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## The Newsletter of The Irish Club of Alaska

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### Galway Days virtual Irish Festival 2020

It's happening! Saturday, August 8, 2020 from 11 am to 6 pm.

Performers on the “main stage” (our YouTube channel) will include local acts Wings to Fly, Jubilee, and The Derry Aires joined by Philip Price and Natalie Harrison. Also performing will be Tommy Sands of Mayobridge, County Down, and Claire Horgan of Ballinskelligs, County Kerry. The Festival will feature a storyteller, Betsy Scott. Musicians John Whelan, John Walsh, and Brian Conway will be performing with Rose Flanagan and Kieran Flanagan. (You may remember John Walsh and Brian Conway from the 2018 Festival.)

The workshops (in Zoom rooms) will offer instruction in Irish Language; Ogham Writing; Sean-nós, a unique form of unaccompanied singing; History of Irish in Alaska; an Irish Song Circle; Irish Guitar accompaniment and Finger-style DADGAD tuning; and Irish fiddle. Some of the workshops may have a registration fee, which is usually to cover the cost for sending out materials. You will pay the fee when you register for the workshop on the Irish Club of Alaska web site ([www.irishalaska.org](http://www.irishalaska.org)).

You can drop into Reilly's virtual Pub for a visit, to share stories or a song, and explore your Irish heritage.

You will also be able to shop on the Vendor page, which will include a link to order a Galway Days virtual Irish Festival t-shirt.

Everything on the main stage and the virtual Pub will be free, but you will need to register by providing your name and an email address. This is so we can send you the secure link and directions for attending the Festival. We hope this process will provide an extra bit of security for the online events.

For more information and to register for the Festival, visit [www.irishalaska.org](http://www.irishalaska.org) or find the Festival on Facebook (Galway Days Virtual Irish Festival).

## *So You Want to Be a Publican?*

Have you ever dreamed of being an Irish Publican, hosting conversations and music around the peat fires? Now is your chance! If you would like to be one of the publicans for the Galway Days virtual Irish Festival on August 8<sup>th</sup>, contact Kate O'Dell ([akirishcommunication@gmail.com](mailto:akirishcommunication@gmail.com)). If you aren't familiar with hosting a Zoom room, you'll need to join us for some tutorials at the end of the Board meetings on Mondays at 7:00 pm. You can choose the time you'll be the Publican (between 11 am and 6 pm), and if you have something you would like to contribute during your time, you can propose that to the Board.

## *Support the Festival*

Attached to this newsletter you will find the invitation letter and sponsorship levels that describe how you can provide financial support to the *Galway Days virtual Irish Festival 2020*. While we aren't spending money on erecting a stage or renting rooms at Alaska Pacific University, we are hiring an expert technical team to make sure the online Festival is high quality, and their services are expensive.

You may become a sponsor of the Festival by filling out the attached form, or you may donate to the Irish Club of Alaska by going to the web site ([www.irishalaska.org](http://www.irishalaska.org)) and clicking on the "Products" button. That will take you to the page where you can donate, become a member or renew your membership and, once we have the Festival vendors page completed, link to it there.

Please make copies of the sponsorship letter/form and distribute them to any businesses, friends, or family who might be interested in supporting the *Galway Days virtual Irish Festival 2020*.

## Irish Club of Alaska Calendar

Event	Day/Time	Location
<b>Song Circle</b>	Saturday, July 25	Email ICA for date/time and virtual meeting log-in information
<b>Irish Club of Alaska Board Meeting</b>	TBA	This is a meeting in a Zoom room. If you would like to sit in, contact President Peggy Monaghan at one of the email addresses below.
<b>Galway Days Irish Festival 2020</b>	Saturday, August 8	It's a virtual festival this year. Watch for updates in email, on the Irish Club of Alaska web site, and in your mailbox.

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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