



March 2014 Newsletter

A MONTH OF SHENANIGANS BEGINS!

As the bright yellow of Daffodils begin their ascent toward spring here on the Oregon coast, I am reminded of St. David's Day celebrations which happen on the first of March each year. The former Welsh Bishop was born sometime after 500 a.d. although the exact date is not certain.

David's popularity in Wales is shown by the *Armes Prydein Fawr*, of around 930, a popular poem which prophesied that in the future, *when all might seem lost, the Cymry* (the Welsh people) *would unite behind the standard of David to defeat the English*; "A lluman glân Dewi a ddyrchafant" ("And they will raise the pure banner of Dewi").

Each month CHA works to promote the Celtic heritage and culture of the seven Celtic nations on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) feeds and in our newsletters. If you are enjoying our recent historical tidbits, please thank CHA Historian **Robert MacGregor!**

We are also working on additional outreach opportunities for local groups, schools and other organizations who wish to learn more about these ancient cultures. If you are interested in having a presentation by our CHA team, please e-mail us at info@newportcelticfestival.com.

2014 ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP!

Each year we receive numerous applications from hopeful performers who want to entertain the crowds at the Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games. This year was no different. We had many performers apply from far and wide, including places like Belgium, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Decisions on entertainment always come down to five things:

1. Did they apply to perform?
2. Are they a fit for our program highlighting the seven Celtic nations?
3. Will our patrons enjoy their form of entertainment?
4. How much time do we have to fit them all in?

5. Can we afford to bring them to Newport based on our current budget?

Given this very difficult decision-making process, we congratulate this year's performer line up:

1916 (Celtic Rock - Headliner)
Kevin Carr (Galician and more)
Céili of the Valley (Céili Dancing)
Eugene Highlanders Pipe Band & Highland Dancers
Kells Irish Pipes & Drums
Maldon Meehan & Stomptown Collective (Irish Sean Nos Dancing)
Bill Mullen (Scottish Traditional)
Murray School of Irish Dance
Na Rosi (Irish Traditional)
Taken by the Sky (Celtic Fashion Show)
Wolston Farms (Border Collie Sheep Herding Demos)

SHOW OF SUPPORT

Newport-based *Coast Hills Running Club* is holding their first-ever "Shamrock Run" on Sunday, March 16, 2014 sponsored by *Nana's Irish Pub*. For more information on this event, [click here](#).

MARCH CELTIC HERITAGE & TRADITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

1 March - St. David's Day (Wales)
17 March - St. Patrick's Day (Ireland)

UPCOMING CHA EVENTS

CHA's 2nd Annual Shamrock Supper
Date: Saturday, March 15, 2014 6:30 - 10:00
Location: Shilo Inn, Newport OR
Tickets on sale now! [Click Here](#)

CHA Vice President *Susan Spencer* and owner of *Bridie's Irish Faire* of Nye Beach (Newport) has been working tirelessly to organize this event while running her shop from its new home in Nye Beach where you can find her during operating hours every day from 11:00 - 6:00 - closed Tuesdays.

We are also extremely appreciative to have sponsorships from the *Shilo Inn*, *Bridie's Irish Faire*, *Newport Signs*, *Best Western Plus Agate Beach*, and *Jenny's Irish Tours*, *Sola Luna Gallery* who crafted our beautiful raffle baskets, in addition to this wonderful press coverage below was written by [Oregon Coast TODAY!](#)

S'aint your regular supper...

Lovers of Irish food and culture will be in clover on Saturday, March 15, as the Celtic Heritage Alliance throws its second annual Shamrock Supper in Newport.

The supper will feature tasty traditional Irish fare, with corned beef and cabbage accompanied by Irish soda bread, boiled potatoes, parsley sauce, mashed carrots and parsnips; followed by a delectable bread pudding or apple crisp for dessert.

Between courses, Irish whiskey connoisseurs can enjoy five tastings of the Emerald Isle's finest amber nectar along with short educational vignettes about Irish heritage and culture, music and song presented by returning historian and musical guest, [Frank Blair](#).

The poetry of *William Butler Yeats* will also be a feature, along with a rousing pub quiz and special performances of Irish Dancing by students of [An Daire Academy of Irish Dance](#) of Corvallis.

Event organizer and alliance Vice President Susan Spencer said this year's supper has been moved to a larger venue due to its overwhelming popularity.

"Saint Patrick's Day is a time when all Irish immigrants and Americans with Irish heritage gather to celebrate their common bond," she said, "and, when over 36 million Americans can claim Irish roots, it becomes apparent how important it is to stay connected with our culture through events just like this."

The March 15 supper will start at 6:30 pm, in the ballroom at the Newport Shilo Inn Suites Hotel, 536 SW Elizabeth Street.

Tickets are \$35 for the supper with an additional \$25 for the whiskey tasting. For more information or to buy tickets online, go to www.newportcelticfestival.com.

The Shamrock Supper is the alliance's last fundraising event before the third annual *Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games*, scheduled for June 13, 14 & 15 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. ~ Patrick Alexander

MORE UPCOMING CHA EVENTS...

CHA's Open House

Join our merry band of volunteers who will tell you what CHA is all about!

Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2014 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: TBD

Volunteer Applications: <http://www.ncfhg.com/VOLUNTEER.php>

CHA's 4th Annual Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games

Dates: June 13-15, 2014

Location: Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Newport, OR
www.newportcelticfestival.com

DON'T MISS OUT ON SPONSORSHIP

Our [2014 Sponsorship Package](#) is available online. **Deadline is March 17th!**
Thank you to sponsors who have already signed on to support this year's festival including *Best Western Plus Agate Beach, Bayview Construction, Bridie's Irish Faire, Coastal Celtic Society, Columbia Bank, Georgia-Pacific, Hallmark Resort, Jeffery Shirley Graphic Designs, News Lincoln County, Oregon Web Press, Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Oregon Coast Magazine*, who will once again be producing our Official Souvenir Program and is offering deep discounts to our sponsors for [advertising!](#)

AMAZING GRACE

A very special note of appreciation to **Jayne Ann Recker**, Executive Director of the *Celtic Cultural Alliance* who operates our "sister festival" - the [Celtic Classic](#) in Bethlehem, PA. She is an amazing leader and a profound mentor for me personally. This is the festival we modeled ourselves after and we very much appreciate her guidance and friendship over the years. We congratulate her as she was recently elected as the Vice President of the [Association of Scottish Games and Festivals](#) of which CHA is a member.

Thank you to each of you who support the Celtic Heritage Alliance.

Sincerely,

Belinda Goody
President / Executive Director
2010 - Present

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