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A BURNS-ING SENSATION!

NEWPORT, OR - Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The unlikely guest of honor; the mighty haggis makes its entrance on its fine silver platter, led by a piper and presented by the chef to the humbled host who pays homage through reciting Burns' famous "Ode to a Haggis," and then bathes the sausage in a fine single malt Scotch, slices it open with a ceremonial dirk and serves it to awaiting partygoers.

This traditional Scottish delicacy is, of course, only one of the many tasty temptations presented to accompany a virtual feast of Scotch Eggs, garden salad, "cock-a-leekie" soup, stuffed chicken breast, seasonal vegetables, "neeps and tatties" (turnips and potatoes), with a delectable Drambuie trifle, shortbread and truffles for dessert! Please tell us if you have special dietary requirements. Beer & wine available for purchase.

Between courses, whisky connoisseurs will enjoy five exceptional tastings of fine single malt Scotches.

Having enjoyed this wonderful feast, the guests then partake and participate in an evening of verse and song, fanciful readings, and now (feeling a bit more brave), the lads offer a "Toast to the Lassies", where they lampoon the shortcomings of the fairer sex. This is usually met with great hilarity from the crowd and a witty "Reply from the Lassies" as a charming assault on the crude ways of Burns and the lads' in general, but all in good fun.

Guests are then invited to share selected readings from Burns' poetry such as "A Red, Red Rose," and "Ode to a Mouse." Then, the evening concludes with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne".

The 2014 event will feature a new host, Wayne Plourde. Along with his friend, Norm Halsey, guests will be guided on a tour of all things Robert Burns and the duo (aka "The Rusty Rovers") will be sure to entertain with their unique blend of music and laughter.

Those participating in the optional Scotch Whisky Tasting will sample five separate exemplars from areas all over Scotland; each different than the previous year's tastings. NOTE: There will not be a formal seminar this year, however, information and tasting notes on each sample will be provided to those enjoying samples.

Attire is semi-formal, however, kilts and family tartans are highly encouraged as are readings from Burns' poetry if you desire.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

6:00 - 6:30 pm - Guests Arrive and Mingle

6:30 - Guests take their seats; Opening Remarks

7:00 - Appetizer course is served and the formal Supper program on Burns begins.

10:00 - Supper ends with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne"

Tickets: \$35 for the Traditional Scottish Supper (Non-Tasting) \$55 for the Scotch Tasting + Supper Tickets at the door are \$37 and \$57 respectively. Seating is limited to 60 persons.

Your ticket purchase serves as a fundraiser for the benefit of the Celtic Heritage Alliance, a 501(c) 3 charitable non-profit organization. (A member of the Oregon Cultural Trust).

For more information, or to purchase tickets by phone, please call 541-574-9366 or visit our web page at www.newportcelticfestival.com

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Shilo's "Chef Terry" proudly presents the guest of honor - The Haggis!



Toledo's "Men in Kilts" join the fray with the ladies sporting their lovely tartan sashes.