



# The Seanachai

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## 2010-2011 AICS General Meetings and Scheduled Events:

**September 18, 2010 General Meeting**  
Learning Languages

**October 16, 2010 General Meeting**  
High Tea/Beer Tasting  
History Night

**October 17, 2010 Club Outing**  
Mt. Hood Railroad excursion

**October 24, 2010 Pub Social**  
*To be announced*

**October 30, 2010**  
The Eve of Samhain Ceili at the PPAA.

**November 20, 2010 General Meeting**  
Francis O'Neill's collection of  
Irish Music w/ musician

**December 11, 2010**  
Christmas Dinner @  
University of Portland

**January 15, 2011 General Meeting**  
BUNCO!

**January 30, 2011 Pub Social**  
*To be announced*

**February 19, 2011 General Meeting**  
Author Gemma Whelan  
reading from her new book.

**March 17, 2011**  
St. Patrick's Day @ Ambridge Hall

**April 16, 2011 ANNUAL Meeting**  
Irish Trivia Game

**April 2011 Pub Social**  
*Date & location to be announced*

**May 21, 2011**  
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner + Sing Songs

**Watch your Seanachai for more  
information about each of these events!**



**T**ír gan teanga, tír gan anam (a country without a language is a country without a soul). There is a new methodology that is being used to help revive dying languages. Though Irish is not dying

## AICS September General Meeting

**Where:** Stamp Society Building. 4828 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Portland. Directions are available on the AICS website. If questions, call the Club phone at 503-286-4812.

**When:** Saturday, September 18. The general meeting starts at 7pm. All those interested in genealogy should arrive by 6:00.p.m.

yet, there has been a constant loss in the number of native speakers and until recently efforts by the government to support the language have been mostly counter productive. But Evan Gardner, the creator, and Willem Larsen, his associate, have developed a method of teaching language using the same things by which we learned language as children - sign language and game playing. They have successfully been applying it to a number of Native American languages as well as others, including Irish. Willem will join us at the September meeting to give a brief presentation and demonstration of how this method works. You can learn more about their work at [www.wherereyourkeys.org](http://www.wherereyourkeys.org).

**I**t's time to place another order for AICS shirts and hats! **Rose Ann Ranft will be taking orders at the September meeting.** All items must be prepaid and the checks made out to AICS. Cash will also be accepted. Here's the price list:

- ✘ Green or white polo shirts are \$18.00 for sizes small through X-large. Larger sizes are \$20.00. People should order men or women size shirts.
- ✘ Hats are \$12.00.
- ✘ If people want to have the AICS logo put on their own supplied clothing, it will cost \$8.00 per image.
- ✘ Special orders may also be made for sweatshirts and vests. Estimated costs are \$31.00.

We must have a minimum order of at least eight shirts and four hats for the order to be accepted.

Questions can be directed to Rose Ann at either her home phone or e-mail . . . 360-944-8489 or [ranft61@msn.com](mailto:ranft61@msn.com).

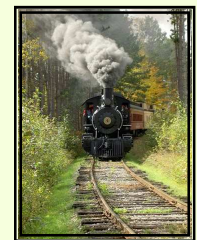
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**AICS Mt. Hood Railroad Autumn Fest Excursion:**

*Sunday October 17, the day after the October general meeting.*

If the club can get 14 people we get a 10% discount so that is what we've reserved. The tickets are slightly higher than normal because there will be live music, fine art, crafts and food during our stopover in Parkdale. Light food and beverages are available in the concession car of the train.



**With the 10% discount, ticket prices are as follow:**

**Adults \$30.00**

**Seniors (60+) \$26.10**

**Children (2-12) \$ 18.90**

There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting. People can pay that night or the day of the trip. Boarding time is 9:30 am, and if we want to hang together on the train, we should all be there no later than 9:30. Train leaves at 10:00 sharp. Directions: I 84 to Hood River. Take Exit 63. The railroad is at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and 110 Cascade/Railroad Avenue. There is parking available at the depot for \$3.00 per car. We arrive back at the station between 2:15 and 2:30 pm.

After the trip, people might want to plan to stay awhile in Hood River as their Harvest Fest will be taking place in big event tents along the waterfront on the opposite side of I 84 at the same exit! There will be "Freshly harvested fruits and vegetables from the world-class orchards and farms of the Hood River Valley; over 100 arts and crafts vendors displaying their hand-crafted merchandise just in time for the holiday season; a kids' zone for all sorts of family fun -- including face painters, kiddie band, balloon twisters and more; a food court with menus from around the world, along with all the traditional festival favorites; and a live entertainment tent with beer and wine offerings and lively musicians playing throughout the entire weekend."

**MOTIONS PASSED** — *a new item to your newsletter!***AT THE MAY BOARD MEETING . . .****Honorary Members**

The board approved honorary memberships for John Keane of Seattle and Reverend Joseph Browne of Notre Dame, Indiana.

**AT THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING . . .****Budget**

The board reviewed the 2009-2010 "budget" and "actual" amounts and made adjustments for the 2010-2011 budget. Treasurer Julie O'Connell will prepare the revised budget and e-mail it to board members. Members will vote on this budget at the September meeting.

**Program committee proposal**

Program Committee chair Jim O'Connell distributed a four page program proposal with projected expenses to board members. After review and some modifications, it was determined the budgeted amount for the program is \$1,800. Members will vote on the 2010/2011 program at the September meeting.

**Honorary Members**

Mary McAleese, President of Ireland, and Gerry Staunton, Consulate General of Ireland, were designated Honorary Members of the AICS.

**Items at the picnic**

Money generated from surplus items from the shed at St. Brigitta's and items donated by members at the picnic will be donated to the Oregon Food Bank.

*The AICS eleven-member Board of Directors meets nine times during the year to conduct the general business of the club. The next board meeting is schedule for October 2, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Stamp Society Building. Members are welcome to attend board meetings.*

**CÉAD MILE Fáilte TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:**

- ✘ Bhrigha Gypsikett
- ✘ Geraldine Power.
- ✘ Francis Jackson Lewis and Niamh M. Lewis
- ✘ Peter and Mary Carey
- ✘ Joel T. Tomlin and Patricia G. Tomlin of Scappoose
- ✘ Paul and Cara Golden
- ✘ Mary Margaret Hibbard



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**AICS PUB SOCIAL,**  
**Sunday October 24th.**  
 Location to be announced!

For more community events, classes, please go to  
<http://www.oregonirishclub.org/links.html>





## PORTLAND AREA IRISH CULTURAL EVENTS CALENDAR

**September 10—October 2. Stones in his Pockets.** By Marie Jones. Directed By Michael Mendelson. Public Playhouse



performing at Coho Theater—2257 NW Raleigh St., Portland.

When a Hollywood film crew invades a rural

Irish town, the irony of their efforts to create the proper "Irish feel" takes a hilarious look at class, sex, and myths. *Stones in His Pockets*, a multi-award winner which ran for four years in London's West End, is told by Charlie and Jake, who, like much of the town, are employed as extras for the film. Taking on all 15 roles they tell a fast paced, delirious fantasy of film that becomes a tribute to the imaginative power of live performance. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$17 for students, seniors and military. Thursdays are \$12! For more information about tickets: mailto: pubinfo@publicplayhouse.org Or phone 503-922-0532

**Saturday & Sunday, October 2 & 3.**



**The 14th Annual Portland Feis, hosted by volunteers from The Murray School of Irish Dancing.** For more information call 503-239-3756

**Sunday October 17—Mt. Hood Railroad Autumn Fest Excursion.**

See page 2 for details.

**Sunday October 17. FINGAL - Music from the Irish tradition. James Keane,**



**Daithi Sproule and Randal Bays** have performed together as FINGAL since 2006.

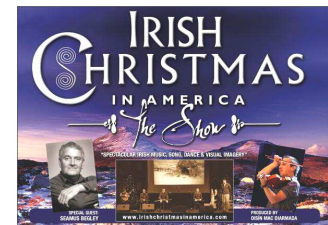
Check out their website at: <http://www.fingalmusic.com/> for more information. S&A Irish Entertainment brings FINGAL to **The Old Church on SW 11th** in Portland, Sunday October 17th and is offering AICS members a special discount. Please contact Sam @ [sam.keator@frontier.com](mailto:sam.keator@frontier.com)

**Saturday October 30,** The Eve of Samhain Irish Gathering hosted by the Tír Eoghain Céilí class, PPAA 618 SE Alder St, Portland, 7:30-11:30pm.



**Friday November 26. Irish Christmas in America—The Show, 7:30pm.** A captivating show now in fifth season, featuring top Irish musicians Téada's Oisín Mac Diarmada joins forces with a host of special guests – renowned Kerry singer/accordion-player Séamus Begley, exhilarating young dancer Brian Cunningham, Grainne Hambly on harp and Tommy Martin on pipes.

S&A Irish Entertainment have made arrangements for this show to be brought to the Historic Hollywood Theatre. All family, community, Holiday entertainment, \$22/\$28 adv, \$27/\$33 Day of show,



### MONTHLY EVENTS:

**S & A Irish Entertainment**—Live music & dances each month on the **1st Friday** of each month, October through May for all ages at the Historic Winona Grange #271, 8340 SW Seneca Street in Tualatin from 7:30-11:00pm, \$10 for adults, \$5 for students 18 and younger and seniors 65 and older. October 1st join us for our 4th anniversary party with Mikey Beglan, Bob Soper and Danny O'Hanlon [www.SandAirishentertainment.com/](http://www.SandAirishentertainment.com/)

**Irish Jam Session**—**2nd Sunday**, beginning October 10, at the Historic Winona Grange #271, 8340 SW Seneca Street in Tualatin from 3:00pm-6:00pm—\$1. [sam.keator@frontier.com](mailto:sam.keator@frontier.com) for more info.

**The 2nd Friday Ceili** . VFW Hall, 630 Hood Street NE, Salem, OR . 7pm Lesson, 8-11pm Dance.

**Portland Céilí Society - 3rd Friday** of the Month Céilí Dance PPAA, 618 SE Alder Street, Portland, OR . \$8 students/seniors, \$10 General, PCS members \$2 off September through May. [www.portlandceilisociety.org](http://www.portlandceilisociety.org)

### WEEKLY EVENTS:

**Mondays Tír Eoghain Céilí class, 7-9 pm**, Instructor Sam Keator, TMRF, ages 13-adult, Yeates Studio, 4231 N Interstate Ave, \$3/week, 503-286-4812. [www.oregonirishclub.org](http://www.oregonirishclub.org)

**Thursdays 7-9 pm The Winds of Donegal Ceili Class**, Instructor Sam Keator, no experience or partner necessary, Historic Winona Grange #271, 8340 SW Seneca Street in Tualatin \$5/person per night, 13-adult, 503-691-2078. [www.sandairishentertainment.com/](http://www.sandairishentertainment.com/)

Please go to <http://www.portlanddancing.com/> for more Irish dancing.



## CERTIFICATE OF IRISHNESS OPEN TO 70 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE

Article submitted by Tim Birr

**T**HE IRISH GOVERNMENT has announced plans to introduce a certificate of Irish heritage for up to 70 million people of Irish descent around the world who do not qualify for citizenship.

Minister for Foreign Affairs Micheál Martin said at the weekend he had decided to proceed with the initiative, which was first proposed at the Global Irish Economic Forum at Farnleigh last year.

The certificates will be issued by a third party agency acting under licence from the Department of Foreign Affairs, which is considering charging a fee for each document issued.

The initiative is intended to be self-financing, according to a department source. But he said it was not designed with the intention of raising significant amounts of revenue.

The price charged for the certificates has yet to be set. The tendering documents state that the level of fees shall be subject to the department's agreement. They add: "The Department is open to considering proposals that provide for sharing a proportion of the fees received with the Department".

The exact size of the market for a heritage certificate is not known. But it is anticipated that many descendants of Irish emigrants would wish to buy one to display in their homes or as gifts for their children.

Some speakers at last year's forum

were critical of the disconnection between Ireland and members of the diaspora, particularly those unable to qualify for citizenship by virtue of having a parent or grandparent born in Ireland. The forum also highlighted the role the emigrant network could play in helping Ireland improve its economic fortunes.

Mr Martin said the Government had taken a broad and inclusive approach to defining Ireland's global community. "The Irish diaspora is not limited to Irish citizens living abroad or to those who have activated citizenship. Instead, it encompasses all those who believe they are of Irish descent and feel a sense of affinity with this country."

The reach, power and influence of many members of the diaspora can provide Ireland with an important competitive edge, he pointed out.

According to the tender documents, it is not possible to determine the value of the concession: "The Irish diaspora is estimated to consist of 70 million . . . many of whom are proud of their Irish heritage".

The process of selecting a service provider for a trial one-year period is under way, and the issuing of certificates is expected to start later this year, according to the minister.

Operators are likely to have a background in heritage or genealogy. The department is investigating the possibility that certificate-holders would benefit from discounts while visiting Ireland as tourists.



**T**wenty-three AICS members, family, and friends brought a bit of "Irish Luck" to PGE Park on the evening of June 27, as the Portland Timbers defeated the Tampa Bay Rowdies 1-0.

The evening, billed as the second annual "AICS Night at the Timbers," was organized by AICS members Pat Cosgrove and Tim Birr, and marked the last time a club outing will view the Timbers as a second division team. The team will move up to Major League Soccer (MLS) next year, and are playing the remainder of their home schedule on the road, as major remodeling commences on PGE Park in preparation for the move to MLS.

At this writing, the Timbers have secured a place in the playoffs, which will commence after the end of the regular season in early October. Given the work on PGE Park, playoff games will take place at either the University of Portland or Hillsboro Stadium.

For more information about the current season, go to [www.portlandtimbers.com](http://www.portlandtimbers.com). To learn more about next season's move to MLS, season tickets, and the like, go to [www.portlandmls2011.com](http://www.portlandmls2011.com).

*Tim Birr*

**Change of Address?:** Please let us know when you have a change to your e-mail or mailing address so we can keep our records current and you don't miss out on receiving the Seanachai. Call the club phone at 503-286-4812 or e-mail Shannon at [shandoherty54@msn.com](mailto:shandoherty54@msn.com). Thank you.



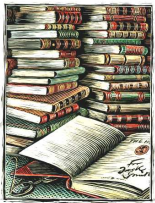
Dorothy & Mary Rose represented AICS at Emerald Downs in Seattle June 6



Oregon Public Broadcasting Jen Brown wrote Rose Ann Ranft complimenting her and the volunteers who answered phones during the June OPB Membership Drive. During the Pledge drive, the group raised \$2,975 and had \$130 in Call-Outs.

**A** current copy of the *AICS Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation* is available to all members. Please pick up your copy at one of our events or call the Club phone at 503-286-4812 to get your copy by mail. Thank you.

## AICS LIBRARY — submitted by Louise Martell



Are you aware of the AICS Library? It is in the locked glass-door cabinet in the first room of the Stamp Society Building. Over the past few months I have been developing a catalog for it. I have found great books on Irish history and culture as well as fiction and poetry. I am astounded with the wealth of works it has and want the library to be used. At meetings, I will have the library unlocked for members to explore. If you would like to check out a work, write the title, your name and phone number or e-mail on an index and put it in the card box.

If you wish to donate items related to Ireland, bring them to general meetings or contact me at 503 297 3327 or at [martell@u.washington.edu](mailto:martell@u.washington.edu). I will be glad to see if the library has an item you want. Suggestions for our collection are always welcomed.

## BOOK CLUB MEETINGS MOVE TO EVERY OTHER MONTH

The Book Club will now meet every other month starting with September, 2010. The major reason for the change was to give AICS members more time for reading the selections. Meetings will now be on the fourth Thursday of every other month from 7 to 9 PM at Louise Martell's house. The dates are September 26, January 20, March 24, and May 26. Instead of meeting on the fourth Thursday in November, which is Thanksgiving, the club will meet on December 2. Please call, 503 297 3327, or e-mail, [martell@u.washington.edu](mailto:martell@u.washington.edu) for directions to Louise's home.



The club last met late spring and selected Roddy Doyle's "Henry Smart" trilogy. The books are *A Star Called Henry* (1999), *Oh, Play that Thing* (2005), and *Dead Republic* (2010). While book club members have had all summer to read these but we do not expect others to read all of these before the meeting. Please come if you have read any of these, are reading any of these, or none. We welcome new members and suggestions. Looking forward to a great year!

## HOWARD FRANKLIN - AUTHOR

The place to be on **Saturday, September 25th at 1 pm. is Barnes & Noble at Tanasbourne.** Barnes & Noble is hosting a group of ten or so local authors who will have a brief panel discussion and then break up into their own separate areas within the store to talk with folks about their books. Our own AICS member **Howard Franklin** is one of those authors and has invited AICS members and friends to this event. Howard's book, *Irish Experience - Travel Tales Flowing from History, Humor and the Search for Home* is wonderful. Click on [www.howardgfranklin.com](http://www.howardgfranklin.com) for more details.

## REMEMBERING THE LESS FORTUNATE....

Over the years, the All-Ireland Cultural Society has supported worthy causes. Some of them were the Oregon Food Bank, Blanchet House, St. Vincent de Paul, and Ronald McDonald House. The Program Committee discussed supporting non-profit, non-political organizations that help those less fortunate. In this economic downturn, there are a lot of people hurting and going without. Each month between September and May, you are invited to participate in helping the AICS provide goods and/or services. Naturally, this is voluntary on your part. Two organizations have been identified for September and October. If you know of a charity or cause that you would like considered, please let one of the board members know. Thank you.



*The first recipient will be Clackamas County Department of Human Services as proposed by Mary Sacksteder. Tax ID # 43 201 4366 Government nonprofit*

DHS has about 300 kids in foster care at any one time in Clackamas County with more coming in and going out all the time. We would partner with the West Linn High class of 1953 "Care Crew" and/or make donations directly to Clackamas County DHS. The "Care Crew" make it their mission to provide a kit bag that would contain clothing, pajamas, toiletries, toys, games, books, etc. appropriate to the age/sex for that specific kit. They determined that it took about \$25 on average to complete a kit bag for one child.

These children are of all ages, from infant to teens, and have been taken from their homes with little or nothing more than the clothes on their back.

The reasons are many - drugs, criminal activity, abuse, neglect by the parents. You can only imagine the trauma for these poor kids.

### Items needed:

- ✂ Gift card for Payless Shoe store in \$15 to \$20 amounts
- ✂ Toiletries/personal grooming items
- ✂ Pajamas, underwear, one outfit, books, toys
- ✂ Cash Donations

Donations are kept in a separate fund, 100% of all money donated goes to clients. None of this money goes to the general fund. Make checks payable to **DHS Donated Funds**.

For more information you can contact Vicki Pearse – Clackamas DHS 971-673-7200.

*Submitted by AICS members Mary Sacksteder and Larry McKinley.*

### St. Pat's Tee-Shirts:

Rose Ann Ranft reports that there are 2 medium and 6 large adult t-shirts (\$11 each) and 7 youth t-shirts (\$9) available for sale. Contact Rose Ann at [ranft61@msn.com](mailto:ranft61@msn.com) if you wish to purchase one.

President Sam Keator is surrounded by a strong, enthusiastic Board of Directors and many willing and committed volunteers to make this coming year another great one. The AICS is a volunteer organization. We rely completely on volunteers to donate their time, energy, and skills to promote our organization's goals. Let one of our Board members know if you can assist in any way, Thank you.

*"A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed!" – Henrik Ibsen*



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## Membership Application - Please print

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's/Children's Names (if family membership):  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (Please include zip code):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:  Days  Evenings: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (if family membership): \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about the society?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and send this portion to the address below. En-

close a check payable to AICS

**All-Ireland Cultural Society**

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## PURPOSE:

The All-Ireland Cultural Society is a Non-Profit organization that has brought social opportunities, Irish entertainment, and cultural information to Oregon and southwest Washington for 70 years.

*We invite you to join the fun by becoming a member*

## BENEFITS

- ✧ Presentations on Irish culture, history, genealogy, Irish products and authors, and topics of interest to the membership following the monthly meetings.
- ✧ Monthly newsletters, **the Seanachai**, announcing upcoming social events, news, recipes, book reviews, and more.
- ✧ Social events include the annual picnic, Christmas party and May Appreciation party, St. Patrick's Day concert and dance, and pub socials.
- ✧ Other special events promoting Irish culture and history such as special exhibits, a scholarship fund, a lending library, our own Tir Eoghain Ceili Dancers, Irish dance workshops and classes, group day trips and attendance at sporting events.
- ✧ Other groups include the Book Club, Knitting Circle, Tir Eoghain Ceili Dance classes, Genealogy Group and the Starving Artists.

## Yearly Membership Dues

Individual \$25

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**Ray Beasley**

## AICS CULTURAL GROUPS

**Tir Eoghain Irish Céilí** dancers celebrate 31 years! Dance lessons are every **Monday evening**, 7-9 pm at the Yeates Studio, 4231 N. Interstate. Learn that jig step and have *reel* fun! Cost \$3/session; 14 years and up; no street shoes.

**Genealogy Group** meets at **6 pm prior to the General meetings** at the Stamp Society Bldg. All interested parties are welcome to join our round-table discussions.

The **Knitting** circle continues to meet the **last Wednesday of every month**. Contact Anne Doherty Keator at 503-691-2078 or macanabar@verizon.net to let her know you are interested. Beginners are always welcome.

The **Starving Artists** is coordinated by Arlene Osborne and had a wonderful display on St. Pat's. If you're interested in learning how to draw Celtic knot work, contact her at 503-232-2874.



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