

# Museum of Newport Irish History



**Dear Members,**

You should have received flyers in the U.S. Mail with information regarding events we are presenting during March -- the **43rd Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month**.

Click the below button to access a copy:

Museum March Events

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**Please note, 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

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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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***and, don't forget.....***

A complete calendar of **Newport Irish Heritage Month** 2020 events, presented by many local organizations, may be accessed by clicking the harp graphic, below:



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*Established in 1996, the Museum of Newport Irish History is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Membership fees and other donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

*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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