:** andaireacademy.com
- **Brimhall Academy of Irish Dance:** brimhallacademy.com
- **Murray School of Irish Dance:** murrayirishdance.com
- **Oregon Irish Dance Academy:** oregonirishdance.com
- **Yeates Academy of Irish Dance:** yeatesacademy.com

Has your little one seen Riverdance: The Animated Adventure yet? Released in May of 2021, it was only just added to US Netflix in January of 2022, and since then has been inspiring kids of all ages to start Irish dancing classes! It features the voices of A-list Irish actors like Pierce Brosnan and the timeless Riverdance music of Bill Whelan. It's sure to get your feet tapping and have your little one begging you to sign them up for Irish dance lessons! [Check out the trailer here](#). Enjoy!



LOCAL MONTHLY IRISH DANCE EVENTS

Ceili of the Valley 2nd Friday Ceili: 2nd Friday of the month, featuring live Irish music! Doors at 7:00pm., Dance Instruction at 7:15 pm, Live Music at 8:00 pm. It's always a great time to learn Irish Ceili dancing! With a couple of simple steps (forwards and back and sideways), you can dance any dance!! Tennis shoes will work, no special shoes are needed. Beginners are welcomed! All dances are walked and called. VFW Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem. \$10 per person. Bottled water will be available for purchase, there will not be a snack table. Please email ceiliofthevalley@gmail.com if you have any questions. More info at ceiliofthevalley.org. **Please note: Proof of full vaccination from COVID-19 (two weeks from your last shot) (boosters recommended) or a negative COVID test within 72 hours of the event is required for participation. Attendees will need to wear masks. **Please do not attend if you don't feel well, are experiencing any Covid symptoms, and/or have been exposed to anyone with or suspected of having Covid within the past two weeks.***

1st Friday Ceili Mor in Tualatin: First Friday of the month, featuring live Irish music! 8-11 PM (Doors open 7:30 PM), Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St., Tualatin. \$10 per person. This is a personal responsibility dance. Dances are taught and cued as we enjoy the evening. Please note, there will not be a potluck social at intermission. More info at irishpdx.com.

4th Friday Comhaltas Ceili in Portland: Postponed until further notice. Usually held at the Sellwood Community House, 1436 SE Spokane Street, Portland, OR 97202. 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.

Quarterly Ceili from Arnold Street Irish Dancers in Portland: The Arnold Street Irish Dancers are starting a quarterly ceili with live music and called sets at the St. Barnabas Church parish hall, 2201 SW Vermont Street, Portland. The first ceili will be on a date in May 2022 starting at 6:30pm with required check-in. Proof of vaccination and a mask will be required and attendees will be asked to sign a waiver. Entry fee will be a sliding scale \$10-30. Attendance capped at 50. Please contact Betty Woerner for more information: 503-244-1593; 971-254-5962.

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