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## The Newsletter of The Irish Club of Alaska

Galway Days Special Edition  
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Performances • ZOOM Workshops • Vendors • Virtual Pub

### GALWAY DAYS VIRTUAL IRISH FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY**  
Aug 8<sup>th</sup>  
11am - 6pm

**Main Stage Alaska Performers:**  
Wings to Fly  
Jubilee  
The Derry Aires  
Philip Price & Natalie Harrison

**Main Stage International:**  
Tommy Sands  
*of Mayobridge, Co. Down*  
Clare Horgan  
*of Ballinskelligs, Co. Kerry.*

**Main Stage US Performers:**  
John Whelan • John Walsh  
Brian Conway with Rose Flanagan & Kieran Flanagan

**Storytellers:** Betsy Scott *former Alaskan* • Helena Byrne, *Dublin, Ireland*

**Workshops:**

- Ogham Writing, an introduction to the ancient Celtic alphabet
- Sean-nos, a unique form of unaccompanied singing
- History of Irish in Alaska
- Bodhran: Irish Drum
- Clog Dancing
- Irish Guitar accompaniment  
Finger style DADGAD tuning
- Irish Fiddle
- The Irish Language

**Virtual Vendors Faire:**  
Attendees wishing to support local, national and international vendors can click thru to see music, arts and crafts for purchase.

Grab your pint and drop in at our online pub. Hear a fine tale and maybe a song or two.

For more info visit the Irish Club of Alaska online: [www.irishalaska.org](http://www.irishalaska.org)

The Irish Club of Alaska is grateful for these GDvIF Sponsors  
Reilly's Irish Pub at 317 Fireweed Lane in Anchorage  
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**Main Stage will go LIVE on August 8th, 2020 at 11 am!  
Check the website**

**(<http://www.irishalaska.org/main-stage.html>) for the  
YouTube Link on Aug 8<sup>th</sup> and the times for each  
performance.**

**Featuring**

**Tommy Sands**

**Clare Horgan**

**Brian Conway with Rose Flanagan & Kieran Flanagan**

**Wings to Fly**

**Philip Price and Natalie Harrison**

**The Derry Aires**

**Jubilee**

**Betsy Scott**

**Dawn Berg**

**John Walsh**

**John Whelan**

**Tania Opland and Mike Freeman**

**Mary Anne Green**

**Galway Days virtual Irish Festival  
Workshops**

Check out the full day of workshops attached to this newsletter. We have presenters from Ireland, the U.S. East Coast, Washington State, and here in Alaska.

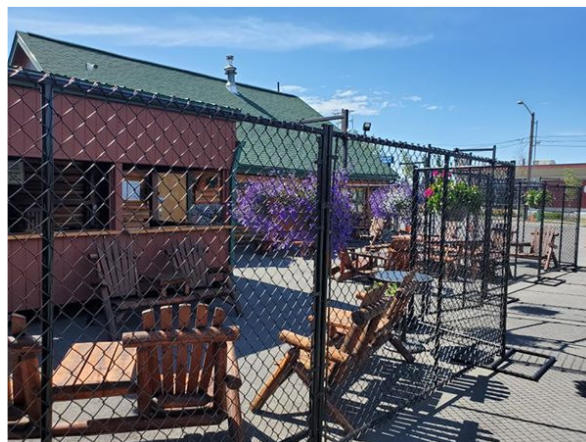
You must register for a workshop to receive the link to a Zoom room and pay the fee, if required. Go to the Irish Club website <http://www.irishalaska.org/workshops.html> today. Thanks to a donation by Claire Wilson, the first five people who register for one of the four workshops with a fee will receive a refund of 50%. We will award one scholarship per person for a total of 20 scholarships.

**Galway Days virtual Irish Festival  
Virtual Vendor Faire**

Go to <http://www.irishalaska.org/virtual-vendor-faire.html> for links to our 26 international vendors.

**Reilly's Virtual Irish Pub at Galway Days will be open from 11 AM to 6 PM on August 8th, 2020.**

The Real Reilly's Irish Pub is at 317 Fireweed Lane in Anchorage and has long been a meeting spot for the Irish Club of Alaska. We are grateful for the generous hospitality Jeannie and her staff have shown us over the years. Check the website ([www.irishalaska.org](http://www.irishalaska.org)) for the Zoom link on August 8th!





## From Irish Club of Alaska President Peggy Monaghan...

Hi,

It's been a strange year for all of us, but it has forced us to get creative. As President of the Irish Club of Alaska I have had to learn how to take a Festival completely online. This Saturday, Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11 - 6 ADT we will be hosting Galway Days virtual Irish Festival.

You can log onto our website and enjoy world class performances on our Main Stage, including Tommy Sands, Clare Horgan, Brian Conway, John Whelan and a host of others. You can also learn from the best in Virtual workshops on topics such as Irish Fiddle, Ogham Writing, Traditional Irish Song, Irish Guitar Accompaniment, as well as others. Many of the workshops are free, but some have a nominal charge.

We will also feature a Virtual Vendor Faire with links to the performers' websites to purchase music directly from them, local artisans, and even a food vendor.

Last but not least we will have a virtual pub. Drop into Reilly's virtual Irish Pub with your favorite libation at hand to enjoy a visit with others there. The publicans are jolly and will have lots of activity to amuse you, including genealogy research, Irish storytelling, song circles, and a talk on the Irish Brigade in the American Civil War.

I hope you can join us. You will need to register for the Festival, but most of it is free. Check out our website at [www.irishalaska.org](http://www.irishalaska.org). There are several ways to support our efforts. All donations to the Festival will be shared by the performers. You can become a member or donate to the Irish Club of Alaska. You can support our vendors by purchasing directly from them.

We thank you in advance for any support you can give.

Stay safe and sane.

Peggy

## Irish Club of Alaska Calendar

Event	Day/Time	Location
<b>Song Circle</b>	Saturday, August 8	In Reilly's virtual Irish Pub at Galway Days
<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. Irish Club of Alaska web site ( <a href="http://www.irishalaska.org">www.irishalaska.org</a> )

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

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