

Museum of Newport Irish History



43rd Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month

Dear Members,

This month marks the 43rd Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month, packed with events of Irish interest presented by the Museum and numerous other local organizations. Click harp graphic above for complete list.

Don't forget, our **Interpretive Center** will be open this Fri., Mar. 6 and for nine additional days in March. Come on down for a visit!

Other reminders/updates to the event info. announced last month:

- The **Mar.7 Trolley Tours of "Irish Newport"** are fully reserved with small waiting lists. To inquire, please contact Larry Bartley by clicking the below orange button.
- Our **Mar. 24 Crowley Lecture** has 130+ reserved, with room for more. If you plan to attend, please reserve at this time, as the event has now been shared with community at-large. For details & reservations, see below green buttons.
- Read about "**Dancing at the Forty Steps**," below and cross your fingers for a dry, sunny day Mar. 29!
- Please follow us on our new **Facebook** page. See link at the bottom of newsletter.

Reservations required for:

- Trolley Tour of "Irish Newport" on March 7
- Next Crowley Lecture on Mar. 24

click the below buttons for info/reservations

Trolley Tour Details & RSVP

Lecture Details

Lecture RSVP

Take the opportunity to visit our **Interpretive Center** on Lower Thames Street, open 10 days in March!
Click [HERE](#) to see the schedule & details.



And don't miss the always-popular "**Dancing at the 40 Steps**" at Cliff Walk, on **Sunday, March 29 at 3 pm** - - the official closing event of the 43rd Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Special thanks to Donal & Mary Lehane for offering to lead the dancing again this year!

Enjoy the below photos from "Dancing" events, recent and long past, and check out this YouTube [VIDEO](#) which truly brings Dancing at the 40 Steps to life!



Above photos from past "Dancing at the Forty Steps" Newport Irish Heritage Month events. Scroll down and read about the below historical photo, taken in Ireland.



HISTORY NOTE: In the late 19th and early part of the 20th century, the Forty Steps on Cliff Walk was a favorite gathering spot for the Irish who lived and worked in Newport. Informal dances were held there on Friday nights. Newport's Irish were recreating a tradition, brought with them from their homeland, which we commemorate each March (weather permitting) during Newport Irish Heritage Month.

This **above turn-of-the-century photo** was *not* taken in Newport, but at Sleah Head, a promontory on the westernmost part of the Dingle Peninsula, on the southwest coast of Ireland, and was published under the title "Dancing at Sleah Head."

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The **Mission** of The Museum of Newport Irish History is to tell the story of Irish immigrants in Newport County from the 1600s to the present, to preserve artifacts and mementos of their experience, and to facilitate research into Irish heritage.

Thank you for your membership & support of our Mission!

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St. PATRICK'S
DAY

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