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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The November Morzilla dinner is scheduled for [Saturday, November 8, 2025](#), as part of the annual Euzkaldunak Bazaar & Bingo Night. The dinner will be hosted by Boiseko Gazteak & Txantxangorriak. The Morzilla dinner is open to the public, and no reservations are required. It will be a “first come, first served” meal. The first seating will begin at 5:15 PM, and the second seating will begin at 6:30 PM. The price for dinner is \$25 for adults (Members & Guests) and \$10 for children 10 and under. Wine and other beverages can be purchased in the dining room. Please note: There is no babysitting at the Basque Center during the Morzilla dinner.

Morzilla Dinner Menu

Tossed Salad
Roasted Morzillas
Amuma’s Beef Stew
Alaskan Cod with Lemon Butter Sauce
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Garbanzos with Chorizos
Desserts
Homemade Bread and Butter

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!

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.

MORZILLA MAKING, CONTINUED

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!

BASQUE FOUNDATION DECEMBER LAMB AUCTION RECIPIENT NOMINATIONS

Donations to deserving people are made throughout the year, but as December approaches the Basque Foundation Board selects a person or family to receive a sizable contribution from the charities account. Typically, the recipient is someone (Basque or non-Basque) who has fallen ill and needs help financially. The annual Shepherders Ball & Lamb Auction, to be held on December 20, 2025, is where much of the money will be raised to bolster the charities account. If you know of someone who should be considered as the primary recipient of funds raised at the 2025 Shepherders Ball, please contact the president at president@basquecenter.com or the secretary at secretary@basquecenter.com by **November 30, 2025**.

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 **November 4**. For more information, call 208-343-1848.



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The directors of Basque Foundation Inc. are eager to recruit directors with fresh perspectives and ideas. Every year there are five vacant positions up for election. All directors are elected to a two-year term. The 2026-2028 board of directors election will be held in January 2026 using the secure and restricted online voting software, ElectionBuddy. This platform, originally approved by the Board in 2022, ensures that all members can participate in the vote, not just those who attend the January dinner. We are requesting that nominations be turned into the corporation secretary (secretary@basquecenter.com) no later than **December 20, 2025**. While nominations will be taken from the floor at the members-only dinner on **January 24, 2026**, nominations made prior to the dinner allow the secretary to verify each nominee and to enter photos and biographies of the candidates into the election software. Those nominated from the floor will need to have their photo taken and submit a short biography before they leave the Basque Center after the dinner and meeting. NO voting will take place at the meeting. Instead, all candidates will be entered into the software and ballots will be sent to EACH Euzkaldunak member. Ballots will be sent via US Mail, text message, or email depending on the information listed in our database. Electronic voting allows each member a vote. The software counts the votes and a report is sent to the secretary. There is no hand counting. The board feels this to be a more fair, secure, and accurate method. If you are interested in learning more about the responsibilities of being on the Board of Directors or are interested in running, please contact the President, president@basquecenter.com or the Secretary to the Board, secretary@basquecenter.com. You can nominate yourself!!

THANKSGIVING HOURS

On Thanksgiving—**Thursday, November 27**, the Basque Center bar will be closed. However, on Thanksgiving Eve (11/26), the Basque Center will open at 3 PM so we may bring down a pintxo to share with our friends and give thanks for the many blessings of the past year. The bar will open for regular hours on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday.

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.

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.

Txantxangorriak & Boiseko Gazteak Winter Show - On The Basque Block!

Mark your calendars for the Winter Show on **Sunday, December 7**. Once again this year, we're going to hold the performance outside on the Basque Block! Dancers & Musicians should arrive in costume at 12:15 PM. Txantxangorriak will start the performance off at 12:30 PM, with the dancers following at 1 PM. Mark your calendars and tell your family and friends. Please bring a can of food for our seasonal contribution to a local food bank. Don't forget to dress for the weather!

2025-2026 Calendar (tentative):

9/30 - First practice at 7PM (each Tuesday until 12/2, no practice on 11/25)
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)



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OMENALDIA MEMORIAL MASS–11/2

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 email or call Annie at the Basque Museum, annieg@basquemuseum.eus or 208-343-2671. 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 [Sunday, 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!

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. This tournament is free to watch and open to the public! Players from different NABO organizations will play a weekend tournament to determine NABO Pala Txapeldunak for the year. Watch your email and social media for details as the schedule is finalized.

OINKARI DONATIONS

Oinkaris appreciate these gifts as they help fund our costumes, equipment and travel. Donations, including for memorials, are graciously accepted online at oinkari.org/donationsgrants, or via mail to: *PO Box 1011, Boise, ID 83701*.

Eskerrik Asko to the following who made donations to Oinkari:

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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

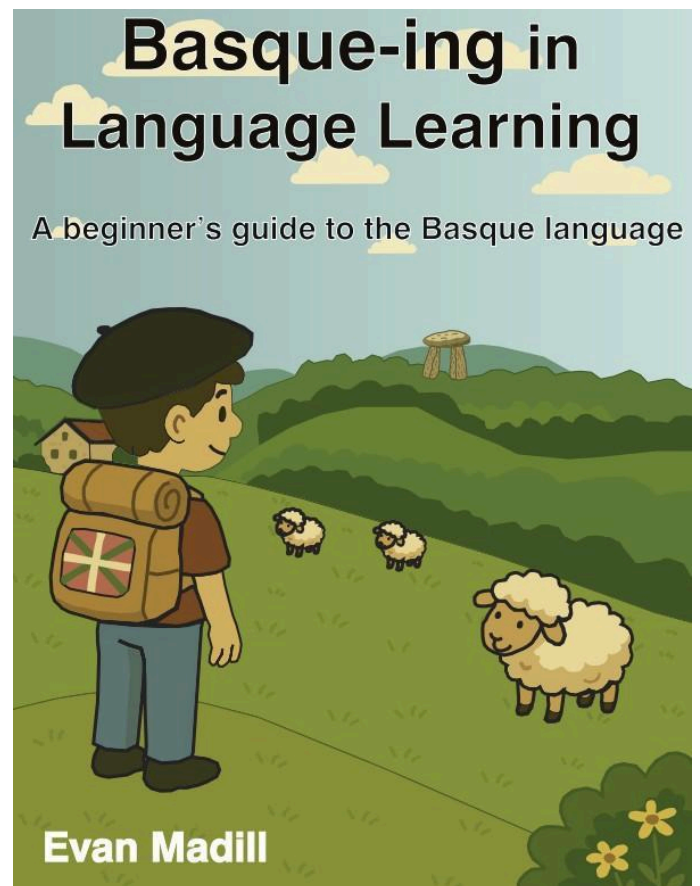
If you have the time and interest to participate in putting together a bid for Boise to host the memorial, please contact Mark Bieter at markbieter@gmail.com.

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Secretary's note: If you don't see your birthday during your birthday month and would like it to show up in the list above, please send an email to secretary@basquecenter.com.



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Jaclyn Lasuen,
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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, November 17**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2025 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

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12/20: Shepherders Ball