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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The Board of Directors have decided to suspend the **October Monthly Dinner to allow for kitchen upgrades and basement tile removal**, and will work in concert with existing rentals for use of the kitchen for their events. We are looking forward to this year's Morzilla Dinner & Bazaar!

MORZILLA MAKING INFORMATION

Each year, Euzkaldunak relies on the help of our volunteer members to prep, cook, and package Morzillak (blood sausage) to serve at the November Dinner and vacuum pack for sale. We would love your help this year! This is a great event that combines community, food, drink, and the feel of the fall harvest. No experience required! The Basque tradition of making morzilla stems from a zero-waste philosophy, where all animal parts are used to create a nourishing dish. The process involves mixing fresh pork or sheep blood with fillers like rice or leeks and fat, then seasoning with regional spices. The mixture is stuffed into casings, boiled to coagulate the blood, and then often fried, baked, or used in stews. This custom is a strong community tradition, often undertaken during the fall "[Morzilla](#)" festivals, to honor the pig and preserve cultural heritage.

Tuesday, November 4, 8:30 AM–4 PM

We will start at Fiddlers Green Farm (14440 Broken Horn Rd, Boise, ID 83714) picking, cleaning, and chopping the leeks and onions. The farm is on the corner of Broken Horn and W. Echanove Drive but the entrance faces Echanove Drive. Park inside the gates. Lunch will be served at 12:30 PM.

Wednesday, November 5

We will be cooking the onions and leeks from 7 AM–6 PM at the Basque Center. There are two shifts, 7 AM–1 PM and 1–6 PM and a lunch will be served at the break, at approximately 12:30 PM.

Thursday, November 6

We will meet at the Basque Center to make the Morzillak in two shifts: 7 AM–12:30 PM and 1–5 PM. A lunch for both shifts will be served at the break, at approximately 12:30 PM.

Friday, November 7

We will be packaging the newly-made Morzillak at the Basque Center from 9:30 AM–3 PM. To volunteer, please contact Sean Aucutt at 208-371-3090. Simple texts of times wanting to volunteer are great! Voicemails work as well. Eskerrik Askoi! Sean seriously encourages folks who can't work due to advanced age or injury to still come and eat lunch with us on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. It is not just about the work, it is about community, sharing stories and gathering over a good meal and a glass of wine! Our stories, our presence, and our bad jokes, are all reminders of what brings us together!

DINNER HOSTS

Basque Foundation Inc. would like to thank the families and organizations who have acted as hosts for a monthly dinner. We are always in need of additional assistance. Please email vicepresident@basquecenter.com to get involved!



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2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

All Euzkaldunak memberships expire on December 31 of each calendar year. Renewal dues for 2026 are \$50 per adult. This includes all memberships just paid in order for your child(ren) to dance in Boiseko Gazteak or Oinkaris. In November you will receive your renewal statement. **You do NOT need this statement to pay your dues!** To renew memberships, send a check or drop off cash or check to the Basque Center Bar. You can also pay by card at the Basque Center. To pay dues by card online or to pay new memberships, please contact the secretary at secretary@basquecenter.com. Dues for new members (which include former members who have let their membership lapse) are \$60 per adult.

EUZKALDUNAK WANTS YOU!

The directors of Basque Foundation Inc. are eager to recruit new directors with fresh ideas and perspectives. Every year there are five (5) vacant positions up for election. All directors are elected to a two-year term. The 2026-2028 election will be held in January 2026 using secure and restricted online voting software (electionbuddy.com), which has been successfully utilized since 2022. This platform ensures that all members can participate in the vote, not just those who attend the January dinner. We are requesting that all nominations be turned into the Board no later than **Sunday, December 14, 2025**. For more than 70 years generations of Basques have preserved their language, history, sports, dance, and music at the Basque Center. This institution has also greatly benefited from a cadre of dreamers and doers (Totoricagüena, Gloria. *Boise Basques: Dreamers & Doers*) who have unselfishly dedicated themselves to the preservation of "Basqueness." The opportunity to be a director is open to all members, which includes the non-Basque spouses of those with Basque ancestry. If you are interested in learning more about the responsibilities of being on the Board of Directors or are interested in running, please contact president@basquecenter.com or secretary@basquecenter.com by **December 14, 2025**.

TXOKO ONA FALL DINNER DATE CHANGE

OOPS! Due to a conflict with the Boise Euzkaldunak Morzilla Dinner, the previously scheduled Txoko Ona Fall Dinner has been changed to **Saturday, November 1**. Come feast with us! The menu will be published in the October *Berriak* newsletter.

BASQUE CENTER BLOOD DRIVES

It's not just a sneaking suspicion, Basques have special blood. With some of the highest concentrations of both O and Rh negative types, we have something that sets us apart. We can make a difference in the lives of others by donating our special blood right in the Basque Center Dance Hall. Come down and save a life on **October 13** and **December 8** (both Mondays). You can schedule now at redcrossblood.org or in the American Red Cross Blood Donor app with the sponsor code *basque*.

BOISEKO GAZTEAK 2025-2026

Boiseko Gazteak practice is underway! Parents: If you are not receiving periodic emails with information about Boiseko, please email boiseko@basquecenter.com with your email address and child's name.

2025-2026 Calendar (tentative):

9/30 - First practice at 7PM (each Tuesday until 12/2, no practice on Nov. 25)
11/8 - Euzkaldunak Morzilla Dinner, hosted by Boiseko Gazteak (Basque Center basement)
12/7 - Winter Show at 1PM (Basque Block)
12/20 - Shepherders Ball (Basque Center)
1/6 - Practice resumes at 7PM (each Tuesday until March 3)
3/8 - Spring Show at 1PM (Basque Block)
7/28 - Practice at 7PM
8/1 - San Inazio performance (Basque Block)

BASQUE MUSEUM MUS LESSONS

Join us this fall for FREE Mus lessons at the Basque Museum! Lessons will be held in the gallery on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6 PM. No need to register- just show up on **October 7, 14, 28, and November 4**. For more information, call 208-343-1848.



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Please join us [Sunday, November 2](#) at 2 PM for our annual Omenaldia Memorial Mass, this year at Risen Christ Catholic Church (11511 W Lake Hazel Road). The first Omenaldia was held in 1996 and since then, the Basque community in the Treasure Valley has gathered together to remember the loved ones that have passed away in the past year. If you would like to remember someone that has passed away since last October, please call or email Annie at the Basque Museum, 208-343-2671 or annieg@basquemuseum.eus. There will be a potluck after mass, so please bring a dish to share. All dishes should be able to be served at room temperature or brought in a heated container to keep it at temperature. Drinks, plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided.

OINKARI ALUMNI PRACTICE

Join Oinkaris at 3 PM on [November 9](#) for our 9th annual Oinkari Alumni Practice! We love getting together with those who paved the way for us to do what we all love to do—dance! Any musicians out there? Let's get the band back together! Call your people and get to the Basque Center Hall so we can practice together, compete in the jota contest, and make connections across the decades. We really hope to see you there!

OINKARI SAGARDOTEGI-NOVEMBER 15

Mark your calendars! The Oinkari Sagardotegi Dinner is back! Please join us on [Saturday, November 15](#), as we transform the Basque Center into a traditional Basque Sagardotegi. Your ticket includes a traditional Sagardotegi dinner cooked by Chef Jesus Alcelay, a silent auction, a night full of txotxing, and more! Tickets will go on sale [October 1](#), and will only be available for purchase through the Oinkari website, oinkari.org/sagardotegi.

BASQUES IN WWII MEMORIAL

NABO's WWII Memorial Committee is currently accepting bids for cities that would like to be the future host of the Basques in WWII Memorial. The bids will be due by [November 30, 2025](#), with the goal of dedicating the memorial by the first week of December 2026, the 85th anniversary of the U.S. entering WWII. The Committee's mission "is to honor the valor, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of Basque WWII veterans, recognizing their profound contributions to freedom and democracy. Through commemorations, education, and advocacy, we pledge to ensure their stories are remembered, their sacrifices acknowledged, and their courage celebrated for generations to come." The organization working on this project has identified 2,100 Basque WWII veterans, including 327 from Idaho. The Committee is looking for a city to help coordinate building and maintenance of the memorial, including these elements:

- Public (city, county, or state) property with public access and parking
- Plan for long-term maintenance of the memorial
- Partnership with NABO's WWII committee, in terms of the design of the monument, materials, costs, and funding
- Regarding the design, this could be a product of an open competition or the work of a specialized company
- Funds available or donations to cover the costs of the physical monument, which depends on factors, such as, materials, labor, and location
- Proximity to an existing Basque monument or display

If you have the time and interest to participate in putting together a bid for Boise to host the memorial, please contact Mark Bieter at markbieter@gmail.com.

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BASQUE MUSEUM EUSKARA CLASSES

Registration is now open for fall Euskara classes, online and in-person. Beginners to advanced levels available! Check out the Basque Museum's website for a full list of classes. For more information, visit

basquemuseum.eus/learn/euskara.

BASQUE MUSEUM CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Come tour the Historic Boardinghouse by candlelight—if you dare! Join us at 7 PM on **October 23** for a special October tour, vintage photo op, cider, and more! Basque costumes are encouraged!

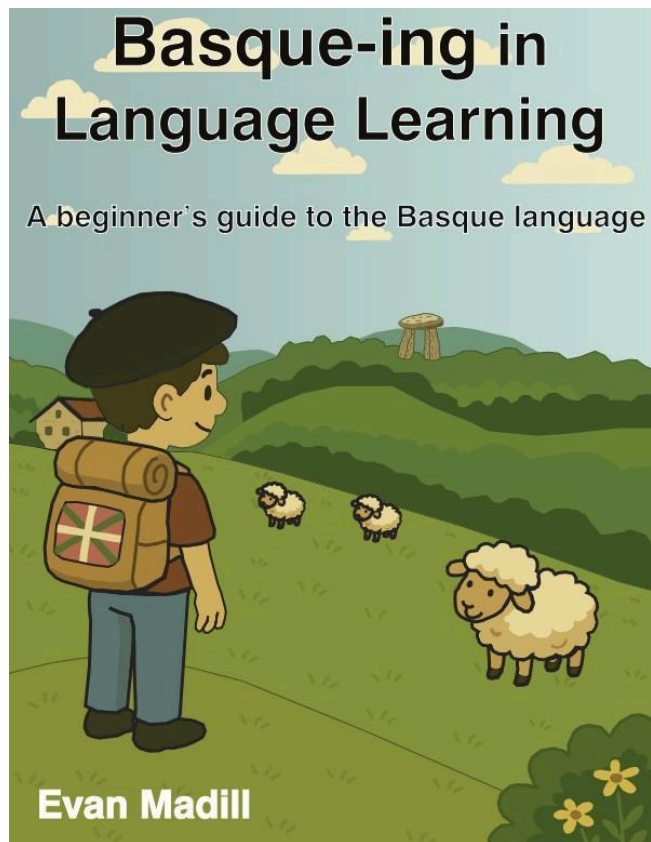
BOISE FRONTON NEWS

Fall Pala Leagues have started!

Fall 2025 Pala Leagues started the week of September 8, and all leagues play their Fall Tournament finals on December 20 in the afternoon before Shepherders Ball. Be on the lookout for more information for tournament viewing. If you are interested in playing pala In Spring 2026 or other Basque Pilota at the Fronton in an upcoming season, please contact boisefronton@gmail.com.

NABO Pala Finals in Boise this year!

NABO pala finals will be played this year in Boise November 14-15 at the Anduiza Fronton. Players from different NABO organizations will play a weekend tournament to determine NABO Pala Txapeldunak for the year. Further information will be provided in this newsletter and social media postings.



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EUZKALDUNAK PHOTOS WANTED

We all use our cell phones to take a lot of pictures, but have you thought about sharing those photos with future generations? We have a large collection of historical pictures (San Inazio, Oinkari dancing, Morzilla making, Mus Dinner, etc.) from past eras, but will our children have pictures of this era? Do you have photos from past Euzkaldunak events? We are interested in any pictures that capture our rich history and/or our current activities. They can include photos from local events like Jaialdi, San Inazio, Shepherders Ball, monthly dinners, etc., or anything that involves our member activities like Boiseko Gazteak, Txantxangorriak, Aiztan Artean, Biotzetik, or Oinkari Dancers. Historical photos of the Basque Center facility are always appreciated as well. Your submissions (if necessary) will be digitally scanned, archived and placed on the website. If you have photos to share, please contact Ed Orbea at photos@basquecenter.com or Ricardo Yanci at yanciricardo@gmail.com.

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Jaclyn Lasuen,
Newsletter Editor

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Our newsletter is composed of submissions from our Basque Center membership, and we want to hear from you! Send your news to newsletter@basquecenter.com by **Monday, October 13**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2025 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

10/18: October Dinner—**CANCELED**

11/8: Morzilla Dinner / Bazaar / Bingo

12/20: Shepherders Ball