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Much to Celebrate & Seashells

The sold-out "Shamrocks & Seashells" to benefit the Museum of Newport Irish History's Interpretive Center also celebrated the 20th anniversary of the museum's founding. The Easton's Beach Rotunda Ballroom provided guests the opportunity to enjoy a perfect seaside summer evening on Aug. 20. Traditional Irish music by the Publicans, vintage carousel rides, creative cuisine by Kitchen Companion Catering, and an extensive silent auction, which included stays in Kinsale, Ireland, Newport's sister city, rounded out the evening's festivities.

Proceeds from the seventh annual fundraiser will help defray the operating expenses of the museum's Interpretive Center and fund enhancements to Center displays. The Museum of Newport Irish History is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization of over 700 members. Founded in 1996, its mission 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.

The Center, at 648 Thames St., is open until Oct. 30, from noon-5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday. Private and group tours at other times may be arranged by appointment.

To learn more about the organization, to join, or make a donation, visit the museum website, newportirishhistory.org.



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