



February 2026 Newsletter

Inclement Weather Watch: CVS will cancel their classes or céili if the Salem-Keizer schools and colleges have canceled classes for the day or there is an early release. Please watch our website and Facebook for notifications. If you would like to be on our weather watch list to contact if there are cancellations, you may email us with your name and contact mobile number or sign up at our class.

2nd Friday Céilí

Bring your sweetheart or a friend! ❤️
(However, not required)

Live music by: Geraldine Murray, Mikey Beglan and Nancy Conescu

Dances called by: Bruce Kenny

With a couple of simple steps (forwards, backwards, and sideways), you can dance any dance!

Where: VFW Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem.

When: Friday, February 13

Time: Doors at 7:00 pm, Dance Instruction begins at 7:15 pm, Live Music starts at 8:00 pm.

Cost: \$10.00/person

[Learn more about the 2nd Friday Céilí](#)

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Céilí
February 13, 2026

Live music by **Geraldine Murray, Mikey Beglan & Nancy Conescu**
Dances called by **Bruce Kenny**
Doors Open 7pm, Lesson 7:15pm, Ceili 8pm
\$10 General | \$8 CVS Member | \$5 Student | \$30 Family
Admission includes dance lesson
VFW Hall, 630 Hood St. NE, Salem, OR

The Céilí of the Valley Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
For information visit www.ceiliofthevalley.org

Request for Raffle Items: It's almost time for the annual raffle during the March Ceili. If you have Celtic-themed items to donate, please bring them to Tuesday night classes or the monthly Ceili. 🍀

Join our weekly dance class!

Tuesdays, starts at 6:30 PM

Admission: \$5 per class – **First class for new dancers is FREE**

Instruction by Elisa Chandler

Where: VFW Hall, 630 Hood St. NE.

Is exercising your New Year's resolution, but don't want to hit the gym? Discover joyful céilí dancing for fun, health, and a cultural experience. Offers great exercise, reduces stress, and welcomes everyone. All dances are walked, called and are for all ages and capabilities. Beginners come weekly.



[Learn more about weekly classes](#)

Join us!

Renew your membership for 2026 (or join for the first time!)

Membership in CVS provides you with a discount on admission fees to CVS events and you receive a frequent class dance card, a free class after 8 classes. Plus it helps support Celtic culture in the community. Membership is \$20 for an adult; \$40 for a family per calendar year.

[Become a member of Céilí of the Valley](#)

Celtic Music Hour

Tuesdays from 10-11 AM

The Celtic Music Hour presents music from the seven Celtic nations from musicians throughout the world. Hosts Ann and Beth, members of the Ceilí of the Valley Society, create weekly themes from Celtic music, culture, and history.

The show airs live on KМУZ Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11 am on 100.7 and 88.5 FM.



[Learn more about the Celtic Music Hour](#)

Notice of Annual General Meeting

February 3rd 2026, 8:00 pm @ VFW Hall, 630 Hood Street NE, Salem

Céilí of the Valley Society has four positions expiring this term. The following positions are up for election or re-election: President-Beth Nevue, Treasurer-Elisa Chandler, Secretary-Ginny Wedel and Director-at-Large-Ann McBride.

Céili of the Valley Society (CVS) invites letters of interest or nomination from individuals desiring to serve its Board. Nominees must be a fully paid member in good standing. Officers and Directors shall serve a minimum term of two (2) years. You must be a paid member to vote.

Please email your nominations, letter of interest, or questions to ceiliofthevalley@gmail.com or you may talk to one of the Board members at a class or Céili.

Current Board Members are: President: Beth Nevue, Treasurer: Elisa Chandler, Secretary: Ginny Wedel, Directors-at-Large: Ann McBride, Jessica Kilborn, David Zelmer and Megan Willett.

Céili of the Valley Society (CVS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and participating non-profit of Oregon Cultural Trust. CVS is dedicated to promoting and perpetuating Irish heritage and Celtic culture in the Willamette Valley primarily through social community events that incorporate music and dance.

The Board has monthly meetings to make decisions on a variety of community activities and opportunities that support and honor our mission. Besides our classes and Céili's, we perform at cultural events, engage all ages and abilities through dance demos and traditional Irish dance instruction at senior facilities, schools, festivals, and historical areas. CVS also hosts the Celtic Music Hour, St. Patrick's Walk-About, and Samhain Celtic New Year Festival.

Celtic Waltzes Workshop with Elisa Chandler

**Thursday, February 5th,
7:00 pm-8:30 pm**

Knights of Pythias Hall, 420 W 12th Ave, Eugene

Learn some waltzes danced at Irish Ceilis, Scottish Ceilidhs and dances from a few other celtic nations. Elisa will start the workshop by teaching the basic waltz step. It'll be a fun evening!

This workshop is hosted by Frolicking Meese and Blackthorn Academy of Irish Dance. Learn more [here](#).

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CELTIC WALTZES WORKSHOP
with ELISA CHANDLER



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5 from 7-8:30PM
at KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
420 W 12TH AVE in EUGENE
\$10 ADMISSION

BEGINNER FRIENDLY. NO EXPERIENCE OR PARTNER NEEDED. FUN FOCUSED!

Traditional Irish/Scottish Music Session

Venti's Cafe
325 Court St NE
First Saturdays & Third
Thursdays @ 7:00pm



Learn to play - Slow session at
Willamette Valley Music Company
First Saturdays at noon

Find out more at
www.salemtradsessions.org



Salem Trad Session

Venti's Cafe, 325 Court St. NE, Salem

Saturday, January 3rd & Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 pm

We are excited to announce Salem's first regularly scheduled traditional Irish music session. This session is for experienced traditional Irish musicians, but anyone is welcome to listen.

Check out the guidelines and what to expect at a session here: <https://www.salemtradsessions.org/index.html>

Slow Session

Willamette Valley Music, 484 State St, Salem

Saturday, February 7th at 12:00 pm

Are you interested in learning to play at a traditional music session? This is the perfect place to start.



Save the Date: 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Walk-about Saturday, March 14th at Noon

Join Céili of the Valley at Salem's Riverfront Park Carousel. The gathering starts at 11:30 pm. The parade leaves promptly at 12:00 noon for a sidewalk parade through the park and downtown Salem. Parade will include members from the [Willamette Valley Pipes & Drums](#).

[Learn more about the Walk About](#)

Events

FEBRUARY

St. Brigid's Day Celebration at Snow Peak Brewing with Ceili of the Valley

February 1st, noon

Snow Peak Brewing, 280 East Water St, Stayton

For more info: [St. Brigid's Day](#)

Cary Novotny

February 1st, 5:00 pm

Rock Creek Tavern, 10000 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd, Hillsboro

For more info: [Cary Novotny](#)

Possibly Irish

February 7th, 7:00 pm

McMenamins White Eagle, 836 N Russell St, Portland

For more info: [Possibly Irish](#)

Bob Soper

February 8th, 5:00 pm

Rock Creek Tavern, 10000 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd, Hillsboro

For more info: [Bob Soper](#)

Playing for Irish Set Dancing Workshop with Maldon Meehan and Betsy Branch

February 9th, 7:00-9:00 pm

Visit Maldon's website to register and for the address: [Workshop](#)

Gadan

February 10th, 7:00 pm

Lincoln City Cultural Center, 450 NE Hwy 101, Lincoln City

For more info: [Gadan](#)

Julie Fowles

February 12th, 7:00 pm

PRAx, 470 SW 15th St, Corvallis

For more info: [Julie Fowles](#)

Taisce Baile: John Whelan, Lennart Jansson and Clint Dye

February 14th, 7:30 pm

Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St, Tualatin

For more info: [Taisce Baile](#)

Biddy On the Bench

February 15th, 5:00 pm

Rock Creek Tavern, 10000 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd, Hillsboro

For more info: [Biddy on the Bench](#)

Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter

February 21st, 12:00 pm workshop, 3:00 pm concert

Silver Falls Public Library, 410 S. Water St, Silverton

For more info: [Silverton](#)

February 22nd, 2:00 pm

Tualatin Public Library, 18878 SW Martinazzi Ave, Tualatin

For more info: [Tualatin](#)

Us and Them

February 22nd, 5:00 pm

Rock Creek Tavern, 10000 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd, Hillsboro

For more info: [Us and Them](#)

Tommy and Sandra O'Sullivan

February 28th, 6:00 pm

Heritage Hall, 648 Orchard St, Monroe

For more info: [O'Sullivan](#)

Cucanandy

February 28th, 2:00-3:00 pm

Corvallis Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis

For more info: [Cucanandy](#)

MARCH

St. James's Gate with Geraldine Murray and Django Amerson

March 6th, 7:00 pm

Nana's Irish Pub, 613 NW 3rd St, Newport

For more info: [St. James's Gate](#)

Young Dubliners with Possibly Irish

March 11th, 8:00 pm

Salem's Historic Grand Theater, 191 High St. NE, Salem

For more info: [Young Dubliners/Possibly Irish](#)

Gothard Sisters

March 12th, 7:30 pm

Salem's Historic Grand Theater, 191 High St. NE

For more info: [Salem](#)

March 13th, 7:30 pm

Old Church Concert Hall, 1422 SW 11th Ave, Portland

For more info: [Portland](#)

Gerry O'Connor

March 13th, 7:30 pm

Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette St, Eugene

For more info: [Eugene](#)

March 14th, 7:30 pm

Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St, Tualatin

For more info: [Tualatin](#)

9th Annual Shamrock Cruise

March 15th, 3:30-7:00 pm

Portland Spirit, 110 SE Caruthers St, Portland

For more info: [Shamrock Cruise](#)

Natalie MacMaster, Donnell Leahy and the Celtic All Stars

March 17th, 7:30 pm

Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 SW Broadway Ave, Portland

For more info: [Portland](#)

March 18th, 7:30 pm

Shedd Jaqua Concert Hall, 868 High St, Eugene

For more info: [Eugene](#)

Lunasa

March 23rd, 7:00 pm

Alberta Rose Theater, 3000 NE Alberta St, Portland

For more info: [Lunasa](#)

Solas

March 25th, 7:00 pm

Lincoln City Cultural Center, 450 NE Hwy 101, Lincoln City

For more info: [March 25th](#)

March 26th, 7:00 pm

PRAX, 470 SW 15th St, Corvallis

For more info: [March 26th](#)

March 29th, 7:00 pm

Alberta Rose Theater, 3000 NE Alberta St, Portland

For more info: [March 29th](#)

ONGOING EVENTS

Discover more: [CeilioftheValley/ongoing-events](#)

IRISH SESSIONS

Discover more: [CeilioftheValley/Irish-sessions](#)

Céilí of the Valley Society is open to everyone, Celtic heritage or not. All activities are inclusive. We welcome all people.

Céilí of the Valley Society está abierta a todos, con herencia celta o no. Todas las actividades son inclusivas. Damos la bienvenida a todas las personas.

Donate to Céilí of the Valley

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