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"LANG MAY YER LUM REEK"

(Long May Your Chimney Smoke - An old Scottish blessing).

NEWPORT, OR - The Celtic Heritage Alliance held its first annual meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 where the 2011-2012 Board, Executive Committee, and volunteers were presented with a glowing Annual Report, after which new and permanent Board member nominations and elections were held.

CHA's founder, Belinda Goody, will continue in her position as President of CHA, while Susan Spencer will step into the Vice Presidential role. Newcomer Jill Lyon will take over as Secretary and Marilyn Winston has accepted the position of Treasurer. Their terms will begin in January.



Belinda Goody

Susan Spencer

Jill Lyon

Marilyn Winston

CHA's Executive Committee currently consists of over a dozen volunteers who work throughout the year to organize and host Celtic heritage and cultural events and travel to promote CHA's cause during Celtic outreach events held throughout Oregon

They also support and promote other organizations which offer forums for Celtic culture such as the *Coastal Celtic Society* in Florence, the *Lincoln City Cultural Center* and the *Céllí of the Valley Society*, among others.

Annual events hosted by CHA include céllí dances, concerts, a Robert Burns Supper, St. Patrick's Day celebrations and, of course, the Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games which is coming into its 3rd year slated for June 7, 8 & 9, 2013 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.



Caption: Members of CHA pose with Elizabeth Nicholson and Bob Soper of "Stringed Migration" after the conclusion of their "Harvest by the Sea" concert held in celebration of the Celtic New Year. (Photo courtesy of OregonCoastProductions.com)

Congratulations to the 2012-2014 Celtic Heritage Alliance Board of Directors and to the Celtic Heritage Alliance on their continued success, including their recent acceptance to the Oregon Cultural Trust and recent award of another Destination Newport Tourism Marketing grant.

To volunteer, donate, or to learn more about the Celtic Heritage Alliance and its mission, please visit www.newportcelticfestival.com.

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