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## Next talk in Irish lecture series slated for Tuesday

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The Museum of Newport Irish History will hold the second talk in its 21st annual Lecture Series on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Ave. in Middletown, and via Zoom.

The guest speaker is independent researcher and FederalHillIrish.com blogger Raymond J. McKenna, who will present a talk titled, "From Emyvale to Providence: A Deep Dive Into A 19th Century Chain Migration."

Reservations are required. For the lecture overview, speaker bio and links to reserve a spot, visit the "Lectures" page at NewportIrishHistory.org. Following the talk, a reception with light hors d'oeuvres will be held and a cash bar is available.

To attend the talk in person, a fee/donation of \$5 per person is requested at the door. Those who become a member to attend will have the \$5 fee waived. There is no fee to participate



**Raymond J. McKenna.** PROVIDED BY THE MUSEUM OF NEWPORT IRISH HISTORY

via Zoom, but reservations are required to receive the Zoom login information.

For assistance with reservations or membership, contact Ann Arnold at NewportIrishHistory@gmail.com or 401-841-5493.

## Fundraiser to help people seeking stable housing

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MIDDLETOWN — At a time when the lack of affordable housing and rising inflation is affecting many, it has pushed more children and families experiencing homelessness into temporary shelters than ever before.

To raise awareness about this need and recognize those who are helping ease the crisis, Lucy's Hearth will host its annual Fall for Lucy's Hearth fundraiser for Oct. 19. The event shines a light on the need for more affordable housing options on Aquidneck Island and supports programs and life-skills training for families in residence there as they seek permanent housing.

The in-person cocktail event from 6 to 8 p.m. will be hosted by Aida Neary at the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport.

Founded in 1984, Lucy's Hearth is a 24-hour emergency and transitional shelter in Middletown serving children and families experiencing homelessness.

"The high level of temporary housing requests we're seeing right now is unlike anything we've ever experienced before," said Ashley Salemi Tarvis, director of Lucy's Hearth. "But because of a lack of affordable housing, our residents are facing longer stays with us and having a harder time finding the permanent housing they need. We need more af-

**Tickets and information on the event are available online at [lucyshearth.org/fall](https://lucyshearth.org/fall), and general donations to assist Lucy's Hearth residents are accepted online through its website.**

fordable housing on fundraisers to benefit Aquidneck Island and beyond to support these struggling families."

This year's Housing Hero honoree is Newport Restaurant Group for its fundraising efforts on behalf of Lucy's Hearth and donating meals to feed Lucy's Hearth residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Also being honored is the Volunteer of the Year, Will Dewey. Dewey is well known in the area for starting his own

fundraisers to benefit Lucy's Hearth, including selling pickles and offering tours of local inns.

Tickets and information on the event are available online at [lucyshearth.org/fall](https://lucyshearth.org/fall), and general donations to assist Lucy's Hearth residents are accepted online through its website.

For sponsorship opportunities or questions, please contact Jenna Pfueller at [pfuellerje@familyservice-ri.org](mailto:pfuellerje@familyservice-ri.org).



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### AT THE MUSEUM

## Museum events to honor Day of the Dead holiday

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The Newport Art Museum will hold two free community workshops and a free community event to honor and celebrate the Day of the Dead holiday. These events are organized in partnership with Conexión Latina Newport, educator Jesús de la Torre, Newport Art Museum Director of Education Seamus Hames, and Newport Art Museum Artist-in-Residence Orlando Almanza.

The workshops and celebration event will be free, family friendly, bilingual (English/Spanish), and all materials will be provided. The workshops will be held at Conexión Latina Newport, and the celebration event will be held at the Newport Art Museum. RSVP is appreciated.

The ¡Qué Vivan los Muertos! workshops and celebration event are made possible through funding support from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities, an independent state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Storytelling Workshop (¡Qué Vivan los Muertos! Taller de Cuentos) Monday, Oct. 17, from 4:30-6 p.m., at Conexión Latina Newport**

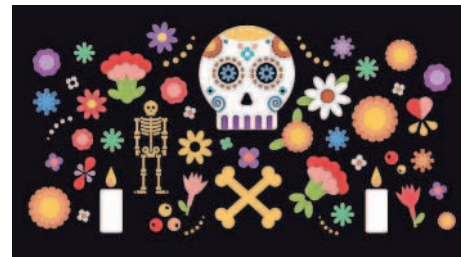
Día de los Muertos, which originated in Mexico, is an important and joyful annual celebration honoring friends and family members who have died. Newport Art Museum and Conexión Latina staff, and Museum Artist-in-Residence Orlando Almanza, will invite attendees to share pictures and stories of loved ones, and of their favorite holiday traditions. These stories will serve as inspiration for two original paintings that will become the backdrops for the Day of the Dead altars.

**Art Making Workshop (¡Qué Vivan los Muertos! Taller de Creación Artística) Saturday, Oct. 22, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Conexión Latina Newport**

<https://newportartmuseum.org/events/que-vivan-los-muertos-taller-de-creacion-artistica-art-making-workshop/>

Newport Art Museum and Conexión Latina staff, and Museum Artist-in-Residence Orlando Almanza, will host a community art making afternoon to create traditional decorations for two community altars – one for Conexión Latina and one for the Newport Art Museum – that will be displayed for the Day of the Dead celebration on Nov. 1. Orlando Almanza will share his progress on the altar backdrop paintings he is creating.

**Long Live the Dead! Celebration (¡Qué Vivan los Muertos! Una Celebra-**



**Celebrating The Day of the Dead**  
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**cion del Dia de los Muertos) Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 5:30-8 p.m., at the Newport Art Museum**

The Newport Art Museum will host ¡Qué Vivan los Muertos!, a traditional Mexican celebration of loved ones who have passed on. Organized by Newport Art Museum and Conexión Latina staff and Jesús de la Torre, with artistic support from the museum's Artist-in-Residence Orlando Almanza, this event is open to all who celebrate or are curious about the Día de los Muertos holiday.

Jesús de la Torre, a seasoned educator from Mexico, will lead the festivities including performances, music, art-making, ceremonial foods and more. We'll learn from Jesús and our neighbors the cultural significance of the traditional home altar (ofrenda) decorations such as papel picado (punched paper), calaveras (decorative skulls), and cempazúchil (aztec marigold flowers). Together attendees will create the decorations that will embellish the community ofrenda, and Orlando Almanza will share the stories that inspired his painted ofrenda backdrop. Attendees of all ages will be welcome and encouraged to share poems, memories, and epitaphs honoring friends and family members who have passed, placing their photos on the ofrenda. Traditional foods will be provided from Diego's Cantina. The event will conclude with Jesús leading attendees in thanking the ancestors and the community for celebrating the holiday together.

This programming and collaboration with Conexión Latina Newport supports the Newport Art Museum's mission to share a diversity of voices in its galleries and to spark conversations inspired by art and our community.

More information can be found on the Newport Art Museum's website: [newportartmuseum.org/events](https://newportartmuseum.org/events)

The Newport Art Museum is located at 76 Bellevue Ave., Newport, RI. Visit [newportartmuseum.org](https://newportartmuseum.org) or call 401-848-8200 for details.



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