



A Newsletter From **Beltaine**

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guitar and other instruments from around the world

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Greetings from John, Brian and Kris ! Spring is definitely here and, as always in Portland, the rain will cease right about the time Rose Festival is over. Time to make those summer plans ! We hope that you'll take in some of the outdoor summer concerts. Portland has several venues to offer. Here's some ideas;

The Oregon Zoo Summer 2007 Concert series

These concerts are not free but the music is worth it. Check out the line up at

www.oregonzoo.org

Free Parks Concerts

For the more classical spirit , these concerts are sponsored by www.oregonsymphony.com

Forest Music at Tryon Creek

Listen to music of all kinds in surrounded by nature at Tryon Creek. **Beltaine** will be playing at this one but the date is still to be determined. Watch for the schedule at

www.tryonfriends.org

Gathering at the Gazebo Concert Series

Come out to Scappoose and picnic on the grass while you listen to music. **Beltaine** is playing on Friday July 20th at 7pm. Go to www.sccchamber.org/events.html for a complete list of artists.

Farmers Markets

There are several farmers markets in and around Portland and many offer music as you shop for those fresh fruits and veggies. For a list of markets and events, check out

www.portlandfarmersmarkets.org



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Crowley's of Cork

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Would you like to find a really friendly spot with great food, no cover, indoor and outdoor dining, a truly impressive array of beer and whiskey, no smoking and wonderful music? Well, you've found it now. Crowley's of Cork is all of that and more. There's a Pub Quiz every Thursday night at 7pm, live music every Friday night at 7pm and an open session every Saturday at 6pm. You'll find **Beltaine** at Crowley's the second Friday of every month. Raise your glass and sing a few tunes with us. We'll pass out the song sheets if you'll sing the chorus to your favorite Irish tunes. We have a long list (and ever growing) of Irish songs and we're constantly getting requests for new songs. We recently added Johnny Jump Up, The Black Velvet Band, Come Out You Black and Tans, Finnegan's Wake and The Rocky Road to Dublin but there are many more. These were all songs requested by our audience. So tell us your favorite and we'll get it on the list as fast as we can learn it. Crowley's is truly a fun place to spend an evening.

Summer Festivals

Summer just wouldn't be complete without taking in a country faire or a craft faire. There's always good food, maybe a clown or two, some rides, a few farm animals, lots of kids, sunburn, tons of things to buy including that new T-shirt that you always end up getting! This summer, how about meeting an alpaca face to face? I can tell you from personal experience that alpacas are the most loveable creatures on earth next to your own dog or cat. They're very cute and have huge eyes and long eyelashes and you can pet one at the **Alpaca Country Faire** on Aug 11th at the Philip Foster Farm. This is a great family event. There will be BBQ, crafts, alpacas and good music. **Beltaine** will be playing from 11am to 1pm. Check out www.philipfosterfarm.com for a list of other events at this historic site.

And if you like that idea, you might also like to come out the the **Helvetia Lavender Festival**. There'll be food, demonstrations, crafts and all kinds of lavender products and last but not least, music by **Beltaine**. This event is on July 7th and 8th and will be a lot of fun. Find out more at www.helvetialavenderfarm.com.



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Winter Wind

Well, it's been a while since we put out a newsletter and since then we've released a new CD called Winter Wind. This CD is a collection of Christmas tunes; some you'll recognize and some you might not. The music is completely instrumental. It's happy and bright and embraces the spirit of Christmas. All the tunes are traditional and you'll find a little historical note on each one inside the insert.

Winter Wind and Spring Fling can be purchased from us at any of our gigs for just \$12. You can also get them at Music Millennium or online at www.beltainemusic.com, www.cdbaby.com or your favorite online music store.

A Irish Tale for You

There is an Old Irish couple, Margaret and Patty. Margaret walks into the living room where Patty is and says, "Patrick, oh I am so proud of you, so proud. Last month, I told you that you were spending too much time at the pub and too much time away from me. Since then you haven't gone to the pub once and stayed home. I want to do something special for ya, I want to make ya a special dinner, special indeed." Patty replied, "Oh Margaret, you don't have to do that, don't trouble yourself." "No, it's no trouble" Margaret insisted, "In fact, when we were on holiday last year, you really enjoyed that Escargot. You go to the store and get them snails and I'll make 'em up for ya." Patty got excited, "Oh, that would be wonderful!! O.K., o.k. I'll go right away."

So Patty goes to the store to get the snails, but has to pass the pub on the way. As he passes, everyone in the pub starts yelling, "Hey Patty!! Where ya been, Boy? Come on in and let me buy ya a pint!!! Patty refuses, "No, no, no, no. I've got to get to the store.....No, I've got to go." They keep it up, "C'mon Patty, just one, let me buy ya one!" Patty answers, No, no, no, I've got to go. Patty makes it to the store and gets the snails. Well on his way back he has to go pass the pub once again, they start in again, "Hey Patty!! Come on in and let me buy ya a pint!!! Patty answers, "No, no, no, no. I've got to get home.....No, I've got to go. They beg, "C'mon boy, just one." Patty responds, "No, I've got to go. I've got.....Well.....Just one."

It's 11:00 pm when Patty looks down on his watch. "Oh No!! I've got to go!!" Patty starts running home, he gets to the gate and flings it open and then trips and the snails go flying everywhere. Margaret hears the ruckus and comes out and yells, "Patty! It's after 11 o'clock! What took ya so long?!? Where ya been?!?" Patty looks up at Margaret, looks down and sees the snails spread out everywhere, gets up, waves and exclaims, "Come on Boys, keep it going! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!!!"

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The Spring / Summer Schedule

- Saturday, 5/26 - 1:40 PM to 2:10 PM Northwest Folklife Festival www.nwfolklife.org
All Acoustic Stage Seattle Center
Seattle Washington
- Friday, 6/8 - 7 PM to 9 PM Crowley's of Cork
5245 NE Elam Young Parkway
Hillsboro, Oregon
- Saturday, 7/7 - 11 AM to 2 PM Portland Lavender Festival www.helvetialavenderfarm.com -
Sunday, 7/8 - 11 AM to 2 PM Helvetia Lavender Farm
12814 NW Bishop Rd.
Hillsboro, Oregon
- Friday, 7/13 - 7PM to 9PM Crowley's of Cork
5245 NE Elam Young Parkway
Hillsboro, Oregon
- Saturday, 7/14 1:45PM - 2:45PM Oregon Country Fair www.oregoncountryfair.org
Sunday, 7/15 11AM - Noon Hwy 126
12 miles west of Eugene, Oregon
- Friday, 7/20 - 7PM to 9PM Scappoose Summer Concert Series
Gathering at the Gazebo
Outside the Library
Scappoose, Oregon
- Sunday 7/22 2PM to 3PM Tryon Creek Forest Music www.tryonfriends.org
Tryon Creek State Park
Portland, Oregon
- Friday, 8/10 - 7PM to 9PM Crowley's of Cork
5245 NE Elam Young Parkway
Hillsboro, Oregon
- Saturday, 8/11 - 11AM to 1PM Alpaca Country Fair www.philipfosterfarm.com
Phillip Foster Farm
29912 SE Hwy 211
Eagle Creek, Oregon
- Saturday, 9/08 - 1:30PM to 3:30PM Paul & Ali's Wedding
Cape Lookout
on the Oregon Coast
- Friday, 9/14 - 7PM to 9PM Crowley's of Cork
5245 NE Elam Young Parkway
Hillsboro, Oregon

Have a Great Summer !!

*Like the warmth of the sun, And the light of the day,
May the luck of the Irish, Shine bright on your way.*