



ST. PATRICK'S DAY



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MYSTERY SERIES**



**BEOLACH NOMINATED
FOR A JUNO!**



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BANGOR CELTIC CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

Live Music Soon?

Welcome Spring! March has brought some lovely weather here in Maine. We have said good bye to a very quiet St. Patrick's Day and look forward to a happier more active Spring and Summer.

The board has set a date: June 19-20 for a first 2021 concert date. We are currently in conversation with venues and artists and will have more information for you soon.

Rest assured that we will follow CDC guidelines to make any event we present a safe one.

But for now, we are asking you to save the date and let's hope that we are soon able to tap our toes once again to live music!

St. Patrick's Day, March 17

As the Patron St. of Ireland, St. Patrick has been celebrated for hundreds of years. Traditionally, the Irish attended church in the morning and then had a modest feast later in the day. Irish Americans enhanced the traditions in the United States. Did you know that the first St. Patrick's Day

parade was held in St. Augustine, Florida in 1600? Americans in Boston and NYC gradually secularized the holiday, wearing green and celebrating with music, dance and drink and in Chicago, even dyeing the river green. And the Irish do not have corned beef and cabbage—that is a distinctly American tradition.



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Sister Fidelma Mystery Series

Peter Berresford Ellis, a British historian, under the pseudonym, Peter Tremayne, has written over 20 Sister Fidelma mysteries. Set in 7th century Ireland, Fidelma is a dailaigh--an advocate of the Brehon law courts. With her companion, Eadulf, along with their bodyguard, Gorman, Fidelma investigates crimes including an assassination attempt on King Colgu, Fidelma's brother. In

addition to the mystery of each book, the reader becomes immersed in the richness of Celtic lore and ancient Ireland as only Peter Tremayne can do.

Fortunately, Ellis has also written a thriller series under the pseudonym of Peter MacAlan and 71 short stories. Something for everyone!

-Dick Sanner

The Bangor Public Library lists some 35 titles for the author Peter Tremayne, including the Sister Fidelma mysteries.

Beolach Nominated Juno Award

Our friends from Cape Breton, Beolach have been nominated for a Juno award (Canada's music awards) for Traditional Roots Album of the year (2021) for their album All Hands. Wendy MacIsaac, Mac Morin, Mairi Rankin and Matt MacIsaac created their current album. To listen or download the album, go to <http://beolach.ca/music/>



Stories from Irish America Volume 1 Book and Double CD

Stories from Irish America is a colorful, compact and easy to read book featuring some of the greatest exponents of Irish Traditional Music in North America including Billy McComiskey, Aoife Clancy, Margie Mulvihill and Pauline Conneely amongst others. Also includes a Complimentary Double CD featuring the work of these celebrated musicians.

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