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November Newsletter

HAPPY CELTIC NEW YEAR!

Another year of Celtic celebrations are in the books and we now look forward to the season of spending quality time with family and friends, and keeping our hands and hearts warm with a welcome exchange of giving and receiving.

We receive many requests from other Celtic organizations and groups to pass on information to our subscribers. We do this in many ways - on Facebook, Twitter, by e-mail, in our newsletter or by being a part of their events.

This month, we are excited to pass on our show of support for the Gaelic language, and Irish sean-nós song and dance forms and hope you will take advantage of a new opportunity!

In collaboration with the Renaissance School, **Féile Portland** will be celebrating ***Lá Chultúir*** on Saturday, November 8th offering a full day of workshops on sean-nós singing, sean-nós dancing and set dancing taught by Dr. Seán Williams of the Evergreen State College and Alicia Guinn from Seattle, Washington.

The Saturday event will be topped off with a céilí called by Portland's own Maldon Meehan with music supplied by faculty of the Portland Hedge School--a forthcoming school for Irish music.

Sunday's* **Lá na Gaeilge*** offers a full day of Irish language classes ranging from absolute beginner to advanced speakers taught by local and regional instructors.

Féile Portland is sure to whet your appetite for Gaelic culture and language and ready you for the annual Sean-nós Northwest festival scheduled in February 2015!

For more info and registration, visit: <http://www.seannos.org/portland-irish-fest/>

UPCOMING CHA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

4 Nov 2014 - Annual meeting of the CHA Board of Directors (Closed Meeting)
We have Board member terms expiring this year! If you would like to be a part of our team, please send a letter of interest to us at info@newportcelticfestival.com or PO Box 504, Newport, OR 97365

14-16 Nov 2014 - CHA at the Yachats Celtic Music Festival
Volunteers needed to help staff this fun local event!

5 Dec 2014 - CHA at the Association of Scottish Games & Festivals Conference

6 Dec 2014 - CHA in the 44th Annual Alexandria Scottish Parade, Alexandria, VA

24 Jan 2015 - CHA's 4th Annual Robert Burns Supper (Save the date)
Volunteers needed to help staff this fun local event!
Seeking **PERFORMERS** for this event! [Click here](#) for details!

14 Mar 2015 - CHA's 3rd Annual Shamrock Supper (Save the date)
Seeking **PERFORMERS** for this event! [Click here](#) for details!
Volunteers needed to help staff this fun local event!

9 May 2015 - CHA at the 56th Annual Loyalty Days Parade (Save the date)
Seeking **PERFORMERS** for this event! [Click here](#) for details!
Volunteers needed to help staff this fun local event!

And finally....

12-14 Jun 2015 - Join CHA for its 5th Anniversary Celebration of the Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games! (Save the dates)



Seeking **PERFORMERS** for this event! [Click here](#) for details!
Volunteers needed to help staff this fun local event!

If you are interested in **volunteering** for CHA, please contact our new Volunteer Team Leader, **Becca Givens** at volunteer@newportcelticfestival.com

NOVEMBER CELTIC HERITAGE & TRADITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

31 October to sunset on 1 November - *Samhain (SOW-in)* is a Gaelic festival marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter and is observed in Ireland (*All Souls Day*), the Isle of Man (called *Hop-tu-Naa*), and parts of Scotland. Kindred festivals are held at the same time of year in other Celtic lands; for example the *Brythonic Calan Gaeaf* (in Wales), *Kalan Gwav* (in Cornwall), and *Kalan Goañv* (in Brittany) and *All Saints Day* (Galicia).

3 Nov - [Yaouank Festival & Mettre en ScÃ"ne](#) (Brittany)

5 Nov - [Guy Fawkes Night](#) (UK)

11 Nov - [Remembrance Day](#) (UK & Commonwealth) [Veteran's Day](#) (U.S.)

13-16 Nov - [The Wales Rally GB](#) (Wales)

30 Nov - [St. Andrews Day](#) (Scotland)

CHARITABLE GIVING - TAX SEASON IS ON ITS WAY!

Consider this: Not all non-profit organizations are charitable non-profits!

Here's where to [check to make sure!](#)

You can show your support for our programs by:

- Sharing information about us with your friends and family
- Becoming a proud [sponsor](#) of any of our events
- [Volunteering](#) your time and talents to our team
- Making [charitable donations](#) to our 501(c) 3 charitable organization
- Donating items we need ([Click Here](#) to see our wish list)
- Attending our events ([Burns Supper](#), [Shamrock Supper](#), [Ceili Dances & Festival](#))
- Making a matching donation through the [Oregon Cultural Trust!](#)

[Click here](#) to see all the ways you can help us continue our mission!

We truly appreciate your continuing support for the Celtic Heritage Alliance!

Until next time...

Belinda Goody

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About Us

Celtic Heritage Alliance, Inc. is a 501(c)3 charitable non-profit organization founded in July 2011 with a mission to promote and preserve Celtic culture and heritage through creation and development of Celtic cultural events, activities, and programs which facilitate education, workshops, musical performances and traditional competitions which include athletics, music and dance. Find our more on our [web page](#).

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