



eugene Irish cultural festival

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These great workshops at Sheldon High School are being offered for only the small price of festival admission – \$8 Adults and \$6 Students/Seniors. Workshop times may change, please check our website for updates & more info on the workshop presenters.

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Arts and Culture of the Aran Islands and the West of Ireland - Dianne Dugaw

(4:00 - 4:50)

Dianne Dugaw, an English professor at the University of Oregon, has specialized in music, culture and folklore of the British Isles and Ireland. Dianne will pique and satisfy your interest in the art & culture of the Aran Islands and West of Ireland.

Bodhran, Bones & Spoons; Playing Irish Percussion - Vash

(2:00 - 3:20)

Bring your percussion instrument and learn to play from one of the finest players of Irish/Celtic percussion in Oregon.

Calligraphy in the Irish Style - Anne Merydith

(12:30 - 1:50)

Learn to write in the uncial font (similar to the Book of Kells) by a long time member and officer of the Valley Calligrapher's Guild. This workshop is limited to 20 participants. Bring a calligraphy pen (and ink) or we will provide one for you to borrow. Paper will be provided. All skill levels welcome.

Celtic Knot Workshop - Anne Merydith

(3:30 - 4:50)

Learn to draw Celtic Knots from Anne Merydith who has taught similar workshops during calligraphy gatherings. The workshop is limited to 20 participants. Paper & pencils provided.

Chorus Songs of Ireland - Michael Black

(11:00 - 12:20)

Learn songs from Ireland from a member of Ireland's foremost family of song. Chorus songs are fun to sing and easy to learn and often the chorus is sung by the audience in a performance. Singers of all levels are welcome.

Guitar Workshop - Dave Cory

(12:30 - 1:50)

Learn how to back Irish music from a highly respected guitar and banjo player of Irish music, who just returned from spending several months in Ireland. Dave will focus on rhythm, chords and melody. Guitarists of all levels are welcome.

Irish Dance Workshop - Murray Irish Dancers

(3:00 - 3:50)

Have you ever been to a session and wanted to dance to a jig or reel? Come learn how at this workshop.

Irish Fiddle Workshop - Dan Compton

(12:30 - 1:50)

Dan Compton, an accomplished fiddler from Portland, plays in a Celtic group called *Raven* and has several CDs on Irish session tunes. Dan is an instructor at Artichoke Music and will teach technique on Irish fiddling as well as a tune or two. All skill levels welcome.

Irish Language Workshop - Gerry Carthy (2:00 - 3:20)

Learn to speak some Irish from an Irishman from County Mayo. All skill levels welcome.

Irish Stone Masonry, Walls and Dwellings - Alan Ash (3:00 - 3:50)

Alan Ash has been involved in historic stonemasonry restorations since 1983 including rebuilding a Traditional Irish Stone House transported from Ireland to Virginia for a museum. Learn about the history of Irish stone masonry from a master mason.

Poetry of Patrick Kavanagh - Mark Quigley (2:00 - 2:50)

Mark Quigley, an English professor at the University of Oregon whose area of expertise is Irish Literature, will present information about one of Ireland's underappreciated 20th century writers. Patrick Kavanagh's poetry is both rich and accessible to all levels of readers. He is the poet and author who wrote Tarry Flynn (the book that inspired the lyrics for the song Tarry Flynn sung by The Black Brothers).

Sea Shanties - Shay Black (11:00 - 12:20)

Sing Sea Shanties with a member of Ireland's foremost family of song.

Songs of Dublin - Martin Black (11:00 - 12:20)

Learn to sing songs from Dublin from a member of Ireland's foremost family of song who lives in Dublin.

Uilleann Pipe Workshop - Eliot Grasso (12:30 - 1:50)

Eliot Grasso has been playing Irish music on a number of instruments since the age of 7 and is an excellent Uilleann Piper. Bring your pipes and learn a tune or two, technique and some history.

Whistle Workshop - Gerry Carthy (12:30 - 1:50)

Learn tin whistle tunes and technique from Gerry Carthy, a musician who grew up in County Mayo in Ireland. Tin whistlers of all levels are welcome.