



AN SEANACHAÍ

NEWSLETTER OF THE AICS

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Seanachai is the name of our newsletter. It is a Gaelic word that refers to a storyteller or historian. The Seanachai is usually published most months of the year and sent out via email as well as posted on our website.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Again, I want to thank our VP Georgia Conrad and Nimbl for helping us with the website (opening soon) and new ways to use it for the success of Your Club! INCLUDING a [Google Rating link](#) There will be a 'special' website announcement later this week.

Several special events are happening in the Portland area the next two months. Read more below.

At the September meeting, we installed our new Treasurer, Rudy Nagasimha and Corresponding Secretary, Patty Seward. We look forward to their input for Your Organization!

OFFICERS 2026-2028

President – Samuel Keator

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Treasurer – Rudy Nagasimha

Directors – Karol Burke, Kevin Seed

We are in hopes that the energy you have brought to your Club will resonate throughout our communities!

In the links below, there is much to do in our area this month and beyond with many organizations! Upcoming plays, concerts, dances, sports are in the links below. Check them out and be proud to say you are a member of the [AICS](#)!

I'm looking forward to our 88th year with you!

Samuel Keator - President

BOD notes: Next meeting, November

NEWS:

AICS core programs were adopted by our Members Sept 19:

Oct 17th – Bingo with a \$100 blackout

Nov 21st – Tom and Debra Murphy, "What recent DNA discoveries tell us about where Irish people came from and what does it mean to be Celtic"

Dec 6th – Winter luncheon

Jan 16th – Tea social with scone and soda bread contest \$50

Feb 7th – Pub Social Paddy's

Feb 20th – Dan Holden – "The Irish and the American Civil War"

March 17th – St Pats

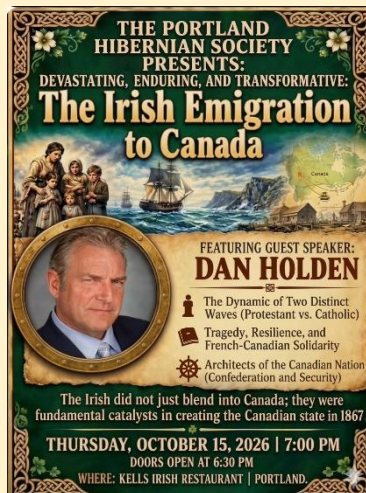
April 17th – annual meeting – Kevin Seed demonstration on how to create a planter and raffle the demo for Mother's Day

May 15 – Appreciation gathering

Aug 15 – Annual picnic

Community calendar, notes

Thursday, October 15 at Kell's on 2nd, the **Hibernians** are hosting our friend, **Dan Holden** speaking about the Irish emigration to Canada.



Saturday, October 17 | 4:00–6:00 p.m. The Dullahan Irish Pub, Lake Oswego **Caron McMahon, President of the Irish Heritage Club in Seattle** will be here in the area. The INP is hosting. She was a great speaker for our program last year.

Tuesday, October 20 | 7:00 p.m. TC O'Leary's, NE Alberta St, Portland. Also hosted by the INP, we will have a chance to meet the new **Consul General of Ireland, San Francisco Marianne Bolger**.

Samhain Rambling House October 24



November 6 – 8th the **Irish Cultural Society of the Pacific Northwest** at various locations is hosting Irish Language - Do you speak the Irish? Do you want to learn? Féile Portland registration <https://www.seannos.org/registration-feile> is now open. More info at that link site.

White Bird has offered us a 20% off discount for your members for the upcoming **Trinity Irish Dance Company** performances **November 19 – 21st**! with code: **ALL-IRELAND-20** Go to <https://www.whitebird.org/2627-season/trinity-irish> for more information and to purchase tickets. This is a **BIG** performance!



(Click on links below for the many more events around the area.)

Many, many events in our area for October and beyond!

Links down below

Save the dates for AICS Events

Saturday, October 17 - BINGO at the Oregon Stamp Society 4828 NE 33rd Ave, Portland.
Doors 3:15. Start 3:30

Bring a savory treat to share if you wish.

Details - \$1/card or 6 for \$5 - PAYS 50%/game. Blackout \$2/card or 6 for \$10 - PAYS 100% plus an **additional \$100.00**.

5 Games plus blackout; straight line (diagonal, horizontal or vertical), inside picture frame (4 corners around free), outside picture frame (outside corners, no I, N, G), postage stamp (top right (NE corner) G & O), railroad (2 verticals B & O only), BLACKOUT

Saturday, November 21 at the Oregon Stamp Society - **Tom and Debra Murphy**
present for our program "What recent DNA discoveries tell us about where Irish people came from and what does it mean to be Celtic"

Save your stamps and bring them with you to the Stamp Society Bldg.

Irish non-profit Associations - *Click* on their links for current news

[Ceili of the Valley](#)

[Corrib Theatre](#)

[Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann](#)

[Irish Heritage Club Seattle](#)

[Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers](#)

[Irish Network Portland](#)

[Portland Hibernian Society](#)

[Sean-Nós Northwest](#)

Irish music, concerts, sessions and Theatre:

[IrishPDX](#)

[Trail Jams](#)

[Shangana Irish Theatre Tours](#)

[Corrib Theatre](#)

Irish Dancing. Ceili, step and sets:

[An Daire Academy of Irish Dance](#)

[Murray Irish Dance School](#)

[Oregon Irish Dance Academy](#)

[Winds of Donegal Irish Ceili](#)

[Yeates Academy of Irish Dance](#)

[1st Friday Ceili Mor - Tualatin](#)

[2nd Friday Ceili Mor - Salem](#)

[3rd Friday Ceili Mor - Portland](#)

Sports

GAA [Hurling](#)

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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR THE AICS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION is now open as of April 1, 2026

Address: PO Box 3411, Portland, OR 97208 Telephone: 971-412-0814

Website: www.oregonirishsociety.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/AICSOregon

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Attend Board Meetings: Anyone is welcome to attend Board meetings to observe and/or participate. Email us at irishclubpdx@gmail.com if you would like to attend our next Board Meeting.

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