



## Shamrock Supper Last Event before June Festival

**Newport, OR, February 28, 2013** – Newport-based Celtic Heritage Alliance (CHA) is celebrating all things Irish with its “Shamrock Supper,” a pre-St. Patrick’s Day dinner Saturday, March 9, 6:30 p.m., at the Newport Visual Arts Center. The Supper will feature the great traditional Irish fare of Nye Beach’s Nana’s Irish Pub, plus entertainment from musician Frank Blair and Irish storytelling. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Tickets for the Supper are \$25 and available on the CHA website, [www.newportcelticfestival.com](http://www.newportcelticfestival.com), or at Bridie’s Irish Faire in Nye Beach at 715 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Newport.

“We’re excited about our newest outreach event,” said Belinda Goody, CHA President. “Saint Patrick’s Day is a time where all Irish immigrants and Irish-Americans alike gather to celebrate their common heritage. When over 36 million Americans can claim Irish roots, it becomes apparent how important it is to stay connected with that culture.” The Supper is sponsored by Sysco, Nana’s Irish Pub, Columbia Distributing, Newport Signs, Best Western Agate Beach Inn, West Coast Linen, Inc. and Ancestry.com.

The Shamrock Supper is CHA’s last fundraising event before the third annual Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games, scheduled for June 7-9, 2013 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. As with the first two years, the Festival will offer a rich menu of music, dancing, food and goods celebrating all seven Celtic nations: Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, Brittany, Galicia and the Isle of Man.

The Festival includes events all around Newport on Friday, June 7 before the family events, three stages of music and dancing, vendors, clans and a full Highland Games, all at the fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday. Repeat visitors will find some exciting changes, such as “village clusters” of vendor, clan and food booths and a parade of Scottish clans at the Newport High School athletic field at the Festival opening. The deadline for vendors to apply for space is April 15, 2013.

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