



November 2019 Newsletter



General Info:

Mail correspondence to:
The Emerald Association of Putnam County
P.O. Box 141
Brewster, NY 10509

General Membership Meeting Schedule

2nd Friday of each month September through June. Mark your calendar!
November 8th, December 13th, January 10th, February 14th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th.

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church Hall located at 2103 Route 6 in Brewster.
Doors open at 7:15 pm, meeting starts at 8pm.

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Our website and e-mail system continue to provide all the information on the association and our activities at your fingertips. We are continually working at updating and improving our site. If you have suggestions for content please contact Nuala: nualadonnely55@gmail.com

Social Media:

If you are a Facebook user go ahead and "Like" our page and share it with your friends! If you have content you would like to see posted, please pass it along to Nuala or Lisa Scully. Any comments or suggestions are always welcome.

Member News Items:

Swing 'n Patterson will take place Saturday, November 9th from 7-10pm at the Patterson Rec Center. Music and dancing featuring "Big Band Sound" Orchestra will perform. 1940's vintage attire encouraged. Flyer with more information is attached.

The Patterson Relay for Life will host its Annual "Queen of the Wings" contest on Friday, November 15th at McCarthy's on Rt. 52 in Carmel. Come out and support a great cause. Competition starts at 7pm. If you don't plan on participating, plan to arrive earlier to order food.

Congratulations to fellow Emerald Maurice Foley on being honored at the inaugural banquet for Club Limerick NY on Friday, November 15th at Rosie O'Grady's in NYC. Well-deserved Maurice!

Hurling, "Ireland's Ancient Warrior Sport" debuts at Citi Field on Saturday, November 16th! This popular Irish sport will come to Queens with a 4-team tournament in which Limerick will defend its title against three counties: Kilkenny, Tipperary and Wexford. The New York Hurling Classic will feature the very best and most competitive hurling rivals from Ireland. The event will feature a lively Irish festival complete with music and dancing. 12:30pm start time – rain or shine! Click on the link for more details.

<https://www.mlb.com/mets/tickets/specials/hurling>

Cherish the Ladies: Celtic Christmas concert will be in held at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT on Sunday, December 1st at 4pm. They will also be at the Tarrytown Music Hall on Saturday, December 21st. Showtimes at 3pm and 8pm. Tickets are still available at the prospective box offices if you are interested.

Saturday, December 7th is "Holiday on the Lake" in Carmel. See flyer attached for more information.

Brewster Pack I Cub Scouts are selling wreaths for Christmas to raise money to help fund their scouting adventures. Wreaths are \$20 each and come nicely decorated and delivered to your doorstep just after Thanksgiving! Please contact Steve Mattson stvmattson@gmail.com or call him at 845.629.6925 to place your order. Thanks to Jim and Lisa Scully for forwarding the information.

Good news...the church is willing to rent their hall to us again in 2020. On that note... before the next meeting you will receive a letter (via email or snail mail if you don't have email) regarding the thoughts on purchasing a building of our own. Please be on the look-out for the information so you are fully aware of what we are thinking. We will take a vote at the December meeting to decide whether or not to proceed with the idea.

Our next meeting (Friday, December 13th) will be our Christmas dinner buffet. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30pm with meeting to follow. We are asking all to bring a homemade dessert to share with the membership.

Attention Snowbirds! Please drop Pat Farrell a line at mrpatf@aol.com so he can report back to us in the North! See this month's note below.

If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Sally Ann Comparetto:
scomparetto@houlihanlawrence.com . \$30 for Family; \$20 Single

Save –the- date

Saturday, March 28th Emeralds Annual St. Patrick's Dance

Saturday, April 5th West Put Setanta Dinner Dance

Sunday, May 17th Annual Feis at Putnam Park

Other:

All Emerald Association members are invited to help by recruiting family members, friends, co-workers, etc... to join our organization, and encouraging entrepreneurs, store owners, etc... to place an ad in our newsletter.

If you have any news/information regarding our members (engagements/marriages, births, death notices, hospitalized/sick/injured members, etc...) that you would like to be included in the newsletter, please contact John Shanley at jtsconstruction@aol.com. Thank you!



Did you know that November is Military Appreciation Month? Take a moment and do something nice for a military member this month to show your appreciation.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers All our First Responders and the Women and Men in the Armed Forces and a special thank you to all our Veterans especially on Veterans Day Monday, November 11th!

Have a laugh

Finnegan: Me wife has a terrible habit of staying up 'til two o'clock in the morning. I can't break her of it.

O'Callaghan: What on earth is she doin' at that time?

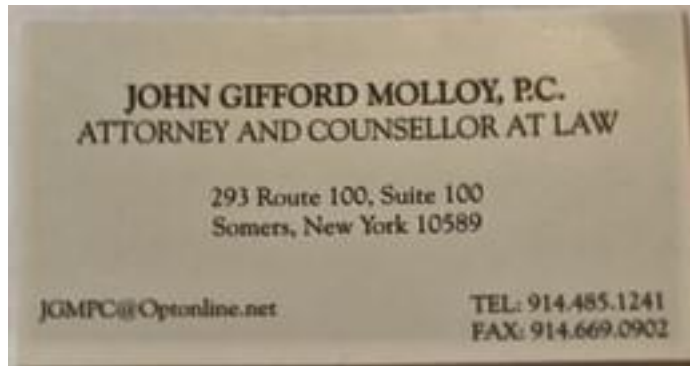
Finnegan: Waitin' for me to come home.

Funny Irish One Liners

Ah, that was a lovely dress,' announced Colleen, 'and it would have fitted me if I could have got into it, so it would.'

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The Life and Times of Emerald Snow Birds in Florida.

It seems that the Snow Birds of interest are still missing. As I drive around in areas frequented by snow birds, there is not one to be found, So, this month of November, I will digress from the task at hand and briefly describe what was required to catch rabbits in Ireland years ago. A dying art no doubt, but worth recalling for the benefit of future generations.

You see, when I was growing up in Ireland many years ago, money was a scarce commodity in the Farrell household but rabbits were very plentiful. The rabbit price was pretty good, it varied between one and sixpence and two shillings but the rabbits had to be caught and converted into money. Going into a dance hall or the pictures and slapping a rabbit or two on the table was not acceptable. A chap from Limerick would come around every Tuesday to a predetermined location, buy the rabbits and now you had shillings and pence that was accepted everywhere.

My main method of catching the rabbits was snaring them. That entailed setting a snare in the rabbit tracks and when the rabbit meandered along and encountered the snare, it choked him and hopefully he died. Then around five o'clock in the morning, I would go check my snares and collect my bounty.

Before setting any snares, they had to be made. The ingredients for making a snare consisted of copper wire, string, two pieces of wood, a pencil or two, a heavy pot lid. You had to measure out about four strands of wire, about eighteen to twenty-four inches in length looped together. You slipped one end through the handle of the pot lid and inserted a pencil, then the other pencil or a sliver of wood had to be inserted at the other end. Then holding the pencil, you spun the lid until the desired twist was reached. The next thing was to loop one end through the other end and attach a piece of string strong enough to hold a rabbit. That string was attached to a peg and inserted in the ground to hold the caught rabbit. The other piece of wood was used to set the snare at the desired height, it had a slit on top to set the snare into.

It was important that the loop be the correct size, so that just the rabbits head went through it. If the loop was too large, it meant that the rabbit was snared around the mid-section, did not get choked and was very much alive. Since rabbits are creatures of habit, they used the same track over and over again, Since, they hop along, there is usually a little mound between the hops. It is on top of the mound where the snare is set.

I need to convey a belated thanks to my father (RIP) for showing me and helping me make the snares. Since I had at least a hundred snares scattered around the various fields, in neighboring farms, it took a bit of time to get ready.

So, there you have it, now you know how to make snares to catch rabbits. If the snowbird activity is slow, please be prepared for other informative write ups in future months.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pat Farrell

SWING 'N PATTERSON
WWII STYLE BIG BAND DANCE
"1944 D DAY"



NOVEMBER 9TH 2019
PATTERSON REC CENTER
(65 FRONT ST. PATTERSON NY)

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND
DANCING, FEATURING
"BIG BAND SOUND" ORCHESTRA

TICKETS

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Holiday on the Lake Parade and Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Sponsored by **The Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association**
www.carmelcivicasoc.org www.facebook.com/HCCA.Carmel

Schedule of Events



8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Carmel Firehouse
 Pancake Breakfast
 & Photos with Santa
 Holiday Crafts
 Contact Carmel Fire Dept. for info

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Reed Memorial Library

11:00-11:45 Holiday Crafts & Snacks
 11:45-12:45 Holiday Songs & Sing-Along
 1:00 - 2:00 Santa Visits!



Starting at 3:00 PM
**Carmel High School
Cafeteria**
 Family Fun Activities
 4H – Face Painting
 Children’s Crafts

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Cornerstone Park

Caroling by Local Choirs
 Hayrides with Santa
 Cocoa & Cookies
 Chowder Tasting
 Community Tree Lighting



5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Live Music
 on the steps of the
 historical County
 Courthouse, outside
 Drew Church and at
 Lake Gleneida
 near Sybil’s statue

6:15 Santa Stroll
 A fun stroll before the start
 of the parade. Cheer on all
 those strolling on Gleneida
 Ave. to raise funds for the
 American Cancer Society.
 Strollers start from
 Cornerstone Park

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Holiday Blessing
Parade of Lights
 Watch more than 40
 community groups and floats



7:30 PM to 7:45 PM - Caroling & Tree Lighting at the Lake

Caroling by local school groups
 Tree Lighting Ceremony
 Santa appears at the end of the parade!
 “It’s A Wonderful Life” will air outdoors
 in the Hamlet during the parade

A special honoree
 will pull the switch
 to light the trees

Free
 Hot Chocolate
 Juice
 Cookies

Holiday Bazaars, Craft Fairs and Events (throughout the day)

St. James School

Drew Methodist Church

VFW Memorial Hall