



May 2014 Newsletter

MAY DAY!

Time is ticking away as we get ever closer to the 4th annual Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games.

As we work to align the planets, it seems like only yesterday we were wrapping up our third year and jumping in with both feet in planning this year's events which began back in July 2013. A short respite, but not so long as to lose our momentum.

Each year has its own challenges, but we have a strong core which always rises to the occasion and tries to make each year a more extraordinary experience than the previous one. Vendors, sponsors, and volunteers are always in flux, but the core of our team have been with us since the inception of this event in April 2010. They work year-round to raise funds and awareness to keep things going.

Susan Spencer, Steve Farish, Robert MacGregor, Wayde Dudley, Allison Keith, Chris & Richelle Burns and Jill Lyon have stood the test of time right along side me in bringing this event to our community each year. In 2013 we added to our team Raymond Mabey as Athletic Director, Cate Nary as our Grant Writer, Geoffrey Wilkie as a new Board Member, and Marilyn Winston as Treasurer.

It just goes to show you that even a small, but determined team can make big things happen and we always welcome new talent to help us grow.

We have a great line up this year for the Celtic Festival & Highland Games (Click each link for details):

[Live Celtic Dancing](#)

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MAY CELTIC HERITAGE & TRADITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

1 May - May Day or Beltaine (Ireland) - May Day (Lá Bealtaine), or Labour Day (Lá an Lucht Oibre), is the first Monday of May. It is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland. It is a traditional Celtic festival and a time to campaign for workers rights.

The maypole is a traditional symbol of May Day and fertility in the Republic of Ireland. A maypole is generally three or more meters (ten or more feet) tall and is decorated with colorful ribbons. Children and young people traditionally dance around the maypole on May Day, although this custom is fading. Each person holds one or more ribbons during the dancing. After the dances are completed, the ribbons are arranged to make a decorative pattern on the pole. The May Day dances traditionally signified the beginning of the courting season for young people.

If you know of any Celtic holidays or traditions that we don't have listed, please let us know at info@newportcelticfestival.com.

UPCOMING CHA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

CHA on the Radio with the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce

Date: Monday, May 5th, 2014 at 8:30 am

Location: KNPT Radio 1310 AM

CHA at "Know Your Newport"

Date: Wednesday, May 14th, 2014 all day

Location: Newport Recreation Center, Newport, OR

CHA presents at Newport Rotary Club Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 15th at 12:00 pm

Location: Best Western Plus Agate Beach, Newport, OR

CHA at Eugene Scottish Festival

Date: Saturday, May 17th 10am - 5pm

Location: Peace Presbyterian Church on 3060 River Rd., Eugene, OR

CHA presents at Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Date: Friday, May 30th, 2014

Location: Shilo Inn, Newport, OR

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

A full compliment of performers, vendors, events & activities await you at the 2014 Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games!

Dates: June 13-15, 2014

Location: Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Newport, OR

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT: www.newportcelticfestival.com

CHA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LOYALTY DAYS - Saturday, May 3rd

This weekend is Newport's annual Loyalty Days parade. Unfortunately, CHA will **not** be participating this year due to logistical issues with procuring a truck and trailer.

This is a great event which honors our veterans, police and firefighters among others in our community. We encourage you to attend this wonderful display of respect for our hometown heroes and enjoy the carnival afterward!

<http://www.loyaltydays.com/>

KNOW YOUR NEWPORT - Wednesday, May 14th

CHA will be participating in the annual "Know Your Newport" event which serves to educate local lodging employees about what Newport has to offer visitors. This year it will be held on Wednesday, May 14th at the Newport Recreation Center. There are two sessions; 9am -12pm and 6pm - 9pm. The first session will involve setting up the table and interacting with people to tell them about what CHA has to offer the community. Fliers and information will be made available and we always try to recruit more volunteers when possible. The second session will be the same, but tearing down and putting away all the items to put them into storage. If you are available to volunteer, please let us know.

EUGENE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL - Saturday, May 17th

The Eugene Scottish Festival has invited CHA to be a vendor at their annual festival in Eugene. We would need a 2-person travel team to take our "away kit" to set up, interact, tear down and return items to storage. We will reimburse for mileage for this trip. If you are able to volunteer for this, please let us know as soon as possible.

FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN UP & ORIENTATION - Sunday, June 8th

2014 SPONSORS

Thank you to sponsors who signed on to support this year's festival including Ultrasonic Events, Newport Signs, Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Best Western Plus Agate Beach, Hallmark Resort, News Lincoln County, Oregon Coast TODAY, Sola Luna Gallery, CelticLife.com, Shilo Inn, Georgia-Pacific, Bayview Construction, Bridie's Irish Faire, CoastCom, Inc., Northwest Highland Cattle Association, Bigfoot Beverages (Pepsi), Coastal Celtic Society, Columbia Bank, Jeffery Shirley Graphic Designs, Oregon Web Press, The Whaler Motel, Staples,

LaQuinta, Lamb Etc. Scottish and Irish Imports, Nana's Irish Pub, Crestview Golf Course, Sport Kilt, Americas Best Value Inn, Inn at Nye Beach, Agate Beach Golf Club, Sudden Impact, and of course...Oregon Coast Magazine, who will once again be producing our Official Souvenir Program and is currently offering deep discounts to our sponsors for advertising! [Click here](#) for details - offer expires soon!

Thank you also to our donors, including Thompson's Sanitary, the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln Storage, Pig n' Pancake and Christopher & Ruth Franke in cooperation with the Oregon Cultural Trust.

CHARITABLE GIVING

Thank you to those of you who have already made generous donations through our current fundraising campaign in the recent Central Lincoln PUD bills including **Jack Hamlin** of Newport, **Marlyn Kaps** of Toledo, **Sharon & Paco Maribona** of Lincoln City and others from Waldport and Depoe Bay who wish to remain anonymous.

Did you know there are now several ways CHA can be supported? Now you can show your support through sponsorship, volunteerism, and charitable donations to our 501(c) 3 charitable organization including shopping at Fred Meyer and purchasing our official gear on eBay! [Click here](#) to see all the ways you can help! We appreciate your continuing support for the Celtic Heritage Alliance!

Until next time...

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