



April 2022 Newsletter

ÓN mBORD | MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD:

A chairde dhilis and dear friends,

The spring has flown by us and we're approaching the traditional start to summer (Bealtaine) on May 1st, which means our quarterly General Meeting is coming up on Sunday, May 8th! Our apologies on the (uh-hem) late newsletter but so much has taken place in the lives of the current board; Preston & Dylan bought a home in Vancouver WA, Geneviève has spent a month away in Ireland/Greece, Brian has traveled to visit family/friends, and Mary has been gearing up to represent the branch and West Region at the Convention in San Fran this weekend. Needless to say, this month's newsletter is a shorter one but none-the-less chock-full of pertinent information. We hope you pay particular attention to the Celtic Community Night event coming up this Wednesday as well as the date and location of the upcoming General Meeting. We need all hands on deck as we get back to in-person events so you're participation and input are essential. Enjoy the beauties of our late spring as we transition into summer. *Anois ar theacht an tsamhraidh!*

Bhur gcairde,
MÓD Board

AN NUACHT POIBLÍ | Community News:

Celtic Community Night at Artichoke Music commences THIS WEDNESDAY:

Call for volunteers! Community members interested in being involved with running the door, bar, sound, etc. for Celtic Community Night events at Artichoke should contact Richie Rosencrans at richrosencrans@gmail.com

Bealtaine General Meeting:

Our first in-person meeting in 2+ years will be held at T.C. O'Leary's Pub (2926 NE Alberta St) on **SUNDAY May 8th from 12:00-1:00ish PM**. The pub will be opening an hour earlier to accommodate us and will have coffee/tea available before the kitchen opens at one. Tunes with Preston Howard-Wilde and Conor O'Bryan begin at two. This meeting is open to ALL current members of the MÓD branch. We welcome your input and participation!

Call for newsletter contributions:

As the monthly branch newsletter starts to take shape, we are requesting the help of our community to further the impact and relevance of its content. If you would like to contribute an article, interview, album review, etc. for publication in our newsletter or would like to offering proofing of content, please contact: ccoregon@gmail.com

Call for branch treasurer:

We are STILL currently looking for a branch **treasurer** whose duties (while still in pandemic low gear) include maintaining accurate financial records, paying forward membership dues, and filing appropriate simplified tax forms. *Training for the treasurer position is available.* If you are interested in helping to serve our community, please contact: ccoregon@gmail.com

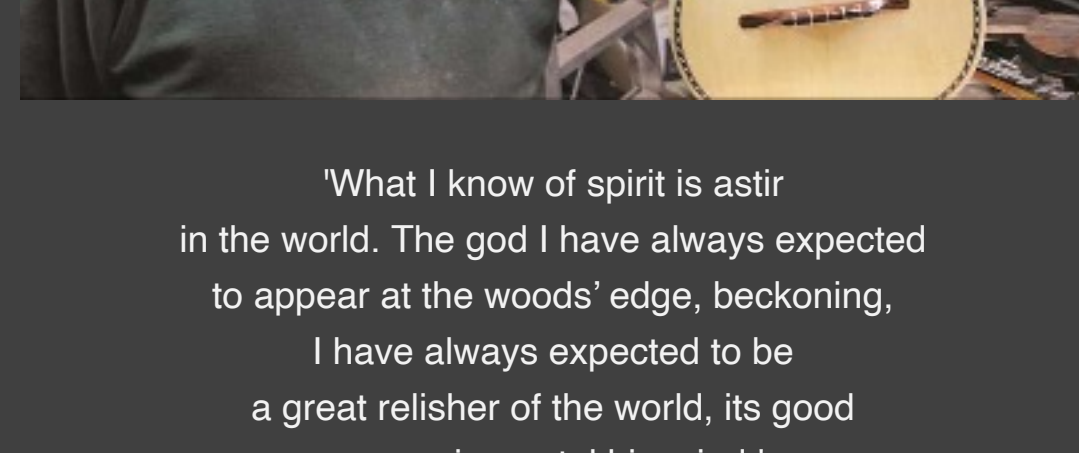
Women's Céili Band: calling all women/femme musicians. There is interest in our community in building an all-women's céili band. We will be posting meeting updates here, so keep your eyes peeled.

Dullahan Open Intermediate Session Resumes:

The Dullahan (formerly Maher's Pub) is back to hosting an open intermediate session led by Ulsterwoman and bodhrán player Sandi O'Regan. The session runs 7-9pm on Thursdays.

I gCuimhe Do George David Armstrong

It is always difficult to summarize the life of an individual such as G.D. Armstrong, who passed away in his sleep on April 4, 2022. G.D. was many, many things; among them a luthier and musician, co-owner of the Newberg Music Center (Newberg, OR), and an avid supporter of music. He frequented many of the Westside Irish and Trillick's sessions and was a regular at musical happenings around town. A memorial service was held at the Newberg Music Center on April 19th and a future celebration of life event will be held on his 76th birthday on August 16th 2022. For information on that event visit <https://www.newbergmusiccenter.com>. *Go maire a chumhne go deo. May his memory live on.*



'What I know of spirit is a stir
in the world. The god I have always expected
to appear at the woods' edge, beckoning,
I have always expected to be
a great relisher of the world, its good
grown immortal his mind.'

Excerpt from Wendell Barry's
"The Satisfactions of the Mad Farmer"

For a more indepth look at his exceptional life's journey, read his [obituary](#)

CELTIC COMMUNITY NIGHT | April 27th 2020:



Gerry O'Connor (Co. Louth) and Richard Mandel (US) inaugurate Artichoke's Celtic Community Night.

The Celtic Community Night at Artichoke Community Music has been cultivated and curated by Richie Rosencrans for the many months leading up to the pandemic. His desire to showcase the talent within our immediate Portland area community as well as those in the region of the Pacific Northwest was met with the generous support of Artichoke Community Music. As a result of the pandemic's abrupt end to most public events, CCN came to an immediate close. However, in their downtime, Richie and his wife Lindsay became parents! As we approached the reset of Celtic Community Night, Richie welcomes a collaborative effort with the branch to free up some of his time to direct toward his new position as proud poppa!

Our inaugural Celtic Community Night event will showcase the talents of Gerry O'Connor and Richard Mandel in an intimate (45 seats available) full length concert of traditional fiddle music with guitar backing. Gerry hales from Dundalk, Co. Louth, where he grew up in a family of musicians, dancers, and singers, all taught at home by his mother, Rose. His father Peter was himself a singer whose seven uncles all played music. From an early age Gerry was involved Irish music, winning numerous All-Ireland awards in a range of duets, trios and céili band titles. His knowledge of the traditions of the region of Ornel are considerable and infuses his music with unique insight and context.

Many of you know Richard from the Bay Area music scene where he fell down the well of Irish music in the mid-90s and was soon driving to every session he could get into. As a first-call accompanist, Richard has toured with legendary Irish musicians including Gerry O'Connor, Paddy Keenan, and Tony DeMarco, and performed with many others including Jimmy Keane, Mick Maloney, and Paddy O'Brien. Richard currently plays in the trio Three Mile Stone with mandolinist Marla Fibish, and fiddler Erin Shrader.

We are so looking forward to this event and hope you will consider joining us to support the ongoing success of both Celtic Community Night programming as well as Artichoke Community Music. While the ticket price is higher than in past events (\$25), we recognize that this increase is needed to support the effort of touring musicians from Ireland such as Gerry. Please consider bringing a friend and spreading the news via word-of-mouth and social media (check out our FB/IG/Twitter posts). This event has been made possible with the support of Culture Ireland and Meitheal grants.

Café Artichoke

2007 SE Powell Blvd
Wednesday, April 27th 2022
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Doors at 6:30pm
Show at 7:00pm
Ticket price: \$25

For more information and to purchase tickets visit: [Artichoke Community Music](https://www.artichokemusic.org).

NEWS FROM THE CCÉ CONVENTION!:

A sizeable contingent of the MÓD branch has made their way down to the Comhaltas Convention in San Fran where they're currently dancing their days and nights away, representing our branch in regional and provincial meetings, and otherwise trying to put the last 2+ years behind them. So far, here is the information that's making a buzz for our branch and region:

- 1) Niamh Branigan has been elected as Youth Officer for the North American province!
- 2) The Midwestern Fleadh Cheoil, a music competition event being held in Saint Louis, MO May 13-15th, has extended its registration deadline to Friday, April 29th 2022.
- 3) The MÓD and Puget Sound branches are working on a joint event to take place in Olympia, WA in the next few months.
- 4) The next convention is likely to take place in Washington D.C. in 2023.



IMEACHTAÍ NA MÍOSA | April Events:

Oíche na n-Amhrán | Night of Songs (PAST)

T.C. O'Leary's Pub
Fear a' Ti: Brian Ó hAirt
Thursday, April 21st 2022 (Mark your calendar 5/19/22)
8:00pm-10:00pm <<< notice time change!

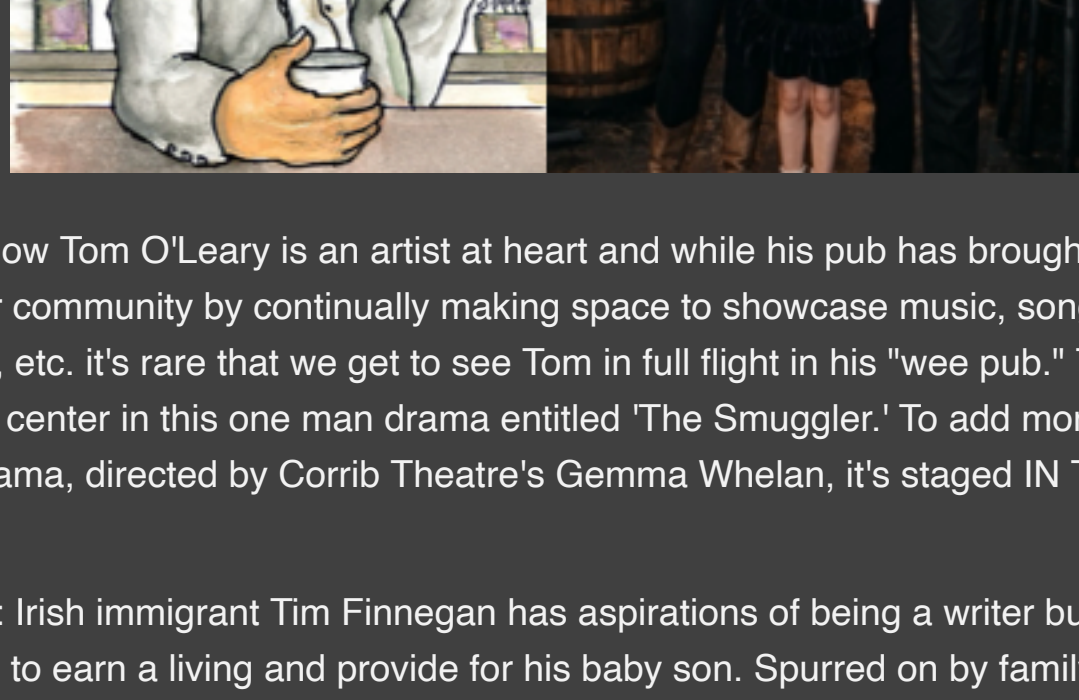
Set Dancing Classes (CANCELLED 4/25/22)

Sellwood Community House
1436 SE Spokane Street
Portland OR 97202
Mondays 12:30-2:00 PM
For more info contact Linda Burch:
lindaburch11@gmail.com
Masks and proof of vaccination are required.

Irish Session I & II w/Dan Compton (ENDS SOON)

Online via Artichoke Community Music
Saturday March 19-April 23rd 2022
Session I: 11-12:00 pm
Session II: 12-1:00 pm
For more info and to register visit: <https://www.artichokemusic.org/classes.aspx>

DRÁMA NUA | The Smuggler



We all know Tom O'Leary is an artist at heart and while his pub has brought so much joy to our community by continually making space to showcase music, song, dance, literature, etc. it's rare that we get to see Tom in full flight in his "wee pub." Tom is front and center in this one man drama entitled 'The Smuggler'. To add more intimacy to this drama, directed by Corrib Theatre's Gemma Whelan, it's staged IN THE PUB ITSELF!

Storyline: Irish immigrant Tim Finnegan has aspirations of being a writer but struggles to earn a living and provide for his baby son. Spurred on by family pressure and his own loss of dignity, he discovers the price he's willing to pay to get ahead. A story in verse by a master weaver of tales, about the dark underside of the American Dream.

The first show premieres next Thursday! Details below.

The Smuggler (a one man show)
T. C. O'Leary's Pub
2926 NE Alberta St
Apr 28 - May 22, 2022
Wednesdays 7:30pm
Thursdays 10pm (except Thursday April 28th 7:30pm)
Saturdays 2pm
Sundays 7:30pm

10pm shows are 21 y/o and up due to OLCC pub rules.
All ages welcome at other shows!

For more information and to purchase tickets visit: [Corrib Theatre](https://www.corribtheatre.com)

NA SEISIÚIN | Sessions

The Lads (& Lady) Live in the Pub

T.C. O'Leary's Pub
Mondays
7:00-9:00 PM

Seisiún na mBan | Women's Session

T.C. O'Leary's Pub
Tuesdays
8:00-10:00 PM

Taking-Time Slow Session w/John Whelan (online)

Zoom Session
Wednesdays
4:00 PM
<http://johnwhelanmusic.com/slow-session/>

Players and listeners of all levels are very welcome to enjoy playing or hearing favorite tunes at a moderate tempo. This is an opportunity for learning new tunes, as everybody but the session leader (John) will be muted while they play.

Open Intermediate Session w/Sandi O'Regan

The Dullahan Irish Pub
352 SW B Ave, Lake Oswego
7:00-9:00 PM

Olympia Monthly Irish Singing Session (online)

Zoom Session
Saturday, May 21st 2022
7:00 PM
For RSVP and Zoom link contact Janet Partlow at jpartlow@aol.com.

MÓD Youth Session w/Niamh Branigan (outdoors)

Hostel Café
1810 NW Glisan Ave
Second Sundays
12:00-1:30 PM

Trail Jams Session

Hostel Café
1810 NW Glisan Ave
Sundays
1:30pm-4:30 PM

Irish Piping Tunes with Preston Wilde and Conor O'Bryan

T.C. O'Leary's Pub
Sundays
2:00pm-4:00 PM

ROMHAINN | Looking Ahead:

Céili of the Valley | 2nd Friday Céili

Friday, May 13th 2022
VFW Hall
630 Hood St. NE
Salem, Oregon

Doors: 7:00 PM.
Live music: 8-11:00 PM.
Musicians: Na Rosal

Caller: Gerakline Murray
Admission: \$10 per person
<https://www.celticvalley.org/2nd-friday-ceili>

All ages welcome! *Proof of vaccination and mask wearing required.*

Set Dance Céili

Saturday, May 21st 2022
St. Barnabas Spiscopal Church (Parish Hall)
2201 SW Vermont St
Portland OR 97219

Time: 7:00-9:15 pm.
Musicians: Bob Soper & Joe Root
Admission: TBA

Sets: Antrim Square, Plain Set, Merchant Set, Clare Lancers.

Proof of vaccination and mask wearing required. Volunteers needed for setup, breakdown, and calling.

Contact Betty Woerner at bettywoerner@gmail.com for more information and to register.

West Coast Piping Tionól (Pipers' Gathering)

San Francisco CA
May 20-22nd 2022
<http://www.westcoastpiping.org/home.html>

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann (All-Ireland)

Mullingar, Co. Meath
July 31-August 7th 2022
<https://www.fleadhcheoil.ie>

Cascadia Irish Music Week

The Evergreen State College Campus
August 7-13th 2022
<https://www.cascadiamusicweek.com>

Annual MÓD Campout

ZigZag Mountain Farm
August 26-28th 2022
<https://www.celticfestivalatfarm.com>

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