

Irish Distroy Class

Join us at the House of Ireland - First Monday of each Month, 7 - 9 p.m.

The first people arrived in Ireland around 9,000 years ago, during what is known as the Mesolithic Period. They arrived by sea from the Eastern Mediterranean.



They buried their dead (usually cremated) in large stone-built tombs called Megalithic Tombs. There are over 1,500 of these megalithic tombs in Ireland.



You will learn how these Irish built one of the World's Great Civilizations

As early as 6,000 ago the Irish were practicing highly developed forms of agriculture, animal husbandry, pottery making, together with textile and basket weaving.

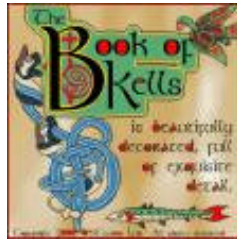


They developed a distinctive system of farming, consisting of "inner fields" near a ring fort and an "outer common" area. Much of this system survives in Ireland today.



We will show how they used their ancient writing skills to spread Christianity

The Christian Scribes learned their craft from the Pagan Irish Scribes who had been writing about the natural world and the science of sea travel for millennia. Irish was the first written vernacular language in Western Europe.



During the Dark Ages the Irish were in touch by sea with the centers of learning in the Mediterranean and the Middle East. Thus they became the cultural Ark that saved Western Civilization.



We will tell of the Irish in California and the Irishman who saved Balboa Park!

Irishman Stephen Kearney commanded The Army of the West. Of his 1600 men most were Irish.

He was the first military Governor and was succeeded by Irishman Riley who issued the proclamation calling for the election of the delegates who framed the California Constitution. Of the 50 chosen, 17 were Irish born.



Joshua Sloan, born in Ireland in 1814, is one of San Diego's most colorful characters. Starting as a schoolteacher in 1856 he built a windmill overlooking Old Town, became deputy County Treasurer, Deputy Postmaster and Collector of Customs. He discovered an old 1789 Deed by the King of Spain, designating Balboa Park for 'the people in common for pasturage and recreational purposes'. He fought long and hard to keep it public land and saved our Balboa Park from the greedy developers!



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