



Museum of Newport Irish History
NewportIrishHistory.org

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Dear Fellow Members,

We trust this note finds you and yours well as Rhode Island commences "Phase II" of our covid-19 re-opening.

Today, I have some other very encouraging news to share on a couple of fronts -- follow-ups to the announcements shared with you in our last e-newsletter of May 15 (*if you missed that one, please click [here](#) to read*).

In short, we've secured a date for "Shamrocks & Seashells" for 2021 and have excellent news to share regarding the kick-off to our 2020 Annual Appeal.

Please read on for the details!

Slán agus beannacht (stay well),

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Save the Date:
2021 Annual Benefit



Please mark your calendar for Saturday, **September 11, 2021** for ***Shamrocks & Seashells***, the annual benefit for the Museum's Interpretive Center, at Easton's Beach Rotunda.

This festive, fun- and music-filled event attracts a sell-out crowd of Museum members and friends each year, generating the funds upon which we rely to cover the annual operating expenses for our Interpretive Center.

We would again like to express our deepest gratitude to the past event guests and to the local business community for their amazing support of our 2019 benefit and of so many past galas. Click the below buttons to view the list of 2019 and 2018 event donors.

Please support these local restaurants, hotels, retailers and other businesses, many of whom have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

2019 Event Donors

2018 Event Donors

Update: 2020 Annual Appeal

With the cancellation of Shamrocks & Seashells 2020 due to the covid-19 crisis, we will rely heavily on proceeds of our **2020 Annual Appeal** -- our first such initiative in nearly a decade -- which we announced on May 15.

We are delighted to share that we are well on our way to meeting our goal - thanks to you, our members!

Thus far, nearly **120 gifts** have been received, many of which are given in memory of loved ones. While it's still early, the total raised to-date is **\$14,000**. We have also received pledges totaling **\$3,000**. This is an amazing response from our membership in less than two weeks! The Appeal will continue for some time, and **your gift in any amount will make a difference.**

Donate NOW Online

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Thank You to all those who have contributed thus far to the Annual Appeal!

Click the below button for a list of donor names, reflecting gifts received through June 1.

We will update this list as additional gifts are received and pledges are fulfilled.

Annual Appeal 2020 - Early Donors

What's next for 2020? Thanks for your input!

Thanks to all who responded to the poll in the [May 15 e-newsletter](#) intended to informally gauge how the membership feels about the possibility of attending events as covid-19 restrictions are eased. Eighty (80) of you replied, as follows:

- 25% are eager to jump back in and attend events once restrictions are eased
- 11% felt they need to sit out group gatherings for the foreseeable future
- 64% would love to attend a Museum event later this year, but feel it's too soon to gauge their comfort level until more time has elapsed.

We continue to explore alternatives to traditional in-person events, including live-streaming lectures and/or holding these events with smaller audiences to achieve optimal social distancing. We are working to develop an outdoor **walking tour of "Irish Newport"** and, shortly, we will be videotaping a new **"virtual tour" of the [Barney Street Cemetery](#)**, the final resting place of many of Newport's earliest Irish residents.

Please keep in mind that some 'virtual' tours and recorded past Crowley Lectures are already available on our [website](#) and [YouTube](#)

Channel. We also share information and enrichment opportunities on our new **Facebook page**, which we encourage you to "Like" by clicking the Facebook logo at the bottom of this page.



Speaking of **Facebook**, it's a great place to catch late-breaking news in-between our periodic e-newsletters. An example of which is the recent article in ***Newport This Week*** featuring the Museum of Newport Irish History's 'virtual tours.' Click [HERE](#) to access the article on the "Press" page of our website and click [HERE](#) to access the featured video, which was filmed in March, courtesy of WJAR Channel 10 Providence. (above photo of Interpretive Center by [Allan Millora](#))



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