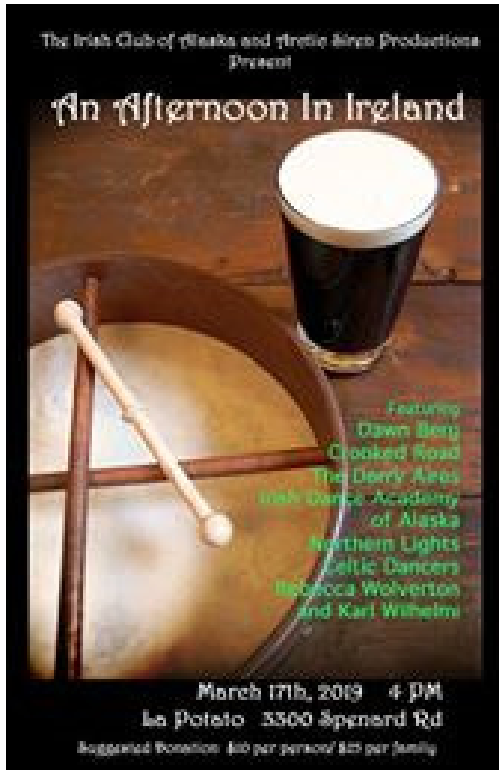




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## The Newsletter of The Irish Club of Alaska

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### Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig

Time to wear the green, white, and orange, dust off your dancing shoes or your vocal chords, and join in the festivities to honor the Saint himself. You'll have a whole town's worth of celebrations to choose from, but this is the Irish Club's signature event.

### An Afternoon in Ireland

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm

at La Potato

3300 Spenard Rd.

Bring everyone you know, and anyone you just met, for a joyous afternoon of music and dancing spiced up with classic Irish stories and jokes (you know, the ones you hear around the peat fire in your local).

The program will feature some of our favorite performers, including a few veterans of the **An Afternoon in Ireland** cast over the 30+ years since it began:

Irish Dance Academy of Alaska, Dawn Berg, Crooked Road, The Derry Aires  
Rebecca and Karl, Northern Lights Celtic Dancers

Admission is free, but we will be asking for a suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$25 for a family.

You'll order from the menu, which features the potato, of course. We couldn't wish for anything more Irish than that!

## Help Needed for the *Afternoon in Ireland*

ICA President Peggy Monaghan is organizing us for the Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> event. She needs two stage hands to re-set the stage in between performers. If you are able to wrestle a music stand, please contact Peggy at the Irish Club email address [irishclubak@gmail.com](mailto:irishclubak@gmail.com)

We also need two people to staff the door. You can contact Peggy at the same email address if you would like to volunteer for this.

## *Irish Cultural Collective News*

By Lisa Maloney

Monday, March 11, 6:30pm-7:55 at Loussac Public Library (3600 Denali Street): Ceilí dance class in the first floor atrium (right inside the entrance). FREE and very family-friendly, everyone is invited, no partner or experience necessary, and all ages welcome (although the littlest dancers may need to be carried through some of the dances).

**St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17**, 6pm-? at Hard Rock Café Anchorage, 415 E St: Big Ceilí in the UPSTAIRS area! This is also FREE and family-friendly, with live music, singing and lots of dancing. As always, no partner or experience needed!



Monday, March 25, 6:30pm-7:55 at Loussac Public Library (3600 Denali Street): Ceilí dance class in the first floor atrium (right inside the entrance). FREE and very family-friendly, everyone is invited, no partner or experience necessary, and all ages welcome (although the littlest dancers may need to be carried through some of the dances). As always, I hope to see you out!

## **Irish Movie Night for April**

For Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, your Irish Club of Alaska is planning on an Irish movie night get-together. We'll gather at 5:30 pm in Claire Wilson and Terry Kearney's living room for snacks and a classic movie (tentatively, "The Commitments"). Please contact Claire and Terry through the Irish Club email ([irishclubak@gmail.com](mailto:irishclubak@gmail.com)) to let them know you're coming since space is limited. When you R.S.V.P., you'll receive the address and directions for their home. If you're able, bring sweet or savory finger food; tea, coffee, and water will be provided.

We'd like to compile a list of Irish movie titles you have for future evenings, so please contact Claire with the titles have and would be willing to share.

## Galway Days Irish Festival 2019

Sean McGrane is chair of the committee planning this year's **Galway Days Irish Festival** (GDIF), Saturday August 10, on the grounds of Alaska Pacific University. We are organizing task forces to work on various aspects of GDIF, so now is your time to get in on the fun by contacting Sean ([irishclubak@gmail.com](mailto:irishclubak@gmail.com)) or speaking to another member of the planning committee: (Claire Wilson, Mary Ann Green, and Lillian Marvin). When you give them your email address, they will add you to the contacts for GDIF news, give you a list of the tasks needing volunteers, and answer any of your questions.

## Save the Date

The Celtic Community of Alaska is hosting the 2019 Celtic Spring Fest on Saturday, April 20, at the Anchorage Senior Activity Center. The tentative schedule includes:

Physical activities: Scottish Country Dance with Vivian Mendenhall; Irish Dance with the Irish Dance Academy; Clogging with Dixine Schiavi

Music: Bodhran with Hunter Woofert; Scottish Song with Dawn Berg

Lectures: Beltane by Natalie Novik; The Wheel of the Year by Natalie Novik; Consulting with the Joyous Spirits of Nature by Ellen Vande Visse

Make and take: Ogham Writing with Kevin Hall; Mushroom Fairy Circles with Marie Stoner

Note: Your Irish Club of Alaska will have a table at the Celtic Spring Fest. If you would like to help with this Club project, please email Sean McGrane [irishclubak@gmail.com](mailto:irishclubak@gmail.com)



Every St. Patrick's Day every Irishman goes out to find another Irishman to make a speech to.  
Shane Leslie

That's what the holidays are for - for one person to tell the stories and another to dispute them. Isn't that the Irish way?  
Lara Flynn Boyle

## Irish Club of Alaska Calendar

Event	Day/Time	Location
<b>Irish Club of Alaska's Afternoon in Ireland</b>	Sunday, March 17 4 pm to 6 pm	La Potato 3300 Spenard Rd.
<b>Irish Movie Night</b>	Saturday, April 13 5:30 pm	Claire Wilson & Terry Kearney's home R.S.V.P. to Irish Club email for address
2019 Celtic Spring Fest	Saturday, April 20 10 am to 4 pm	Anchorage Senior Activity Center 1300 E. 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
<b>Traditional Music Seisiún (Session)</b>	Every Thursday 7:30 pm	McGinley's Pub 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. & G St.

For a full calendar of events and details, go to the Irish Club web site  
([www.irishalaska.org](http://www.irishalaska.org))

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