MALAD VALLEY WELSH SOCIETY

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16TH ANNUAL
MALAD VALLEY WELSH FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 16th annual Malad Valley Welsh Festival is in its final planning stages. A copy of the schedule is attached to this newsletter. There could be late changes so consult the website (www.welshfestival.com).

The Welsh Festival will be held the last weekend of June 2022. The main Festival days will be Friday and Saturday, June 24-25, with a special Sunday program to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Malad Presbyterian Church on the evening of June 26. Mark your calendars and plan to come to ensure that the Festival can continue into the future!

Cory Webster, the Festival Bard of 2019, will relinquish the Bard's Chair at the 2022 Festival. The theme for the Adult Poetry Competition is "TRAILS AND TRIALS." If you are a real or wannabe poet, please polish that poem and submit it to the Adult Poetry Contest before the June 1 deadline.

A new contest this year is the Adult Fiction Contest. The setting, theme, or main character must be Welsh or Western pioneer, and no horror or science fiction stories will be considered. The deadline for this contest is June 1.

Complete guidelines for the Adult Poetry and Fiction Contests are posted on the Welsh Festival website: www.welshfestival.com.

Music programs, wagon rides to historic places in downtown Malad, displays of pioneer family ancestry charts and census records, a photographic "Walk Through Wales," kids' activities, pioneer games, and other traditional activities will be held.

The Oneida Quilters will host their annual quilt show and baked food sale at the Co-op Building in downtown Malad. The Oxford Peak Arts Council will display beautiful art on Main Street on Friday afternoon and evening. The Malad Middle School MathCounts Team will coordinate the pioneer heritage games, and the After-School Program will sponsor kids' activities., The Friends of the Library will hold their book sale on both days of the Festival. The Presbyterian Church will provide tours of their 140-year-old church building. A lot of kid-friendly activities, including pony rides, panning for gold, tours of historic cabins, and other activities will happen at the Malad Valley Heritage Square in Samaria.

PLEASE COME TO THE FESTIVAL!

16th ANNUAL MALAD VALLEY WELSH FESTIVAL
June 24-26, 2022

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Malad First Presbyterian Church to Celebrate Anniversary during Welsh Festival

The celebration of the 140th anniversary of Malad's "Little Church on the Hill" will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2022, in conjunction with the Malad Valley Welsh Festival. Everyone is invited to the special evening program at the Presbyterian Church. The same program will be presented at both 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

The Malad Presbyterian Church was the first church building in Malad. The Reverend Sheldon Jackson is known as the missionary in the 1860s who stood on the banks of the Missouri River and realized that there was no Presbyterian Church for 1000 miles. He made it his mission to establish hundreds of Presbyterian churches in little towns all over the West. One of those churches was in the village of Malad in 1870.

In 1882 Reverend Edward M. Knox arrived in Malad and started building the present church and the adjacent Mission School, which was the only school in Malad Valley. In 1908 the school closed because the first public school had opened in 1900.

The Presbyterian Church bell arrived in Malad in 1884 and has rung to announce church services as well as celebrations, fires, and floods.

Members of the Presbyterian Church, Interfaith Council, and Malad Valley Welsh Festival committee are planning a program that will feature the history of the church, school, and bell, memories of the church from past members, and traditional Presbyterian hymns. Refreshments will be served.

ST. DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATED

After two years off, the Malad Valley Welsh Society celebrated St. David's Day on March 1. The small group of members and friends watched videos from the Great Plans Welsh Heritage Project in Wymore, Nebraska. The project has a museum filled with artifacts from Welsh pioneers who settled in Nebraska and other Plains states. Refreshments, including a loaf of authentic bara brith bread made by Bob Crowther, were enjoyed by everyone present.

Next year we hope all members of the Welsh Society will wear a daffodil or a leek and celebrate St. David's Day with us.

There is still time to submit your poems to the Welsh Festival Adult Poetry Competition!

Theme: "Trails and Trials"
Deadline: June 1, 2022
Language: English
Length: 60 line maximum
Contact: Mary Alice Telford
(208-431-2683 or
maryalicect2014@gmail.com)

See guidelines on website:
www.welshfestival.com

DO YOU WRITE STORIES?

Please enter the Welsh Festival Fiction Writing Competition!

Theme: Welsh or Western pioneer setting, theme, or main character
Deadline: June 1, 2022
Language: English
Length: 2000 word maximum
Contact: Lucie Thomas Washburn
(303-503-3869 or
bob_washburn@hotmail.com)

No Horror or Science Fiction please!
See guidelines on website:
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