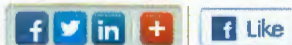


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September Newsletter

ON TO THE HARVEST SEASON

As summer draws to a close, we look forward to the Harvest Season. It is a time when animals begin to prepare for the winter months by collecting food and stashing it away for the lean times; perhaps lessons we took from them in canning our own goods and making use of the remaining crops in the fields.

It is a time for coming together with family and friends; through celebrations, sharing meals and spinning stories which make for lasting memories. Those close connections are ones we cherish when times do get difficult.

Throughout the Pacific Northwest, the Celtic Festivals and Highland Games continue to bring our friends; our "clans," together which makes for a large community who are proud of their Celtic heritage.

The City of Kelso, WA has their own [Highlander Festival](#) coming up on September 13th and 14th!

We also await one of the largest Highland Games and festival events in North America! Our "sister festival" (as deemed by their own Board of Directors), [The Celtic Classic](#) in Bethlehem, PA will once again be flooded with over 260,000 people over the weekend event. Each year they host the U.S. National Highland Games Championships. This year it will be held September 26th-28th. For additional information, you can visit them online at www.celticfest.org.

To search for Highland Games events in your area, you can also visit [The Association of Scottish Games & Festivals](#) (of which we are proud members) or [The North American Scottish Games Athletics \(NASGA\)](#) where games are listed, as well as scores for the athletes who participate in the games. Those with the highest scores go on to the U.S. and other championship games.

HISTORICAL VOTE COMING SOON

For more than 300 years, Scotland has been under British rule and this year, this month in fact, marks a huge day in history. On **September 18, 2014**, Scottish people living in Scotland have the opportunity to vote on whether they should be independent.

Currently, they have "Yes" and "No" camps with the usual debate on whether they are "better together" or "naw." It is not an easy decision, but what is clear is that Scotland has abundant resources such as North Sea oil, natural gas, fishing, farming and forestry. In addition, we must not forget the export of their famous array of whisky distillations and the incredible amount of tourism they draw from around the globe.

Many former British territories have become successfully independent when you consider the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India, Ireland and loads more. But a decision on independent rule can be daunting - for people on both sides of the issue. Here's the [full list](#) of former British colonies and territories.

Whatever the outcome, this decision will be the last opportunity for Scotland to regain their independence and marks the end (or beginning) of a new journey for these passionate people.

EVERY DOG HAS ITS DAY

Are you up to *sniff* on your Celtic dog breeds? If not, you are missing a plethora of pooches with surprising Celtic heritage!

Check out our list of nearly 40 [dog breeds from the seven Celtic nations](#).

CHA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The growth and popularity of our events dictate the need for additional talent to fill these positions which help to support CHA and its mission. The time commitment on each of these varies, depending on the position.

CHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (PRESIDENT) - POSITION VACANCY!

3 Year Term - 1 mandatory annual meeting (November 1st)
Candidate would replace current CHA President, Belinda Goody at end of current term.

CHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (VICE PRESIDENT) - POSITION VACANCY!

3 Year Term - 1 mandatory annual meeting (November 1st)

Candidate would replace current CHA Vice President, Susan Spencer at end of current term.

CHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (TREASURER) - POSITION VACANCY!

3 Year Term - 1 mandatory annual meeting (November 1st)

Twice monthly reports/meetings with Executive Committee.

Candidate would replace current out of state CHA Treasurer for local resident at end of current Fiscal Year (November 1st).

COMMUNICATIONS - POSITION VACANCY!

Oversees the objectives of CHA Communications and Marketing and coordinators to promote, market and brand the organization and its activities through photo, video, media, news releases, PSAs, and other methods, and to direct volunteers as they carry out the duties and assignments dictated by the needs of the organization and its mission. Collaborates with other team members including Administrative Assistant, Graphic & Web Page designers.

COMPLIANCE - POSITION VACANCY!

Oversees the objectives of the Legal Team and its subcommittees to obtain permits and authorizations, prepare and negotiate contracts and agreements, interact with OLCC and other regulatory agencies as needed, and guides volunteers as they carry out the duties and assignments dictated by the needs of the organization and its mission. Collaborates with other Team Leaders.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH - POSITION VACANCY!

Oversees the objectives of the Education and Outreach Team and its subcommittees to seek out opportunities, facilitate education and outreach, develop materials, programs and ideas, initiate opportunities and to guide volunteers as they carry out the duties and assignments dictated by the needs of the organization and its mission. Collaborates with other Team Leaders and is a member of the organization's Executive Team. (i.e. ceili dances, history presentations, suppers, events, etc.) Collaborates with other team members including Administrative Assistant, Graphic & Web Page designers.

FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP - POSITION VACANCY!

Oversees the objectives of the Fundraising and Sponsorship Team and its subcommittees to seek out fundraising opportunities, apply for grants, garner sponsorships and guide volunteers as they carry out the duties and assignments dictated by the needs of the organization and its mission Collaborates with other Team Leaders.

HOSPITALITY - POSITION VACANCY!

Oversees the objectives of the Hospitality Team and its subcommittees to create and develop a meaningful experience for VIPs, sponsors, volunteers, staff and other direct participants which include transportation, accommodation and other forms of hospitality for each organized event and guide volunteers as they carry

out the duties and assignments dictated by the needs of the organization and its mission. Leads event check-in operations. Collaborates with other Team Leaders.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS ORGANIZER - POSITION VACANCY!

Carries out the objectives, organization, format, and operations of children's events and activities as dictated by the Director (Allison Keith). Recruits, trains and guides volunteers as they carry out the duties and assignments dictated by the needs of the organization and its mission. Collaborates with other Team Leaders.

Anyone interested in filling these positions should send a **Letter of Interest** explaining why they are interested and what qualifications they have to fulfill the position.

These should be e-mailed to info@newportcelticfestival.com or by regular mail to: CHA - PO Box 504 - Newport, OR 97365.

SEPTEMBER CELTIC HERITAGE & TRADITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

September 1st - [Battle of Tamarón](#) (Galicia)
September 5th - [The Dublin Fringe Festival](#) (Ireland)
September 6th - [The Braemar Gathering](#) (Scotland)
September 8th - [Battle of Stirling Bridge](#) (Falkirk, Scotland)
September 14th - [Ironman Wales](#) (Wales)
September 20th - [Food and Drink Fest](#) (Isle of Man)
September 21st - Autumn Equinox or "Mabon"
September 23rd - [National Ploughing Championships](#) (Ireland)
September - [Peuples & Nature Photo Festival](#) (Brittany)

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

UPCOMING CHA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

No activities currently scheduled.

CHARITABLE GIVING

Did you know there are now several ways to support CHA? Now you can show your support through sponsorship, volunteerism, and charitable donations to our 501(c) 3 charitable organization including shopping at Fred Meyer, [AMAZON.com](#) or

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...

Belinda Goody

President, Celtic Heritage Alliance &
Executive Director of the Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games

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About Us

Celtic Heritage Alliance, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization formed in July 2011 by the group of small business owners who organized the 2011 Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games and who share a common interest in their Celtic heritage.

CHA's mission is 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.

Since the inaugural festival, CHA has hosted the following events in the local community:

- October 2011 - Halloween Ceili by the Sea
- January 2012 - Robert Burns Supper

- March 2012 - St. Patrick's House Concert featuring BUA
- April 2012 - Promotion of National Tartan Day
- June 2012 - Celtic Festival & Highland Games (2nd Annual)
- November 2012 - Harvest by the Sea Concert
- January 2013 - Robert Burns Supper (2nd Annual)
- March 2013 - Shamrock Supper
- June 2013 - Celtic Festival & Highland Games (3rd Annual)
- October 2013 - Presentation: Genealogical Histories, Clans & Families
- November 2013 - Harvest by the Sea Ceili & Concert
- January 2014 - Robert Burns Supper (3rd Annual)
- March 2014 - Shamrock Supper (2nd Annual)
- June 2014 - Celtic Festival & Highland Games (4th Annual)

Long-term goals include the formation of our own community bagpipe band and procuring Celtic dance instruction where anyone can learn, become proficient, and perform at our annual festival and year-round outreach events.

If you would like to support us through volunteerism, sponsorship, or donations, we always welcome any means of allowing our mission to grow and our Celtic community to thrive.

Matching donations through the Oregon Cultural Trust are also appreciated.

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