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Dear Members, August 2026

We are delighted to announce our **25th Annual Lecture Series** and hope to see you at many of the upcoming events, either in person at the Wyndham Newport Hotel or virtually on Zoom.

Enclosed is the talk overview and your invitation for our **September 23 Series kick-off, featuring returning speaker Dr. Scott Spencer** from the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music, along with instructions for making your reservation. If you plan to join us, please reserve on the "Lectures" page of our website or phone our Lecture Series Coordinator for assistance.

While the details and reservation links are not yet available, please also mark your calendars for our October and November talks:

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 p.m. In Person and on Zoom
Speaker: Loretto Harrigan Leary
Writer, educator, and historian pursuing a PhD at Trinity College Dublin, with research focused on Irish American Famine memories and memorials.
Lecture: *The Irish Famine Immigrant Experience in North American Quarantines*

Tuesday, November 17, 6:00 p.m. In Person and on Zoom
Speaker: Stephen Puleo, historian and award-winning author of eight narrative history books, including "Voyage of Mercy" (St. Martin's Press, 2020)
Lecture: *Voyage of Mercy: The USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine, and the Remarkable Story of America's First Humanitarian Mission*

A total of five events are planned for the 2026-27 Series. A Zoom-only talk will take place in February, and our Series closing event will be held towards the end of March, as in the past. Details will be announced in the coming months.

Due to increased mailing costs, **members will receive this fall mailing and another in early 2027 announcing Irish Heritage Month events, including the Series closing talk.** Individual flyers, such as the enclosed sheet, will not be mailed for the above two talks; please look for details and invitations to reserve for the October and November programs in our members' e-newsletters as those dates approach. As always, complete Lecture Series information will be available on the "Lectures" page of our website, NewportIrishHistory.org.

If you do not have an email address or do not use the Internet, please reach out to Ann Arnold, Lecture Series Coordinator, for assistance. She will ensure you have the information you need to plan your participation and add you to the event guest list.

Please also be aware that effective September 23, after many years at $5, **the fee to attend a lecture in person will increase to $10.** As always, payment is made at the door by cash or check to "MNIH." If you are hosting a group of four or more and prefer to use a credit/debit card, please contact Ann and arrangements can be made.

We look forward to welcoming you to our 25th Annual Lecture Series and hope you will join us throughout this special anniversary season!

Lecture Series Committee:
Rick O'Neill, Chair; Ann Arnold, Coordinator; Larry Bartley; John Quinn, PhD; Dan Titus

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Our five-talk Series, reaching members and friends both in Newport County and from near and far via Zoom, would not be possible without the generous support of our Lecture Series Sponsors.

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(List as of August 1, 2026)

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• Have you switched from Cox to Gmail—or to another email provider—and not had a chance to notify the Museum?

• Perhaps you are a longtime LIFE member, and we've never had an email address on file for you?

Particularly with fewer U.S. mailings going out, it's essential that we have current contact information for our members. ***Help us keep you informed!***

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- To add or change your email in our system, send a quick note to **NewportIrishHistory@gmail.com**.

You can also phone Ann Arnold, Membership Chair, at (401) 841-5493.

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OUR MISSION:

To tell the story of the Irish immigrants and their descendants in Newport County and the surrounding area from the colonial era to the present and to seek to preserve artifacts and mementoes relating to their experiences and facilitate research on Irish history and heritage.