



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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- About the O'Malley Clan Association
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The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2019

What a weekend we had in Limerick at the Annual O'Malley Clan Gathering 2019!

From the magnificent exhibition in Limerick City Hall, through the bus tour on Saturday, the Genealogy workshop and fabulous food and music on Saturday evening, and then the Mass and Clan Luncheon on Sunday, a mighty weekend was had by all. Well done Brendan & Co!

The final part of the weekend of course was the inauguration of Tom O'Malley from Mayo as the O'Malley Clan Chieftain for 2019-2020, along with the appointment of Martin O'Malley of Maryland, as Táiniste. Congratulations to Tom and We look forward to heading to Westport next June for the O'Malley Clan Gathering 2020

Lots of Pictures inside!



Get in touch and share your O'Malley Heritage!

Have you got an article or old photographs that you'd like to submit for future editions of "O Maille" The O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you wherever you're based around the world. Old photographs and stories to go with them, old letters, family trees or just an article

that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!



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Above: Some of the crowd at the Exhibition on the Friday night at City Hall
Below Left: Some of the exhibits, Below right: Pat McCool and Michael O'Malley



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Above Left: Chieftain Brendan addresses the crowd at the Exhibition on the Friday night at City Hall, Above right and below: some of the fabulous ceramics Prepared for the O'Malley Exhibition



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Above: The rugby exhibit and a Gathering T-shirt
Below: Discussing the many exhibits



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Above: 2019-2020 Táiniste Martin O'Malley entertaining the crowd on the Saturday night in the Strand Hotel

Below: The view from the function room of Limerick City



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Above: The flag flying high in Limerick
Below: At the Clan Mass in St Mary's Church



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Above: The Chieftain's Award Winners, John Hayes, Anne Chambers, and Martin O'Malley

Below: New Chieftain for 2019-2020 Tom O'Malley



The Matriarchs

The Board and Management of Westport Town Theatre are delighted to announce that *MATRIARCHS* a new 2 act play will have its Irish premier in the Theatre on 30 & 31 August at 8pm.

Written and directed by Grace O'Malley's biographer, Anne Chambers, it stars Regina McCormack as *Grace O'Malley*, Bronach Joyce as *Queen Elizabeth I* and Conor Clarke as *Tibbott Bourke/Earl of Essex*.

The meeting of the Pirate Queen of Ireland, Grace O'Malley, and the Virgin Queen of England, Elizabeth I, is a fascinating historical event, having brought together two iconic female leaders imbued with a lifetime of experience and knowledge.

MATRIARCHS is a drama about women's relationships with fathers, husbands, lovers and sons; about the boundaries placed on women by society, marriage, motherhood and love; the juggling of a career with family life; breaching the boundaries of male power and bias and the challenges posed by female ageing. What Grace O'Malley and Queen Elizabeth I have to say may explain why these two female trailblazers remain as relevant today as they were over four hundred years ago.

'International focus on issues such as gender equality, female empowerment as well as ageism make the themes inherent in this drama resonate even more today. Grace O'Malley and Queen Elizabeth I shine as inspirational beacons to what women every where can achieve, even like them, in the most demanding and difficult environments.' Anne Chambers

The gala opening night on 30 August will be preceded by a reception at 7.30pm.

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TOWN HALL THEATRE, WESTPORT
PRESENTS THE IRISH PREMIERE OF

MATRIARCHS

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY ANNE CHAMBERS



"The Pirate Queen Meets The Virgin Queen"

FRIDAY 30TH & SATURDAY 31ST
AUGUST 2019

TICKETS: €20

STARTS: 8.00PM

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The O'Malley Clan Association aims to reach out to O'Malleys from all around the world and foster links between the O'Malleys around the globe and the clan at home here in Ireland.

The Clan Association formed in 1953 has been connecting O'Malleys around the world in The US and Canada, Britain, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, South America, and anywhere else you can think of for over 60 years now.

We hope with our new website, and newsletter, that We can go from strength to strength in our aim to connect all the O'Malleys around the world.

The O'Malley Clan DNA Project on Family Tree DNA

The most common queries we get at The O'Malley Clan Association are queries in relation to helping to trace peoples ancestors in Ireland. As we all know, written records can only take us so far, (if you're lucky you'll get back to the early 1800's or late 1700's).

Many of the Irish Census Records and other historic documents were destroyed during the early part of the 20th century and as a result it can be very hard to trace ancestors back beyond the 19th century. Church records are a help, but can be patchy at times.

One way of narrowing down the search is through DNA testing. The O'Malley Clan Association is involved in a project with Family Tree DNA to test as many O'Malleys as possible to try and expand our knowledge of our roots as much as we possibly can.

There's a specific page for the project on the Family Tree DNA website:

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/omalley/about>

Check it out, there's lots of info there, and administrators also for any questions.

