

ARTYFACTS

January - March 2004

Two hundred years
I worked the silver way.
Walked your green trimmed banks at
horses' pace.
Steamboat and motor-boat were mine.
Now only my rope worn epitaph
on limestone bridge remains.

When seven generations pass,
and my seed has no mind of me,
my times are gone from history
I will hobnob down the cobble quays
Where once I had a name.



KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

ARTY FACTS

Welcome to the latest edition of **Artyfacts**, featuring Kildare County Council's Arts and Library Service programme. This edition is highlighting and promoting a range of arts and cultural events throughout the county in the coming months. We hope the publication will act as a resource – bringing together individuals and groups working with or having an interest in the arts.



The excerpt from 'The Unknown Boatman' was written by Tony Moran from Derrymullen, Robertstown. Tony is a member of the Clane Writers Group. His family has a long association with the Grand Canal.

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All information is correct at the time of going to press



South Kildare Arts Development Open Meeting, Stage II

Kildare County Council in association with Athy RAPID (Revitalising Areas by Planning Investment & Development) will host the second in a series of open meetings regarding arts development in the area in early Spring at a date and venue to be decided.

The aim of the meeting is to identify available resources – human and physical – and examine how these resources can further promote an appreciation of and involvement in the arts and make the arts more accessible to everyone in South Kildare.

The objective of the meeting will be to develop the cultural infrastructure in South Kildare by improving linkages between existing cultural and resource agencies.

The meeting is open to all, but will be of particular interest to artists, art workers, educationalists, arts organisations (professional and amateur) and resource agencies.

The findings of the meeting will inform Kildare County Council's five-year arts strategy and RAPID's current strategic plan.

For further information about the meeting or would like to make a written submission, please contact the County Arts Service

ART HISTORY LECTURE SERIES

Kildare Library and Arts Service presents a series of lectures on art appreciation, which are of general interest to all, but particularly of interest to Leaving Certificate Art students.

Maebh O'Regan, Ph D., lecturer in art history in the National College of Art and Design, presents a series of lectures examining contemporary painting.

Lecture 1 examines the life and work of Francis Bacon (1909-1992). The recent reconstruction of the artists London studio at the Hugh Lane Gallery in Dublin has renewed interest in the artist's work. Bacon is celebrated as one of the most important artists of the 20th century. This lecture will examine the artists links with Kildare.

Lecture 2 explores the paintings of Frida Kahlo. The artist lived in Mexico City with her husband, the famous muralist and painter Diego Rivera. A brutal car accident, years of traumatic surgery, and endless heartache left Frida Kahlo devastated, relentlessly transferring her physical and psychological pain to the canvas. Her works that include surrealist elements make her an influential figure in today's art world.

Lecture 3 traces the exploration of paintings of the head by Irish artist, Louis Le Broquay.

A newly commissioned portrait of Bono 'Image of Bono' by Louis le Brocquy was unveiled in October at the National Gallery of Ireland.

Celbridge Library

Lecture 1 Thurs 15th January

Lecture 2 Thurs 22nd January

Lecture 3 Thurs 29th January

Maynooth Library

Lecture 1 Mon 19th January

Lecture 2 Mon 26th January

Lecture 3 Mon 2nd February

Naas Library

Lecture 1 Thurs 5th February

Lecture 2 Thurs 12th February

Lecture 3 Thurs 19th February

Newbridge Library

Lecture 1 Tues 20th January

Lecture 2 Tues 27th January

Lecture 3 Tues 3rd February

Athy Library

Lecture 1 Tues 10th February

Lecture 2 Tues 17th February

Lecture 3 Tues 24th February

** All lectures commence at 8pm sharp **

ART HISTORY

Childrens Book Festival Book Mark Competition Winners

The overall county winner in the recent Children's Book Festival Book Mark Competition was Claire Malone, aged 6 from Naas. Claire received a €50 book token and had her winning design printed and made into a bookmark to be circulated to libraries countywide.

Other library winners were

Celbridge Library

Rebecca Hays, aged 11

Maynooth Library

Katie Mesner, aged 10

Rathangan Library

Mary Sexton, aged 7

Kilcullen Library

Francesca Mc Allister, aged 7

Monasterevin Library

Rosie Shortall, aged 12



Claire Malones winning entry

Naas Community Library

Sat 17th– 24th January
“Fall in Shy of the Full”
Exhibition of Oil Paintings by local
artist Patrick Pearse

Thurs 29th January 3pm
St. Brigids Cross Making
Demonstration,
by Ronnie Kinnane & Essie Kenny

Mon 2nd February,
8pm Ger Kinchella Memorial Lecture,
“The Wicklow Military Road”.
Speaker: Padraic Laffan of the
Foxrock Local History Society.

Tues 16th – Wed 31st March
The E.S.B. Environmental
Photography Exhibition

Celbridge Community Library

Feb 2nd–13th
Celbridge Education Support Group
Adult Art Exhibition.

Mar 1st – 5th
Celbridge Education Support Group
Young Adult Art Exhibition

Mar 8th- 26th
Joint art exhibition by Brid Og Norby
& Pamela De Bri.

Mar. 29th- April 30th
Exhibition of Knitted Pictures by
Helen Butler.



Feile Bride

JUSTICE FOR OUR PLANET

Kildare - Jan 24th - Feb 1st 2004

Saturday, January 24th

10.30am Registration for Afri Conference
SOURCES OF LIFE-
SOURCES OF CONFLICT.
St. Joseph's Academy
Admission two days €35,
Saturday only €25, Concessions
€25 / €20. Booking by January 21st
01 8827581

8.30pm

CEILI-ING FOR THE EARTH
Music by Camross Comhaltas at
Lumville House, The Curragh,
Admission €10

9.00am

Sunday, January 25th
Eucharistic Celebration at
St. Brigid's Well

10.30a.m

Afri Conference continues
SOURCES OF LIFE
SOURCES OF CONFLICT
Note special Sunday rate,
€20 and €15

1.00pm

Lighting of the Flame
Market Square

8.00pm

Tuesday, January, 27th
"DRUMMING FOR THE EARTH"
Facilitator: John Bowker
Venue: St. Brigid's Primary School
Booking essential: 045 521575
Admission €10

8-9.30pm

Wednesday, January 28th
KINDLING THE FLAME
Song and Reflection on theme of
St. Brigid by Carmel Boyle
Venue: Arás Bhríde
Admission €10.

8.00pm

Thursday, January 29th
ANNUAL CELTIC LECTURE
Speaker: Dolores Whelan
Hosted by Kildare Education Centre
Booking: 045 530200
Admission: €10

FEILE BRIDE

7-10pm

Friday, January 30th

St. Brigid's Traditions in Art, Craft and Story, Brigid O'Connell Artist and Teacher

Venue: Arás Bhríde

Admission €10

Saturday, January 31st - Brigid's Eve

Brigid's Eve Ritual

Gather at 7.20 p.m in Japanese Gardens car-park (Bring an un-lit candle in a jar or lantern)

Sunday, February 1st

La Feile Bhríde IMBOLC

12.00 noon "Brigid's Footsteps"

The annual, outdoor La Fheile Bhríde event
Bring your wellies and a friend and gather
at the Heritage Centre, the square

Admission: €10

6.30pm

Eat for the Earth

Venue: Silken Thomas

Cost €15 (booking essential)

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FEILE BHRÍDE

Arts Act Grants Scheme 2004

Applications were invited for the Arts Act Grants Scheme 2004 from:

- Arts Education/ training projects
- Bursary awards for individual Kildare based artists for the development of their work.
- Assistance to groups/ organisations / schools towards the cost of events and programmes which stimulate public interest in and improve arts practice in the county.
- Assistance towards the costs of art materials and equipment required for the realisation of arts projects

Closing date for applications Friday 19th March 2004

Tyrone Guthrie Award



Kildare County Council invites application for two bursary awards for artists born or living in Co Kildare to enable them to spend two weeks at the Tyrone Guthrie's Centre at Annahmakerrig, the artists retreat in Monaghan.

Closing date for applications Friday 19th March 2004

Application forms and further information are available from Kildare County Arts Service or on the web