

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick was a Roman-British missionary to Ireland in the late 400s. He is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. In Catholic tradition, notable believers can be made Saints. Saints are responsible for praying for certain causes; for example, St. Patrick became the patron saint of Ireland. Another Catholic tradition was to have feasts for different saints on different days; St. Patrick's was held on March 17. When Irish immigrants began coming to North America, they began holding celebrations on St. Patrick's day to remind them of home. We use the colours green & orange at St. Patrick's Day because they are the colours of the flag of Ireland; green, white, & orange to represent peace (white) between Catholic (green) & Protestant (orange) Irish Christians. Ireland is called "The Emerald Isle" because of its bright green landscape. Clover leaves are also green. Funnily, the colour connected to St. Patrick isn't green or orange at all; its a deep blue called St.Patrick's Blue, which is considered one of Ireland's national colours! Gold is also used on St. Patrick's day, to represent leprechauns' gold coins.



Can you colour this picture using the St. Patrick's Day colours listed above? (Green, orange, white, gold)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Spring Break Kits

Spring Break gardening activity kits available for pick-up at the Museum beginning March 28.

Easter Egg Hunt

Look out for more information on our museum Easter Egg Hunt!



Geneology

Interested in family history? Keep your eyes out for our upcoming Family Geneology program!



Seniors in a Digital World Smartphone Course

Know someone who wants to learn more about smartphones? Have them call us to register!

Contact Us

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Hours
Wed-Fri
9AM-5PM

LEPRECHAUN HUNT

Millet & Distinct Museum
with
Millet Business Community

AS YOU VISIT LOCAL BUSINESSES, LOOK FOR THE LEPRECHAUN HIDDEN IN THEIR STORE. WHEN YOU FIND IT, WRITE ITS NAME ON YOUR CARD, ABOVE THE NAME OF THE BUSINESS YOU FOUND IT IN.

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GREEN SHAMROCK LUCKY
LEPRECHAUN RAINBOW POTOFGOLD
IRISH MARCH CLOVER



Millet & District Museum

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Burger Barn

Butterfly Boutique

Millet Pharmacy

Millet Public Library

ATB/Mullen Insurance

Beef'd

Circuit Cycle

Fas Gas

Old Bank Cafe

Petro Canada

Fresh Market

Heather's Hair Designs

Sam's Kitchen

Scissors

Switchback Mercantile

Whispering Pines

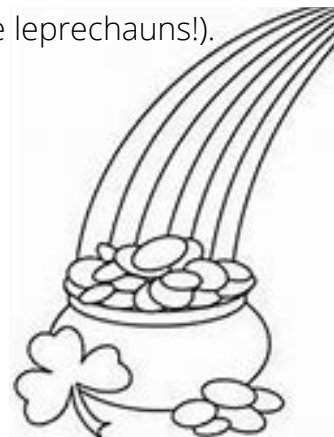
Leprechauns

Leprechauns are small elves or fairies from Irish folklore. Some stories say that leprechauns must grant you wishes if you catch them or that they must show you where they have hidden their gold. Others say that leprechauns hide their pots of gold at the end of the rainbow, so if you can find the end of a rainbow, you can find a pot of gold. This is why we use rainbows for St. Patrick's Day. In most stories, leprechauns disguise themselves as shoemakers. Leprechauns are usually described as mischievous; they use their magic to play tricks on people & to avoid being captured or to escape. We think of leprechauns as wearing green, but most stories described them as wearing red until the 1900s.



Shamrock

The shamrock is a type of native Irish clover. Since the 1700s it's been considered a symbol of Ireland. There is a myth that St. Patrick used the three-leaf clover as a way of explaining the Trinity (the idea that there is 1 God in 3 parts: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit). Since the Middle Ages, the very rare four-leaf clovers have been seen as a symbol of good luck, probably partially due to the healing properties of clover. Some myths connect four-leaf clovers to fairies who bring good luck (like leprechauns!).



**RETURN YOUR
LOGBOOK TO THE
MILLET MUSEUM BY
MARCH 21
TO BE ENTERED INTO
A PRIZE DRAW**

Participants will be entered based on how many names they have collected. You do not need to finish the logbook to enter.

