



May 2026 Newsletter

2nd Friday Céilí

Live music by: Channing Dodson, Preston Wilde, Zac Léger

Dances called by: Mary Lowes

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, May 8

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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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

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All activities are inclusive. We welcome all people.*

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.

Our class is the perfect time to 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](#)



Céilí of the Valley Board meeting

May 5th 2026, 8:00 pm

Meetings are on First Tuesdays - after dance class

At: VFW Hall, [630 Hood St. NE, Salem](#)

[Learn more about the CVS Board](#)



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Eugene Scottish Festival

May 30th, 9:00 am-6:00 pm

Irving Grange, [1011 Irvington Dr, Eugene](#)

Come celebrate Scottish Culture at this family-friendly event. Ceilí of the Valley demo team will perform at 2:00 pm. Join us for audience participation dances, too!

Learn more about this festival here: <https://>

Salem Trad Session

Venti's Cafe, [325 Court St. NE, Salem](#)

Saturday, May 2nd and Thursday, May 21st

7:00pm

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, May 2nd, 12:00 pm

Are you interested in learning to play at a traditional music session?

This is the perfect place to start.

Traditional Irish/Scottish Music Session

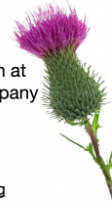
Venti's Cafe

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



**MAKE
MUSIC**
Salem

Make Music Day

June 21st

Salem, OR

A fun event for musicians and music lovers! Enjoy music at numerous locations throughout Salem. For more information: <https://www.makemusicsalem.org/>

Join Céilí of the Valley for two performances from the demo team. We will dance at 11:30am at Minto Island Growers, [3394 Brown Island Rd., Salem](#) and at 1:30pm at Santiam Brewing, [2544 19th St. SE, Salem](#).

World Beat

June 26th, 5:00pm-10:00pm

June 27th, 10:00am- 11:00pm

June 28th, 11:00am-6:00pm

Salem Riverfront Park, [200 Water St. NE, Salem](#)

Experience the traditions of over 60 nations and cultures. Visit the Céilí of the Valley Society booth in the European Village. The CVS demonstration team will perform on Saturday at 11:30am.

Learn more about World Beat here: <https://www.salemmulticultural.org/festival/world-beat-festival>



Join us!

Renew your membership 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 KMUZ Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11 am on 100.7 and 88.5 FM.

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

Events

MAY

Steeplechase

May 1st, 6:00pm-8:00pm

House Concert in Portland

RSVP here: [Steeplechase Portland](#)

May 2nd, 6:00pm-8:00pm

House Concert in Albany

RSVP here: [Steeplechase Albany](#)

A Taste of Ireland - The Irish Music and Dance Sensation

May 3rd, 4:00pm

Newmark Theatre, [1111 SW Broadway, Portland](#)

For more info: [A Taste of Ireland](#)

Nicaso Ralph and Alexa MacDonald

May 3rd, 10:00am-12:00pm

Old World Deli, [341 SW 2nd St., Corvallis](#)

Cary Novotny

May 3rd, 5:00pm

Rock Creek Tavern, [10000 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd., Hillsboro](#)

For more info: [Cary Novotny](#)

Scottish Fish

May 7th, 7:00pm

Lincoln City Cultural Center, [450 NE Hwy 101, Lincoln City](#)

For more info: [Scottish Fish Lincoln City](#)

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Biddy on the Bench

May 24th, 5:00pm

Rock Creek Tavern, [10000 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd., Hillsboro](#)

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

Eddie Parente and Thom Dudley

May 31st, 5:00pm

Rock Creek Tavern, [10000 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd., Hillsboro](#)

For more info: [Parente and Dudley](#)

Aryeh Frankfurter

May 31st, 7:30pm

Oregon Gardens, [879 W. Main St., Silverton](#)

For more info: [Aryeh Frankfurter](#)

JUNE

Portland Highland Games

June 6th, 9:00am-10:00pm

Washington County Fairgrounds, [801 NE 34th Ave., Hillsboro](#)

For more info: [Portland Highland Games](#)

ONGOING EVENTS

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

IRISH SESSIONS

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

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