

beatainefestival

celebrating creativity in older age





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About Bealtaine

The Bealtaine festival is Ireland's ground-breaking celebration of creativity in older age.

Bealtaine means 'May' with all of its associations of fresh starts, emergence and renewal. From 1st to 31st May nationwide, there are opportunities for you to get involved, to try something different and to simply enjoy yourself. It is a chance to meet people, make something new, set your own challenge or share a tradition across the generations.

An Age & Opportunity initiative, the Bealtaine festival is Ireland's biggest collaborative arts festival, and it enjoys an international reputation. It unites communities and diverse organisations all over the country. In the last 16 years, it has grown to include libraries, museums, care settings, active retirement groups, national cultural organisations and local authority arts offices.

In 2010, 513 partner organisations created 2,500 performances, exhibitions, dances, films, workshops, concerts and events attended by 101,000 people throughout Ireland. This year looks set to be even bigger.

Come and push the boat out with us this May.

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Left: Bealtaine audience members at 'Blow the Dust' concert in National Concert Hall (photo: Photocall Ireland)

Right: 'Dreams that Speak' exhibition (photo: Julie Momboisse)

Cultural Companions

Many of us would probably go to a lot more plays, films, shows, concerts, exhibitions or other events if we had someone to go with. There's a thriving social and arts scene out there to be enjoyed if only we had someone with the know-how, the transport or the shared interest to get us going. That's where Cultural Companions comes in.

Cultural Companions is creating local networks of people interested in arts and culture who will accompany each other to events. By recruiting Volunteer Companions (people who enjoy socialising, have an interest in the arts or regularly attend events themselves), we hope to facilitate a more active social life for older people who wish to broaden their horizons, meet new like-minded people and get out more.

The contribution of older volunteers is something worth celebrating, particularly now in 2011 – The European Year of Volunteering. Volunteer Companions can be any age but we would especially welcome older volunteers.

We've already recruited our first volunteer, who told us: "I saw the Cultural Companions advert in my local library. I moved to my area eleven years ago and, to be honest, I don't know many people here. One time I even put flyers in my neighbours' post boxes to see if anyone was interested in coming to the National Concert Hall with me. There's fantastic stuff on all the time that I'd love to see, but it's hard to find people who are up for going. I'd love to be a Volunteer Companion and support others, but it would also be great to be part of a network of people who love going to things like I do".

Cultural Companions is a new Bealtaine festival initiative, developed by Age & Opportunity and funded by Bord Gáis Foundation. It will begin in May, piloting in Cork City, Dublin North Central and parts of North County Dublin.

If you'd like to sign up as a member or become a Volunteer Companion, contact Emma Connors on 01 853 5178 or email emma.connors@ageandopportunity.ie





Seamus Stephenson from the 'Blow the Dust' orchestra at Heuston Station (photo: John Ohle)

Our Theme “Push the boat out, whatever the sea”

‘At Eighty’ by Edwin Morgan

Push the boat out, compañeros,
 push the boat out, whatever the sea.
 Who says we cannot guide ourselves
 through the boiling reefs, black as they are,
 the enemy of us all makes sure of it!
 Mariners, keep good watch always
 for that last passage of blue water
 we have heard of and long to reach
 (no matter if we cannot, no matter!)
 in our eighty-year-old timbers
 leaky and patched as they are but sweet,
 well seasoned with the scent of woods
 long perished, serviceable still
 in unarrested pungency
 of salt and blistering sunlight. Out,
 push it all out into the unknown!
 Unknown is best, it beckons best,
 like distant ships in mist, or bells
 clanging ruthless from stormy buoys.

From *‘Cathures: New Poems, 1997-2001’* (Carc Janet Press, 2002). Reproduced by kind permission of the publisher.

‘At Eighty’ honours the poet’s own life, and is an invitation to embark on a creative journey this May: “push the boat out, whatever the sea”.



Left: May Toal and Gerald Dalton dancing to the orchestra (photo: John Ohle)

Right: 'Blow The Dust' orchestra members playing at Heuston Station (photo: John Ohle)

Blow The Dust Off Your Trumpet

The Blow The Dust orchestras (BTD) invite older musicians to return to their instruments and to play in public, often for the first time. BTDs are now firmly established in Cork and Dublin. Fiona Crosbie, National Concert Hall Facilitator, describes The National Concert Hall BTD as a “musically orientated social community of older people, with The National Concert Hall as their own clubhouse.”

Cork City Council Arts Office with Cork Opera House are developing their BTD by inviting older musicians to a week of rehearsals in Cork Opera House leading to a performance in Millennium Hall.

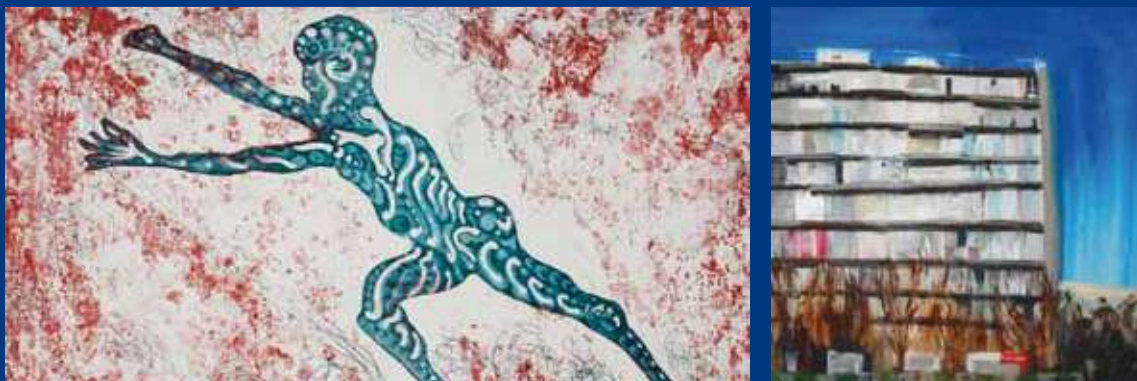
In Dublin, The National Concert Hall BTD will also be performing this year. They have commissioned new arrangements from Neil Martin of the West Ocean String Quartet. Neil is enthusiastic about the way that the orchestra has grown organically: “The big difference in composing was the need to tailor my arrangements to fit these musicians’ individual and sectional strengths: some read music, others don’t. We have two keyboard players for instance, one classical and one jazz: the music had to complement and support each.”

Are you ready to Blow The Dust off?

We’re keen to develop BTD orchestras, bands and groups around the country. If you’d like to get involved, contact Bealtaine on 01 805 7709 or email bealtaine@ageandopportunity.ie

In Cork, BTD runs from 2nd at the Cork Opera House culminating in a concert on 12th May at Millennium Hall. For more, contact Sara-Jane Power, Cork Opera House, on 021 490 5221.

In Dublin, BTD is having a lunchtime concert on 5th May in the National Concert Hall. To book, contact the Box Office on 01 417 0000 or book online on www.nch.ie. For more about the orchestra, contact 085 842 1624 or email blowthedust@gmail.com



Left: Detail from Ciarán Tuite, 'Tide and Time' (Courtesy Graphic Studio Gallery, Dublin and the artist)
 Right: Detail from Brian Maguire, Apartment House Quai de Seine Paris 2010 (Courtesy Kerlin Gallery, Dublin and the artist)

Bealtaine Art Trail

Bealtaine Ambassador Robert Ballagh on being a visual artist: "I don't wait for flashes of inspiration that bring frenzies of creativity. I am workmanlike. That is how it has always been for me and my painting. Being older brings all the benefits of life-experience, personal life and life as an artist. No doubt, ageing can be physically challenging. My new series of self-portraits was challenging to do and a challenge to the viewer."

We have developed a free Dublin 'Art Trail' in association with a number of venues. While many of the exhibitions are open throughout May, there is a special 'Trailblazer Day' on Sunday 8th May, when all venues will be open, with some running special events. The trail venues are:

NORTH CITY ZONE

The Art Park, behind the Convention Centre, Spencer Dock, Mayor St. Upper, 01 679 2014 organised by the Sebastian Guinness Gallery

TEMPLE BAR ZONE

Graphic Studio Gallery, off Cope St., Temple Bar, 01 679 8021 'New Works by Gerard Cox and Ciarán Tuite' featuring woodblock print and etchings, with a demo at 3pm on 5th May. Exhibition runs from 5th to 28th May

Black Church Print Studio, 4 Temple Bar, 01 677 3629 Open Day with print making tour 2pm to 3pm on 8th May

Gallery of Photography, Meeting House Sq., Temple Bar, 01 671 4654 'Prime Years' photography exhibition (see Page 13)

Exchange Dublin, Exchange St. Upper, Temple Bar, 01 677 9264 A response by younger artists to 'Prime Years', developing through May

Clyne Gallery, The Wooden Building, Upper Exchange St., 01 677 0107 'Wearing Purple' exhibition of photographs by Garvan Gallagher from 3rd to 14th May

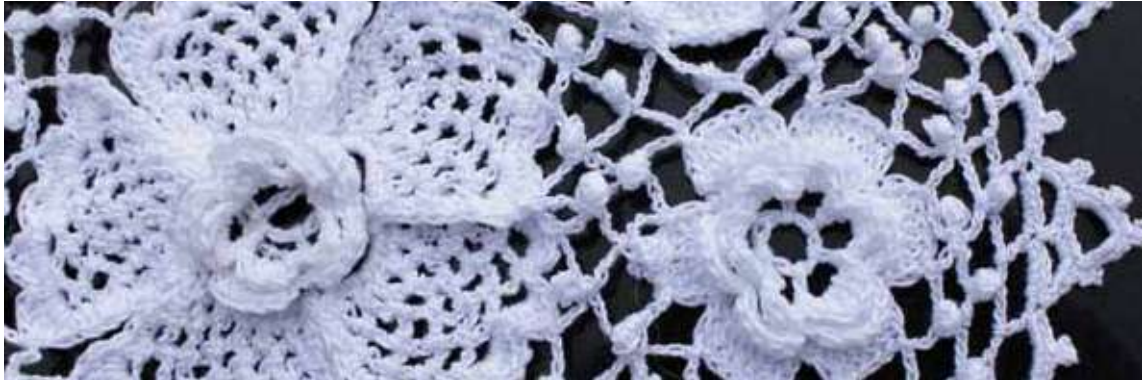
SOUTH CITY ZONE

Taylor Galleries, 16 Kildare St., 01 676 6055 'New Works' by John Doherty from 6th to 21st May

RHA Gallagher Gallery, 15 Ely Pl., 01 661 2558 A group visiting the RHA Annual Open Exhibition on 'varnishing day' will choose a favourite work. To take part, call 01 805 7709

Kerlin Gallery, Anne's Ln., South Anne St., 01 670 9093 'New Paintings' by Brian Maguire until 14th May

Peppercanister Gallery, 3 Herbert St., 01 661 1279 Albert Irvin from 13th to June 4th



Clones Lace by Orla Breslin (photo: Orla Breslin)

A Constant Thread

As part of the Crafts Council of Ireland's Year of Craft 2011, Bealtaine is celebrating older craftspeople who work in textiles. This unique exhibition in Rathfarnham Castle includes lace-making and weaving, all part of Ireland's rich craft heritage, all traditions that begin with a thread. It shows how one thing leads to another, simply at first but, given time, developing greater complexity and virtuosity.

Mamo McDonald, Honorary President of Age & Opportunity, has a passion for lace-making: "All craftwork, including lace, tells stories. The lace-makers share their skills and motifs - like Bealtaine transmits its ideas between generations. In Edinburgh, for instance, Bosnian women saw a BBC film on Clones lace-making and came to Clones to learn about it. Now they have adapted the stitches and make a lace called 'Celtic lace'. Motifs we got from Venice lace became Clones marigolds and shamrocks, roses and lilies; even the whitewash brush appears in lacework here. Women use lace motifs to express their own lives, sharing the excitement of making new things; that's surely the essence of all craftwork."

While at the exhibition, take some time to visit the rest of Rathfarnham Castle, beautifully restored by the Office of Public Works.



The exhibition runs every day from 14th to 29th May, 10am to 4.30pm. For more, contact Rathfarnham Castle 01 493 9462 or go to bealtaine.com

The castle and exhibition may not be suitable for people with limited mobility. If you have any concerns, contact the castle before visiting.



Left: Tony McGaley researching in National Library of Ireland (photo: Michael Fortune)
 Right: Tony McGaley during recording (photo: Michael Fortune)

The Wild Bees' Nest

The Wild Bees' Nest is an innovative project with traditional singers using the resources of The National Library of Ireland and Irish Traditional Music Archive, supported by the Arts Council of Ireland.

Led by artists Michael Fortune and Aileen Lambert, eleven singers, from Waterford, Cork, Tipperary, Galway and Dublin, have been researching the historical background, texts and recordings of selected songs.

Traditional singing, unaccompanied and almost always sung solo, relies on the audience as much as on the singer. As participant Fergus Russell explains, "Traditional singing needs the listener; that is how songs survive for generations. So, at our Góilín sessions, today's singers make songs their own, but without losing the integrity of the words and the core authenticity of the air."

The National Library of Ireland Director Fiona Ross is eager to see how the Wild Bees develop: "The research and the enthusiasm of these traditional singers not only revive and renew well-springs of song in our community but make discoveries about ordinary life, adding invaluable dimensions to our known heritage."

Following a packed concert in the National Library of Ireland in December 2010, the Wild Bees are now composing new songs for a performance on 31st May. To book for this performance, contact the National Library of Ireland on 01 603 0259 or 01 603 0346 or email info@nli.ie

For more, go to the Wild Bees' website at www.thewildbeesnest.ie





Above: Dawn Chorus 2010 in Carlow: Phyllis Flanagan enjoying events, mummies dancing, a group singing out (photos: Jeff Harvey)

Opposite: Dawn Chorus 2010 on Dollymount Strand (photo: Alan Betson, courtesy of The Irish Times)

Dawn Chorus 2011

“There was no fuss; everyone was there for each other, no posing, no airs, a sharing of the fun of music. They captured the morning sun, turned it into music and sound and offered it as a gift.” That was how the Bealtaine Dawn Chorus rang out on beaches, bays and riverbanks across Ireland in 2010, the results of weeks of rehearsals between choirs and new Bealtaine singers.

For Ronan Kelly of RTÉ’s ‘The Curious Ear’, Dawn Chorus started as an insert for a Morning Ireland report from beaches in Dublin and Waterford, with Ronan recording the Carlow Dawn Chorus by the Barrow. The event won him over so he made a full programme on it. “I was there to capture the sound of music but I also wanted to capture the atmosphere and the easy joy of a community coming together on a sunny Sunday morning.”

Active Retirement Ireland with choirs from the Association of Irish Choirs are creating Dawn Chorus 2011 on Sunday 29th May, mostly starting at 7am.

Locations include: **Cavan** Cavan O50 Network (Lough Ramor, Virginia) **Cork** Kinsale Active Retirement (Pier Road, Spanish Galleon, Kinsale Beach); Carrigaline Choir (Walled Gardens, Fota House); Middleton Active Retirement Group (Balick Rd. Walk); **Carlow** Carlow Active Retirement (Carlow Town Park) **Donegal** Donegal Regional Active Retirement (Lough Eske at Harvey’s Point Hotel) **Dublin** Terenure Active Senior IT Society (Terenure Park); St Gabriel’s Parish/Kincora/Clontarf and St Brigid’s Seniors (Causeway Entrance, Dollymount Strand); Rathcoole Active Retirement (Rathcoole Park); Ringsend Active Retirement (28th May, Old River Wall, Pigeon House Road); U3A Sutton (Sutton/Baldoyle) **Kildare** Naas Active Retirement (Ballymore Road) **Laois** Portlaoise 50+ Active Retirement Group (Rock of Dunamais) **Limerick** Newcastle West Active Retirement (Newcastle West) **Louth** Ardee Active Retirement (Moorehall Lodge Retirement Village) **Waterford** Healing Arts Trust (William Vincent Wallace Plaza) **Wexford** 55 Club (Ferrycarrig Hotel) **Wicklow** Aughrim Active Retirement Group (Lake at the Pavillion, Aughrim); Avoca Active Retirement (Avoca Village). For more Dawn Chorus details, contact Bealtaine on 01 805 7709 or go to bealtaine.com. Some Dawn Chorus pages are also on Facebook.



Left: Mary McEvoy performing in 'Fruitcake' (photo: Steve Neale)
 Right: 'Here We Are Again Still' (photo: Megs Morley)

Great shows for a good time

Want a good night (or afternoon) out? From Malin Head to Skibbereen, in theatres and care settings, Bealtaine is touring plays: Alice Barry's 'Fruitcake', commissioned by Meath County Council, and 'Here We Are Again Still' written by Christian O'Reilly.

This extraordinary initiative has been made possible by the support of: Cork City Council, Cork County Council, Donegal County Council, Dublin City Council, Kildare County Council, Galway City Council, Galway County Council, Mayo County Council, Offaly County Council, Sligo County Council, North Tipperary County Council, South Tipperary County Council and Waterford County Council.

A co-production with Noggin Theatre Company, 'Fruitcake' is a "funny and poignant play" starring Mary McEvoy. It's about a woman with a history, divulging her secrets during a cookery demonstration. The process and ingredients trigger memories and decisions that changed the course of her life. Mary believes that everyone should continue to create: "As an actor and as a person, I don't want to become invisible. I don't expect to retire. Everyone can have a dream, no matter what age they are - because life is continually creative."

'Here We Are Again Still' is a play about two broken men, one older and one younger, making their way back from the margins. Based on real-life stories of residents at Walter Macken Place, Galway, the playwright describes its genesis: "I recorded the stories, asked the odd question and made the tea and coffee. Those who took part were generous and open and it was a privilege to meet and get to know them. What impressed, humbled and stayed with me was the courage they showed in the simple act of facing each day alone...."

For more, go to the listings for your area.



Left: Image from Skuggar (Shadows)

Right: Image from Re-live

Re-Live in the Cork Opera House

Cork Opera House has an exciting life-enhancing month-long Bealtaine programme for you. It includes the Blow The Dust off Your Trumpet Orchestra, Norwegian company De Utvalgte with a remarkable show, 'Skuggar' (Shadows), about people who have spent their whole lives together, and Re-Live who bring their unique autobiographical theatre from Wales. Alison O'Connor and Karin Diamond developed their theatre company Re-Live for Gwanwyn, a Welsh festival based on Bealtaine. "We are passionate about our older peers, interested in their thoughts, their ideas and their wisdom." Passion is the basis for this show where Welsh people talk simply and directly to the audience, sharing their extraordinary tales of ordinary experience. "Your production was good for the soul, so I'm glad I came."

For more, contact Cork Opera House on 021 427 0022.

A Museum for You

The Hunt Museum, Limerick, and the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin, encourage you to find a thing of beauty in their collections. At The Hunt, the passion of older people is the life blood of the museum. They are the guides to the collection. This year, in a unique film project, they will select a favourite item from the collection and explain their personal choice. At the Chester Beatty, a three-day workshop encourages responses to the Matisse exhibition. For more, contact the Hunt on 061 312 833 or go to huntmuseum.com and contact Chester Beatty Library on 01 407 0772 or go to cbl.ie





Opposite: 'Henry Allingham, 109 years, from the Centenarians series' (© Edmund Clark)
 Left to Right: 'Norma and Her Art Work'; 'Reading'; 'Contemplation' (© Jane Paradise)

Prime Years

'Prime Years' is a stunning visual exploration of ageing. Originally curated by Fernando Castro for the Houston Center for Photography, Texas, it features images by 13 artists from the US, Argentina, the Netherlands and the UK. Prime Years depicts centenarians, artist's relatives and others enjoying, enduring and living their lives beyond the age of 60.

In curating the exhibition, Castro says: "I did not have any preconceived criteria.... My concern was to present the point of view of artists [whose] appreciation of ageing people is very reassuring, very tender and very wise, holds them in high esteem.... I wish every person who ages was like Picasso: productive and energetic until a ripe old age. However, that is not always the case."

This thought-provoking exhibition is bursting with wit, perception and no small amount of beauty; it questions the way we represent our own ageing. The exhibition, in the Gallery of Photography, will be accompanied by talks and workshops.

You can also see photographer Garvan Gallagher's work in the nearby Clyne Gallery, Dublin. He says: "My work deals with the invisibility of older people in society ... We have a habit of putting people into little social boxes and I want to challenge that. Social attitudes towards our older population have to change, and this starts with you and me."

Bealtaine photography exhibition 'Ink' is touring to South Tipperary Arts Centre and Nenagh Heritage Centre. As it travels, Aidan Kelly will photograph local older people and their tattoos. Selected images from each shoot will be added to the exhibition.

Prime Years Photography Exhibition will run in the Gallery of Photography, Temple Bar from the 30th April to 29th May.

Gallagher's exhibition is in the Clyne Gallery, Upper Exchange St. Dublin from 3rd to 14th May. Ink is in South Tipperary 16th April to 10th May, workshop on 4th May, and Nenagh 13th May to 3rd June, workshop 19th May. For more, contact South Tipperary on 052 612 7877 or Nenagh on 067 34 900.



Left: Still from 'Julie & Julia'



Right: David & Madge Bolger in 'Swimming with my Mother' (photo: Clive Welsh)

The Moving Image

The 2011 access>CINEMA / IFI Bealtaine film tour, sponsored by Seven Seas Active 55, is bigger than ever. The main film, 'Julie & Julia', stars Meryl Streep, Stanley Tucci and Amy Adams. It is the story of two lives: Julia Child, famous American food writer, and Julie Powell, a woman in need of a new challenge. Access>CINEMA will also tour that old classic 'Show Boat' and screen a series of Irish Bealtaine shorts.

One of the short films, 'Deep End Dance', will form part of CoisCéim's involvement in Bealtaine 2011. They are creating a dance piece called 'Silent Idols' from drop-in dance classes, with the support of Dublin City Council Arts, Sports & Leisure and Community Development. They will also be touring the stage show 'Swimming with My Mother', a duet between mother and son, in Blanchardstown, Portlaoise, Roscommon, Longford and Dun Laoghaire.

Short films on show will be:

Deep End Dance: Mother and son, above and under water, dance the dance of their lives. *Director:* Conor Horgan; *Producer:* Martha O'Neill; *Writer/Choreographer:* David Bolger.

Ray: A drama showing that things are not always what they appear to be! *Director:* Ferdia MacAnna; *Writer/Producer:* Carmel Callan.

Stone Age: A documentary reflection on a stonemason from Dublin's Liberties. *Director/Producer:* Shane Hogan, Tom Burke.

Sweet Spot: A dance film about being in your element, the challenges to getting there, the joy of being there and the pleasure in sharing it with others. *Director:* James Kelly; *Producer:* Ciotóg and the Macushla Dance Club in assoc. with Project Arts Centre; *Choreographer/Concept:* Fearghus Ó Conchúir.

Teeth: A short tale of two old friends, their teeth and a series of events that leaves them lost for words. *Director:* Ruairí O'Brien, John Kennedy; *Producer:* Noreen Donohoe; *Writer:* Ruairí O'Brien.

Undressing My Mother: An intimate exploration of one woman's unique take on her ageing body. *Director:* Ken Wardrop; *Producers:* Andrew Freedman, Kristin Brook Larsen.

For more, go to the listings for your area.

Using the listings

Our listings are organised alphabetically by county. We can only fit so much into each year's Programme so please contact your local organisers for full details of times and dates. We also include additional listings on our website www.bealtaine.com

ANTRIM

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Age on Stage 6th to 27th

Island Arts Centre, The Island, Lisburn, BT27 4RL. Friday Contemporary Dance Classes for over 60s - all levels regardless of ability, agility or mobility.

TEL Anthea McWilliams
0044 798 049 4063

CARLOW

Arts / Culture / Heritage

The GB Shaw Theatre 29th

Carlow. Film 'Julie & Julia'.

TEL 059 917 2400

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Forward Steps Resource Centre 1st to 31st

Chapel Lane, Tullow. Every Wed 'Old Films with Friends'; other events with Tullow ARA.

TEL Leanne Kidd 059 915 2776

Leighlinbridge Day Care

Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge. Art exhibition.

TEL Mary Hickey 059 972 2607

Care Centres

Glendale Nursing Home 1st to 31st

Shillelagh Rd., Tullow. Exhibition of residents' photography; Theatre tour 'Fruitcake' in Tullow, 25th.

TEL Sandra de Bru 059 918 1555

Tullow Day Care Centre

The Shroughan, Tullow. An evening of songs, storytelling and dancing on 16th; heritage visit/holiday to Carlingford, 9th to 13th.

TEL Marian Ryan 059 915 1833

CAVAN

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Cavan County Museum and Social Incl. Unit

Ballyjamesduff. Drama performance by Cavan O50 Network; arts & music event in west Cavan.

TEL Savina Donohoe 049 854 4070

Ramor Theatre 3rd, 12th and 28th

Film 'Julie & Julia', 3rd; Theatre tour 'Fruitcake', 12th and 'Here we are again still', 28th.

TEL 049 854 7074

Public Libraries

Bailieborough Library 4th, 11th and 18th

Oil painting classes. Booking essential.

TEL Fiona Burke 042 966 5779

Cootehill Library and Arts Centre

Free lecture on 'Highlights of the National Gallery', 5th; 'Hidden Talents' coffee morning, 11th; 'My Favourite Read' coffee morning, 18th; classic movie, 19th. Limited numbers.

TEL Sinead McArdle or

Katherine McLaughlin 049 555 9873

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Cavan Social Services Community Group

9th to 30th

Day Centre, Cathedral Rd. Cavan. Craft displays, socials, dancing, walks and outings.

TEL Sr. Ursula 049 433 1134

Positive Age Cavan 16th

Centre for Social Gain, Cathedral Rd. Visual display of arts & crafts.

TEL Maisie Smith 049 436 0433

Virginia Health Centre 12th

Theatre tour 'Fruitcake'.

TEL 049 854 6200

CLARE

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Clare County Arts Office 3rd to 28th

County Library HQ, Mill Rd., Ennis. 'Clare Arts Office Bealtaine Line Up' includes tea dance launch, lunchtime concerts, theatre performances, exhibitions, workshops.

TEL Siobhán Mulcahy 065 689 9091

Glór Theatre 20th

Ennis. Theatre tour 'Here we are again still' with pre-show talk.

TEL 065 684 3103

St Joseph's Hospital Arts Project 1st to 31st

Lifford, Ennis. Launch of old-style recipe book, **12th**; 'The Wishing Line', an intergenerational exhibition; concert and garden walk.

TEL Eleanor Feely 087 961 2118

Public Libraries

Clare County Library

HQ, Mill Rd., Ennis. Intergenerational craft sessions; poetry readings; exhibitions in branches.

TEL Teresa Carmody-O'Shea 065 689 9090

Care Centres

Clarecare Day Care (Seanoirí Laichtín

Naofa) 9th

Resource Centre, Ballard Rd., Miltown Malbay. Barbecue with local traditional musicians.

TEL Cait Ní Loingsigh 065 708 4027 or 086 320 8611

Ennistymon Community Hospital

Art exhibitions; quiz; sing along; flower arranging; reminiscence through sharing old photos; intergenerational project.

Raheen Hospital Daycare Centre 1st to 31st

Tuamgraney, Scariff. 'I Am', intergenerational portrait project for Scariff Library; collaborative glass sculpture for installation at Raheen Hospital, **2nd to 31st**; craft workshops, music and films.

TEL Nicola Henley 061 923 215

Cork Printmakers 24th

Wandesford Qy., Clarke's Bridge. Tour of print workshop; introduction to drypoint techniques, with demo. Booking essential; Group exhibition.

TEL Frances O'Connor 021 432 2422

Crawford Art Gallery 1st to 31st

Emmet Pl., Cork. Tour & hands-on session with artist, every Thurs. Booking essential; art exhibition of arts groups from Toghher & Ballyphehane with Gallery artists, **7th to 30th**.

TEL Anne Boddaert or Emma Klemencic 021 490 7857 or 021 490 7862

Crosshaven Film Club 2nd

Film 'Julie & Julia'.

TEL 021 483 1829

Fota House 29th

Fota Island. A Dawn Chorus with The Carrigaline Choral Group in the atmospheric walled gardens.

TEL Tom Fannon 021 490 8840

Office of Public Works 6th

Charles Fort National Monument, Kinsale. Guided tour. Booking required.

TEL Evelyn Long Coleman 021 477 2263

Village Arts Centre 15th

Kilworth. Theatre tour 'Here we are again still'.

TEL 025 27 109

West Cork Arts Centre 3rd to 31st

North St., Skibbereen. 'Art Trail: Poems in Pictures' exhibition of visual art in West Cork Libraries, Drinagh Co-op Café, Skibbereen & Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery; discussion of exhibition in Café; Tea Dance, Celtic Ross Hotel; Perrott House Open Day; participatory music event.

TEL Justine Foster 028 22 090

Gateway Friendship Club Bandon

Activities include traditional music & song; storytelling; exhibition of art & crafts.

TEL Joy Scanlon 021 477 5270 or 086 384 2966

Horgan's Buildings Senior Citizens Centre 12th and 13th

110 Horgan's Buildings, Magazine Rd. 'Around The Old Campfire'; an event of songs, poetry, storytelling and short sketch.

TEL Joan Goggin 086 331 7373

IRD Duhallo's SAOI Network 9th

James O'Keefe Institute, Newmarket. 'Memory through Media' film of work made by SAOI members with Lisa Fingleton. Booking essential.

TEL Tríona Murphy 029 60 633

Kilcrohane Social Club 3rd to 31st

c/o Julia O'Neill, 4 Droum West, Castletownbere. Storytelling & tea dance every Tue.

TEL Julia O'Neill 086 172 1279

Le Chéile Family Resource Centre 1st to 31st

31st Mallow Community Campus, Fair St. 'Oral Histories of Mallow', intergenerational community event about life in Mallow past and present.

TEL Lorraine O'Donnell 022 42 439

Midleton Community Forum Ltd., Family Resource Centre 9th, 16th, 18th

Old Youghal Rd, Oakwood Lodge. Tai Chi exhibition, **9th**; seminar on art, **16th**; Drift Wood Expo, **18th**.

TEL Seán Ahern 021 463 3522

Moving Age

Family Centre, Closes Green, Farranree. Tea dance, table quiz and storytelling.

TEL Pauline O'Leary 021 430 1030

CORK

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Ballyphehane/Togher Community Arts

Network 7th to 30th

'Journey from the Community to the Gallery' art exhibition in Crawford Art Gallery.

TEL Siobhan O'Dowd or Teresa Mc Carthy 021 431 9085

Briery Gap Cultural Centre 14th and 23rd

Macroon. Theatre tour 'Here we are again still', 14th and 'Fruitcake', 23rd.

TEL 026 42 483

Butterfly Company Ltd. 9th to 31st

Dunisky, Lissarda. 'Lights, Camera, Action!', songs from the movies, West End and Broadway.

TEL Emma Joyce 085 158 6047

The Caha Centre 12th and 13th

Adrigole, Beara. Film 'Julie & Julia'.

TEL 027 60 909.

Cork City Council Arts Office 2nd to 24th

Corporate Affairs Dept., City Hall. 'Blow The Dust off Your Trumpet, Cork', in Cork Opera House, 2nd to 12th; 'Fruitcake' O'Connell Court & St Patrick's Hospital.

TEL Maeve Dineen 021 492 4736

Cork Opera House 5th to 26th

Emmet Pl. Cork Cine Club film 'Julie & Julia', 5th; De Utvalgte presents 'Shadows' in Norwegian with English subtitles, 12th to 14th; 'Blow The Dust Off Your Trumpet' (see p.4), 2nd to 12th; Re-Live from Wales presents 'A Story to Call My Own' with post-show discussion, 26th.

TEL 021 427 0022

Public Libraries

Cork County Library and Arts Service

Library Building, Carrigrohane Rd. All 28 libraries hosting events including, drama, craft workshops, gramophone recitals, painting classes.

TEL Sinéad Donnelly 021 434 6210

Carrigaline Library 23rd

Theatre tour

'Fruitcake'.

TEL 021 437 1888

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Active Pulse 18th to 20th

Coláiste Stiophan Naofa, Tramore Rd. 'Stories by the Lee', events celebrating personal histories.

TEL Mary Morrissey 021 454 3956

Bishopstow Senior Social Centre 2nd to 30th

Wilton Park House. Afternoon of dance with Noel Carey every Mon.; music & reminisce every Wed.; afternoon of dance with Margo Lyons every Thurs.

TEL Roger Coughlan 086 386 6975

Coachford Active Retired Assoc.

'American Tea Party', book club, flower arranging, poetry & essay competitions, dancing and outings.

TEL Nora Crowley 021 733 4036

Court Writers Group 28th

O'Connell Court, Doughcoloyne, Togher Rd. 'Lift The Latch And Come On In', traditional evening of stories, music, dance & a Call My Bluff competition.

TEL Martin O'Connell 021 432 2682

Douglas Guild, ICA

Church St., Douglas. Flower arranging with Sandra Kelleher; choir.

TEL Eleanor O'Connor 021 436 1797 or 087 930 8499

Newcestown Friendship Group

Newcestown, Bandon. 'All Our Own Work' a display of hand-made cushions, exhibited at annual tea dance.

TEL Maureen Dinneen 021 733 6111

Our Lady's Traveller Training Centre 23rd to 27th

IDA Ind. Est., Lower Quartertown, Mallow.

Exhibition of paintings & crafts, based on Traveller culture and religion.

TEL Bridget O'Connor 022 42 322

Sacred Heart Social Committee 1st to 31st

Western Rd., Cork. Events include Sunday Social; walking tours; trip to Knock, 18th.

TEL Jerry Murphy 086 618 3332

Snippets Historical, Cultural and Drama Group

23 Silverdale Rd., Ballinlough. 'Come into the Parlour', an event of song, storytelling, poetry and audience participation!

TEL Rita O'Donoghue 021 430 0100

Care Centres

Abeylands Nursing Home

Kildorrery. Residents' art exhibition, including winner of Kildorrery NS art competition.

TEL Gillian Cussen 086 845 5264

Alzheimer's Society, Conna

Conna Day Care Centre. Crawford Art Gallery guided tour and workshop.

Bishopscourt Residential Care 1st to 31st

Liskillea, Waterfall. Art exhibition; display of 'Pushing the Boat Out Together' blanket knitted by residents; 'The Ghost of Shebeens Past', a history of the area.

TEL Susanne O'Shaughnessy 021 488 5833

Conna Nursing & Convalescent Home

Residents' art exhibition, including winners of Curriglass NS & Ballynoe NS art competition.

TEL Gillian Cussen 086 845 5264

Deerpark Nursing Home 16th

Seafield, Bantry. Take a 'Trip Down Memory Lane' in music & song.

TEL Bernie Cronin 027 52 711

Elderwell 1st to 31st

Kilcolta, Church Bay, Crosshaven.

'Seaside Fare' events include boat trip;

visit to Cobh Heritage Centre.

Also at Elderwell/Beaumont Residential Care

Woodvale Rd., Ballintemple;

Elderwell/Darraglynn Nursing Home

Carrigaline Rd., Douglas;

Elderwell/Dunmanway Community Hospital;

Elderwell/Douglas Nursing Home

Moneygourney;

Elderwell/Maryborough Nursing Home,

Maryborough Hill, Douglas;

Elderwell/Mount Carmel Hospital, Clonakilty;

Elderwell/Nazareth House, Newberry, Mallow.

**TEL Mary Ahern 087 418 9860 or
021 483 1061**

Haven Bay Care Centre 1st to 31st

Ballinacubby, Kinsale. 'Push the Boat Out', art exhibition by residents & local artists; musical afternoon with David Todd; vintage car event; musical show by the Butterfly Company.

**TEL Deirdre Mullins 021 477 7328
Ext. 200**

Irish Wheelchair Association 9th & 27th

Millbrook, Bandon. Join the fun table quiz, 13th; share your stories at 'In my Father's Time', 27th.

**TEL Michael Crowley 023 884 3283 or
087 668 5484**

Skibereen Residential Care Centre

Activities Group 3rd to 31st

Baltimore Rd. Paintings & craft exhibitions every Tue.; exhibition of patchwork wall-hanging by

residents and Driheen Design Sewing Group and

Baltimore Over 55s Club from 1st to 15th.

**TEL Mary Lynch 028 23 617 or
087 178 7251**

DONEGAL

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Abbey Centre

Ballyshannon. Theatre tour 'Fruitcake' 13th; Film 'Julie & Julia', 25th.

TEL 071 985 1375

Artlink 14th May to 5th June

Tullyarvan Mill, Buncrana. (Bealtaine Project is at Fort Dunree, Buncrana). 'Between Document and

Memory', photographs and memories based on

Ned Dunphy archives by artist Leonie Tang; 'The

Buncrana Story', ongoing intergenerational project.

TEL Declan Sheehan 074 936 3469

Donegal County Council, Regional Cultural

Centre 1st to 31st

Port Rd., Letterkenny. 100 events across the county including: exhibitions, films, concerts, storytelling and art workshops.

TEL Shaun Hannigan 074 912 9186

Donegal County Museum

High Rd., Letterkenny. 'Not That Long Ago', reminiscences with objects from the County

Museum & County Archives; 'How We Remember',

memories with Army veterans, in association

with ONET; 'Sweet Talking', stories with Desmond

Doherty & staff from Oatfield Confectionary Factory.

TEL Caroline Carr 074 912 4613

Rosbeg & Downstrands Care of the Aged and Downstrands Family Resource Centre 17th

Dolmen Centre, Kilclooney, Portnoo. 'Sea Shanties', local artists sing with Care of the Aged groups from

Rosbeg, Portnoo, Ardata and Glenties, followed by

seafood buffet lunch. Booking essential.

TEL Kate Morgan 074 954 5879

St Johnston & Carrigans Family Resource

Centre Chapel Rd., St Johnston, Lifford. Supper dance, 24th; other social events, 10th.

**TEL Mary Crossan or Deborah Clawson
074 914 8551**

Care Centres

Aras Ghaoth Dobhair Nursing Home

Meenanillar, Derrybeg. Events include: music

& dancing with Darragh McCourt, 11-year-old

Country & Western singer; Martin Sweeney, singer;

McClafferty School of Dancing; Tony Mac Ruairí,

traditional Irish singer.

Cardonagh Community Day Hospital 3rd to

30th 'Pushing the Boat Out from Inishowen – 22 days of Mirth and Mayhem', includes: tea dances,

films, art exhibitions, poetry, singing & lots more.

**TEL Caroline Callaghan 074 937 4164
Ext. 114**

Gweedore Day Care Centre

Derrybeg PO, Letterkenny. Music & dance;

traditional music; singing & dancing; song session.

TEL 074 953 2166

Killybegs Day Hospital 9th and 17th

Killybegs. Bread-making and story event on 9th; music & dance with local artists on 17th.

TEL Margaret Sweeney 074 974 1063

McAuley Day Centre 1st to 31st

Hospital Grounds, Midleton. 'McAuley Frolics' includes art exhibition, storytelling, choir, music & dance events.

Oaklodge Nursing Home 1st to 31st

Churchtown South, Cloyne. Events featuring music, song & poetry; visit from Butterfly Co.; ICA talk & local craft exhibition; pony & trap rides; local choir visit and slide show; residents day of photography.

TEL Theresa Horgan 021 464 6080

Residents & Friends of Perrott House 13th to 15th

Hospital Grounds, Skibbereen. 'Come! Pick Flowers with Us' open days & plant sale; residents' art exhibition; tea & poetry.

TEL Eleanór Uí Drisceoil 086 164 0936

Rosalee Care Centre 4th & 18th

Ballincollig. Music, song & dance with David Todd; drama by Pike Theatre Group.

TEL Dennis O'Sullivan 021 485 0903

St Finbarr's Hospital 1st to 31st

Douglas Rd., Cork. Transition year students work with residents to tell their stories in words and art.

St Vincent's Centre

St Mary's Rd., Cork. An afternoon of music, reminiscences and tea!

Schull Community Hospital 28th

Colla Rd. An intergenerational afternoon of poetry, art, song & dance.

TEL Marian O'Donovan 028 28 120

Share Day Centre 19th

43 Sheare St., Cork. Making costumes and props for 'Hawaiian Night'.

TEL Cath O'Brien or Kara Kelleher 021 422 2260

Public Libraries

Donegal County Library Service 3rd to 31st

Rosemount Lane, Letterkenny. Over 30 events in 16 Libraries & 8 Taobh Tíre Centres, include crochet classes; flower arranging; local history talks; family research workshops; spinning workshops; music & song.

TEL Frances Crampsie 074 916 1818

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Cumann Cairdeas 6th to 17th

The Yard, Falcarragh. 'A Day in the Life', members photograph Cloughaneely for exhibiting at tea dance on **10th** and an tSean Bheairic **6th to 13th**; film 'It Happened One Night', Garradh Cholm Cille Centre, **17th**.

TEL Rosemary Grain 074 918 0111

Donegal Carers Association 7th and 8th

Ros Bán Garden, Common, Raphoe. 'Open Garden', walk for carers in Ros Bán wildlife garden; special 'Carers Day'.

TEL Ann Kavanagh 074 914 5336 or 086 080 5214

Letterkenny Active Retirement Association

3rd to 31st Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny. 'Reflections', a photographic exhibition of bygone days at Regional Cultural Centre.

TEL Myra O'Reilly 074 912 1785

Manorcunningham 'Ladies', IWA

IWA Centre, Main St., Music session with Newtowncunningham Day Centre.

TEL Mary Mulligan 074 915 7393

Manorcunningham Day Centre

Rosbracken, Letterkenny. Poetry afternoon at Drumhill House; sing-song around the turf fire.

TEL Elma McClean 085 754 6607 or 074 915 7112

Ramelton Community Hospital

Ramelton. Karaoke; music from local school.

Smart Grannies and Grandads Day Centre

3rd to 5th College St., Ballyshannon. Knitting, arts & crafts display; sharing stories of the past; sing song.

TEL Marion McGee 071 985 1901 or 086 858 9280

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access>CINEMA

The Studio Building, Meeting House Sq., D2. Nationwide film tour with IFI (see p.14). Also touring shorts & 'Show Boat'.

TEL 01 679 4420

axis, Ballymun 1st to 31st

Main St., Ballymun, D9. Events for over-55s and friends; 'The Henry Girls' lunchtime concert; art exhibition; 'Silent Idols' film & dance performance; 'The Tinker's Curse' theatre performance; film 'Julie & Julia', **30th**.

TEL 01 883 2100

Bealtaine Writers' Group

c/o Myrtle Cottage, Rocky Valley Drive, Kilmacanogue. 'Poetry and Pictures' at Hugh Lane Gallery, **20th**; poetry reading at Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig, Co Monaghan, **16th**.

TEL Rosy Wilson 01 286 4728 or 086 866 9067

Carnation Theatre

16 New Ireland Rd., Rialto, D8. 'Noah's Wife Missed the Boat (she left the washing out)', interactive fun-filled play for residents of nursing homes and day care clients. Touring nationwide.

TEL Mairead or Mary 086 836 2820 or 087 678 3812

Centre for Creative Practices 3rd to 20th

15 Pembroke St. Lower, D2. Intro to landscape painting with Gosia Lisicka; comedy film & afternoon tea; jazz jam session & concert; 'Animated Graphic Notation Concert' of collaborative music making; 'Exhibition of Works'.

TEL Monika Sapielak 01 799 5416

The Chester Beatty Library 27th to 29th

Dublin Castle, D2. Three-day workshop to explore Matisse's life & works & create a virtual exhibition for our website. Participants will make a podcast of their choices & create a drawing, painting, collage or text. Booking essential but not before **23rd** May. Maximum 15. Facilitators: Fiona Cashell and Lorraine Lawlor. Podcast: Aoiheann O'Sullivan.

TEL Justyna Chmielewska 01 407 0772

CINE-CAFÉ 1st to 31st

c/o 8 Mountain View Rd., Ranelagh, D6.

'Older...?' CINE-CAFÉ special screening of short films showcasing the creativity of older people & contemporary Irish filmmaking. Various venues.

TEL Howard Linnane 085 135 1822 (also on Facebook)

Filament Fibre Artists 19th May to 19th

June 21 Woodford, Brewery Rd., Stillorgan. 'Latitudes' contemporary fibre art exhibition at Airfield Estate, Dundrum; Felting workshop & exhibition tour for local active retirement groups on **23rd**.

TEL Tara Ní Nualláin 087 841 1785

Fishamble: The New Play Company and Arts & Disability Ireland 7th to 29th

Seán O'Casey Centre, St Mary's Rd. N, East Wall, D3. Live performances with audio description & captioning of 'The Pride of Parnell Street' by Sebastian Barry at: Siamsa Tíre, Tralee; Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise; Pavilion Theatre, Dun Laoghaire; An Grianan, Letterkenny; Glór, Ennis; Backstage, Longford; Town Hall Theatre, Galway; Helix, DCU, D9.

TEL Leah Johnston 01 850 9002

Gallery of Photography

Meeting House Sq., Temple Bar, D2. 'Prime Years' photography exhibition, discussions & guided tours, **30th April to 29th May**; workshop, **3rd** and **4th**.

TEL Trish Lambe 01 671 4654

Glasnevin Museum 1st to 31st

Glasnevin Cemetery, Finglas Rd., D11. Museum and guided cemetery tour Mon & Fri. Groups must book in advance.

TEL Ann-Marie Smith 01 882 6550

Graphic Studio Gallery 5th

Through the Arch, Cope St., D2. Woodblock printmaking demo by Gerard Cox; Ciarán Tuite will discuss Bealtaine-inspired artwork.

TEL Catherine O'Riordan 01 679 8021

National Gallery of Ireland 1st to 31st

Clare St., D2. National Drawing Day, **28th** in RHA, Ely Place & nationwide venues: Curator's talk on Thomas Lawrence's portrait of Lady Foster on **11th**; free talks & tours.

TEL Marie Bourke 01 663 3504

National Library of Ireland 1st to 31st

Kildare Street, D2. Events include: 'Wild Bees' Nest on **31st**; 'Memories into Memoir' lecture by Irene Graham, with discussion **10th** (book at memoir@nli.ie); introduction to using the NLI; caring for your collection conservation workshop (book at learning@nli.ie); Yeats exhibition tours on Thurs; 'Discover your National Library' exhibition; also visit National Photographic Archive exhibitions at Meeting House Sq., D2.

TEL Brid O'Sullivan 01 603 0259

National Museum of Ireland

Archaeology 3rd to 6th

Kildare St., D2. 'The Irish Gold Collection and the Alchemy of Printmaking' 4-day printmaking project with Niamh Flanagan - explore Bronze Age stories of gold, pottery and weapons & create your own prints. Booking essential.

TEL Mary-Jane Fitzsimons 01 648 6332

Decorative Arts and History 11th to 27th

Collins Barracks, Benburb St., D7. Conservation tour, booking essential, **11th**; 'History of Irish Ceramics from 18th Century' tour, places limited, **13th**; talk on 'The Craft of Weapons: The Machine Gun', places limited, **14th**; intergenerational hour of songs, games and stories on the theme of the sea (children aged 4-12), places limited, **15th**; 'The North Strand Bombings' tour, places limited, **27th**.

TEL Ciara Ryan 01 648 6453

CoisCéim Broadreach 7th to 27th

14 Sackville Pl., D1. 'Silent Idols', dance homage to the silent film era, tours to: The Hugh Lane Gallery; Donnycarney Care Centre; Donore Ave. Youth & Community Centre; axis Ballymun; Seán O'Casey Community Centre, East Wall, and the IFI. 'Deep End Dance' film & 'Swimming with my Mother' stage duet about a mother/son relationship at Draíocht Arts Centre, Blanchardstown; Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise; Roscommon Arts Centre; Backstage Theatre, Longford; Pavilion Theatre, Dun Laoghaire. Film also part of shorts tour.

TEL Jenny Traynor 01 878 4061

Draíocht Arts Centre 31st

Blanchardstown Centre, D15. Theatre tour 'Here we are again still'.

TEL 01 885 2622

Dublin City Council Arts Office

The Lab, Foley St., D1. Citywide dance performances of CoisCéim's 'Silent Idols'; workshops in various art forms; exhibitions; free concerts; theatre; film screenings.

TEL Ann Marie Lyons 01 222 7305

Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane

Parnell Sq. N, D1. Art events include CoisCéim's 'Silent Idols' dance performance; guided tour, poetry reading and workshop.

TEL Margarita Cappelletti 01 222 5557

Dublin Writers Museum 16th

18 Parnell Sq. N, D1. Curator's Talk 'Amanda McKittrick Ros Remembered'. Book in advance.

TEL Nyree Landry 01 872 2077

Fighting Words 13th, 20th, 27th

Behan Sq., 13 Russell St., D1. 'Everybody Has a Voice, Everybody Has a Story' a series of three creative writing workshops.

TEL Sara Bennett 01 894 4576

Irish Film Institute 4th to 25th

6 Eustace St., D2. Bealtaine Film Tour with access>CINEMA 'Julie And Julia', 4th & 6th; 'Everlasting Moments' with Temple Bar Cultural Trust; 'Modern Times' (film) and 'Silent Idols' dance performance with CoisCéim. Film shorts 13th.

TEL Alicia McGivern 01 679 3477

Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA) 1st

to 31st Kilmainham, D8. Talks, lectures, performances, guided tours & workshops; exhibitions from senior artists include Philip Taffe (USA), Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo (Mexico), Romuald Hazoume (Benin). From IMMA Collection: Les Levine (Ireland), new works from younger artists & prints from Dürer, Rembrandt, Hogarth, Goya and more. For access programmes, see www.imma.ie.

TEL Helen O'Donoghue 01 612 9911

Light House Cinema 14th

Smithfield, D7. Film 'Julie & Julia'.

TEL 01 879 7601

Macushla Dance Club 1st to 31st

c/o Dancehouse, Foley St., D1. 'Sweet Spot' film (see p. 14); dance classes for all levels of experience & fitness every Thurs.

TEL Ríonach Ní Néill or Michelle Cahill 087 412 1775

Mill Theatre 30th

Dundrum Town Centre, D16. Theatre tour 'Here we are again still'.

TEL 01 296 9340

National Concert Hall 5th

Earlsfort Tce., D2. 'Blow The Dust Off Your Trumpet' orchestra performance.

TEL Box Office 01 417 0000

Natural History 17th and 31st

Merrion St., D2. 'Gems: Making choices about gems and jewellery' with Matthew Parkes, 17th; 'Identifying Irish Butterflies' with Eugenie Regan, 31st. Booking essential.

TEL Catherine McGuinness 01 648 6316

National Print Museum 18th

Beggars Bush Barracks, Haddington Rd., D4. Discover the pre-computer era with guided tour & demos with retired printers and typesetters.

TEL Aoife McGonigle 01 660 3770

Office of Public Works, Historic Properties

3rd, 4th and 11th

Dublin Castle, Dame St., D2. 'Art by Living Artists', behind the scenes tour of the artworks in offices, meeting rooms and corridors, 3rd; historical tour, 4th; 'Greek & Roman Gods' tour, 11th. Booking essential. Events subject to availability of venue.

TEL Jenny Pappasotiropoulou 01 645 8812 or 01 645 8813

Rathfarnham Castle (OPW) 14th to 29th

Rathfarnham, D14. Year of Craft 2011 exhibition.

TEL 01 493 9462

Royal Irish Academy of Music 12th and 13th

36 Westland Row, D2. 'Chamber Challenge', concerts from students & talk by Deborah Kelleher, 12th; introductions for beginners to instruments and the voice by teachers & Bealtaine Ambassador Veronica Dunne & coaching for volunteer chamber groups 12th; further coaching & final concert, 13th.

TEL Deborah Kellegher 085 738 3731

The Seamus Ennis Centre 23rd

Naul. Film 'Julie & Julia'.

TEL 01 802 0898

South Dublin County Council, Community Services Dept 3rd to 26th

Town Centre, Tallaght, D24. Launch of Bealtaine; digit-art classes; art workshops in Crooksling Residential Home, Tallaght, Griffeen Valley Nursing Home, Lucan and Padre Pio Nursing Home, Clondalkin; creative writing classes in Tallaght, Lucan, Castletymon and Ballyroan Libraries & Dominics Community Centre, Tallaght; creative cooking on a budget at Ballyroan & Quarryvale Community Centres; walks in Corkagh, Tymon & Waterstown parks, Bohernabreena Reservoir & Canal Eco walk; orienteering in Corkagh Park; closing celebration in Tallaght Stadium, 26th.

TEL Maria Finn, Sandra Hickey, Paula Swayne or Alison Silke 086 380 3060 or 01 414 9270

Temple Bar Cultural Trust 4th to 26th

12 East Essex St., D2. Craft workshop series in knitting, clay modelling, textiles and jewellery design; fun session for knitters of all abilities with Hazel Donnelly; create a clay vessel by coil building with Niamh Synnott; make sterling silver earrings with Ann Tyrrell; IFI film screening; create your own Indian block printed textiles with Liz Nilsson.

TEL Eimear Chaomhánach 01 677 2255

Malahide Library: Revive the art of conversation and express yourself with chair and laughter yoga, every Wed. Magician workshop for grandparents and grandchildren, 11th.

Rush Library: Chair and laughter yoga, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.

Swords Library: Magician workshop for grandparents and grandchildren, 12th.

South Dublin County Libraries

Unit 1, The Square, Tallaght, D24. Book at your local library. Book clubs and writers groups meet regularly in all local libraries.

TEL Patricia Fitzgerald 01 459 7834.

Events include:

Ballyroan Library 01 494 1900: Classic Movie Club, 25th.

Clondalkin Library 01 459 3315: Crafts; exhibition by photographer Anna Kerslake; music workshop, booking essential; DigiArt classes (you need basic IT skills), 3rd to 6th, booking essential; calligraphy workshop.

Lucan Library 01 621 6422: Batik workshops with Print Museum; knitting club on Mon; book club, 25th; creative writing group. Booking for some events essential.

Tallaght Library 01 462 0073: Jewellery making for beginners, Booking essential 13th; Movie nights, 26th; From Bone to Blossom' poet Eileen Casey reads, 17th; Art exhibitions by Oliver Murray, 4th to 18th and Jonathan Casey, 25th May to 7th June; photo exhibition by Kate Turner, 23rd May to 11th June; calligraphy workshops with Print Museum.

Whitechurch 01 493 0199: Women's Arts & Crafts Group on Mon; social history group on Thurs; book club, 6th.

ECAP Art Group 1st to 31st

28b The Rise, Malahide. 'Open Ended', art exhibition in Malahide, Ballymun, Raheny & Ashbourne libraries.

TEL Sheila or Sarah McShane 086 255 5928 or 01 845 3148

Evergreen Club 3rd to 31st Terenure Rd. North, D6. Exhibition of paintings in Terenure Library by the Thursday Club.

TEL Suzanne Rush 01 490 2512

Golden Crafts Group 25th

The Parent's Room, Scoil Mhuire, Shankill. Exhibition and sale of knitwear, crochet and handcrafts.

TEL Sarah O'Rourke 01 282 4479

Howth Guild, ICA Dublin Federation 15th

Alcantra, 84 Balkill Pk., Howth, D13. Exhibition of arts & crafts in St Mary's Church of Ireland, Howth.

TEL Kath Roberts 01 832 4426

Johnstown / Killiney Active Retirement

Association Pastoral Centre, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Church View Rd., Killiney. Showcase of art, crafts, gardening.

TEL Nancy Lyons 01 285 5209

Loughlinstown Over 50s Activities Group

1st to 31st 47 Cromlech Fields. Art & craft exhibition; entertainment in nursing homes.

TEL Kay Carroll 087 697 7783

Pavee Point Primary Health Care for Travellers 10th

46 North Great Charles St., D1. 'Wellbeing for Older Travellers' information and traditional activities with storytelling, horse shoes & music.

TEL Maria Daly 01 878 0255

Public Libraries

Dublin City Public Libraries **9th to 31st**

Cabra Biblio. Centre, Navan Rd., D7. Book at your local library.

TEL Public Libraries Development Office **01 674 4858**

30 events across the city include:

Cabra 01 869 1414 (**25th**),

Marino 01 833 6297 (**17th**): 'Memory Lane –

Recollections of Dublin in the Rare Owl' Times',

share your memories through old photographs

from the Libraries' Collection. Booking essential.

Charleville Mall 01 874 9619: 'Memory Lane'

10th; films 'Julie & Julia' **17th**, shorts **25th**.

Central Library, Ilac Centre 01 873 4333:

Exhibition of UEFA Europa trophy & memorabilia,

9th to 13th. Exhibition of 'Faberge'-style decorated

domestic eggshells by May Deane, **2nd to 28th**.

Dolphins Barn 01 454 0681 (**25th**): 'The Bombing

of Dolphins Barn' talk by Eoin Bairéad. Booking

essential. Film 'Showboat' **18th**.

Dublin City Library & Archive 01 674 4806 or

01 674 4873 (**26th**): 'Becoming a writer in your

retirement' talk by Pat Coffey. Booking essential.

Ballyfermot Library, Community & Civic Centre 01

626 9324 (**19th**): Theatre tour 'Fruitcake'.

Pearse Street 01 674 4888: Films 'Show Boat'

10th and 'Julie & Julia' **26th**.

Fingal County Libraries

County Hall, Main St., Swords. Book at your local library.

TEL Siobhan Walsh or Yvonne O'Brien 01 890 5532 or 01 890 5531

Wide variety of events across Fingal includes:

Balbriggan Library: Exhibition of all library

resources – everything from creative writing to

knitting on display and enjoy some home baking

by library staff, **6th**.

Garristown Library: Social seniors' morning, **10th**.

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Active IT **16th to 20th and 29th**

c/o Terenure Enterprise Centre, 17 Rathfarnham Rd., Terenure, D6W. Dawn chorus, **29th**;

'Snapped', photography exhibition in Terenure

Library, **16th to 20th**.

TEL Michelle Hannon 01 490 3237 or

086 868 4277

ALONE **6th**

Olympic House, Pleasants St., D8. Storytelling

evening with seanchaí (storyteller) Batt Burns.

TEL ALONE Office 01 679 1032

Artane Active Retirement **26th**

c/o 35 McAuley Drive, Artane, D5. Art exhibition

with social afternoon and dancing.

TEL Jo Higgins 01 831 2798

Ballyfermot Senior Citizens Forum

c/o Ballyfermot / Chapelzod Partnership,

4 Drumfinn Pk., Ballyfermot, D10. '40s Inspired

Dress Dance' for seniors and others, Ballyfermot

United Sports and Social Club.

TEL Catherine Lane 01 898 9165

Clare Haven **1st to 31st**

St Canice's Rd., Finglas East, D11. Art exhibition

in Ballymun Library; talent competition with entries

invited from Sean Chara Community Unit, **25th**.

TEL Sandra Hutchinson 01 704 4430

Coolock Library Art Group **6th to 20th**

81 Ardmore Drive, D5. 'Making Waves', exhibition

in library and Northside Shopping Centre.

TEL James Harpur 086 810 6259

Rialto Seniors / Friendly Call Service Dolphin Health Project

Portacabins, Dolphin Hse., Rialto. 'Rialto Seniors', exhibitions of work & videos of 8 groups.

TEL Jimmy Hayden 087 060 5006

or **01 454 4682**

Ringsend Active Retirement **18th to 28th**

St Patrick's Villas, Ringsend, D4. Painting, knitting, crochet; neighbours day; singing, Dawn Chorus on

28th; variety show.

TEL 01 660 0962

Seán O'Casey Community Centre

St Mary's Rd., East Wall, D3. Theatre tour

'Fruitcake', **19th**. Also, 'Silent Idols' and 'The Pride

of Parnell St'.

TEL 01 850 9000

Swords Senior Citizens' Club **6th**

Chapel Ln., Swords. 'Féile Bealtaine' social get-

together with North County Senior Citizens Clubs;

arts & crafts exhibition in local library.

TEL Doreen McKittrick 087 287 1033

Syg-Knits Knitting and Crochet Group **30th**

Shanganagh Park House Community Centre,

Rathsallagh Ave., Shankill. 'Syg-Knits' exhibition

and sale of knitwear, crochet & handicrafts.

TEL Pauline Davy 086 174 4850 or

01 282 5932

U.3.A.

c/o Sheila Cullen, 16 Rosbeg Ct., Sutton, D13.

Howth Head heritage walk, **18th**; Dawn Chorus.

TEL 01 839 3868 or 01 832 3573

or **01 831 3470**

Uaisle Retirement Group, Menni Services

Ballyfermot Resource Centre, Ballyfermot Rd.,

D10. 'Dancing the Rainbow', every Wed.

TEL Catherine McKenzie 087 958 7697

Care Centres

Ashford House Nursing Home 7th

6 Tivoli Tce. East, Dun Laoghaire. 'A Day in the Life of Ashford House' photography.

Cairdeas Day Care Centre 18th

Brú Chaoimhín, Cork St., D8. Art exhibition and pottery display.

TEL Mary Cullen, Siobhán McLoughlin, Ann Quinn 01 415 6561

The Croft Nursing Home 1st to 31st

2 Goldenbridge Walk, Inchicore, D8. 'If you do not know their past, you cannot know their present' art project for residents and families.

Cuan Ros Day Centre

Off Kempton Ext., Navan Rd., D7. Exhibition in Cabra Library, Mon & Tues Groups, **30th & 31st**; Quiz with other Day Centres; 'Strawberries & Cream Garden Party' **19th** and **20th**; drama with Johannah Watters, **6th**.

TEL Mary Bermingham, Marie Brogan, Marie Russell 01 868 6012

Hamilton Park Nursing Home 4th

Balrothery, Balbriggan. Tea afternoon.

TEL Declan Doherty 01 690 1400

Leeson Park House Nursing Home (Silver Stream Healthcare) 12th

10 Leeson Pk., D6. Residents share life experiences.

Leopardstown Park Hospital,

Arts & Crafts Centre, Foxrock, D18. 'Dawn Chorus'; exhibition; an afternoon of dance by 'Purple Pumpkin'.

Galway University Hospitals Arts Trust 28th

Newcastle Rd. Performances of 'Fruitcake'; music; dance; exhibition.

TEL Margaret Flannery 091 544 979 or 087 125 0461

Station House Theatre 22nd

Cliffden. Theatre tour 'Here we are again still'.

TEL 095 30 303

Town Hall Theatre 23rd to 25th

Courthouse Sq., Galway. Theatre tour 'Here we are again still'.

TEL 091 569 777

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Abbeyknockmoy ICA Guild 2nd to 30th

Abbeyknockmoy Community Centre, Tuam. Gentle movement & dance for older people each Mon.

TEL Patty O'Brien 087 763 7597

Ballybane Active Retirement Assoc. 5th

Ballybane Resource Centre. 'Lynda Cookson Art Demonstration and Workshop' in Ballybane Library.

TEL Lilly Mooney 091 756 710 or 087 906 0386

Eyrecourt, Clonfert, Meelick Active Retirement Association 13th to 15th

Ballyhugh, Eyrecourt, Ballinasloe. Arts & culture weekend including performance of Handel's Messiah by Dublin Choral group, **14th**; art exhibition, **13th**, music & song, **15th**.

TEL Martin Staunton 086 889 8554

The Village Nursing Care Centre 14th

Ballygarriff, Craughwell. 'May Party' for residents, families and friends with music, drama and dancing and a BBQ in the courtyard.

TEL Eileen Keleghan 086 060 3646

KERRY

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Carnegie Arts Centre 12th and 13th

Kenmare. Film 'Julie & Julia' **12th**. Theatre tour 'Here we are again still' **13th**.

TEL 064 664 8701

St John's Theatre 10th, 11th and 24th

Listowel. Theatre tour 'Here we are again still' **10th** and **11th**. Film 'Julie & Julia' **24th**.

TEL 068 22 566

Samhlaíocht 4th

Tralee. Film 'Julie & Julia'.

TEL 066 712 9934

Siamsa Tíre & Kerry Film Festival 4th

Town Park, Tralee. Dance 4 the Young at Heart present a 5-minute dance performance followed by film 'The Night of the Hunter'.

TEL Karl Wallace 066 718 6188

Tech Amergin 12th

Waterville. Theatre tour 'Here we are again still'.

TEL 066 947 8956

Public Libraries

Kerry Library

Moydenwell, Tralee.

TEL Ann Fitzgerald 066 712 1200

Marley Nursing Home 25th

Kellystown Rd., Rathfarnham, D16. Craft exhibition showcasing residents' work, and coffee afternoon.

TEL Lesley Kelly or Dolores Dolorito 01 499 4444

Newpark Care Centre

The Ward. 'Tales, Tastes & Traditions', gathering, cooking and publishing old recipes; Open Day.

Orwell House Nursing Home 9th

112 Orwell Rd., Rathgar, D6. 'This is our Life', book of residents' stories and poems.

TEL Karyn Farrell 01 492 2142

Seanchara Community Unit 3rd to 27th

St Canice's Rd., Glasnevin, D11. Variety entertainment including singing, ballroom dancing; Dublin historian tells the story of Dublin.

St Clare's Nursing Home

503 Griffith Ave., Glasnevin, D11. Art exhibition; tea dance; drama by Carnation Theatre.

St Mary's Hospital

Phoenix Park, D20. Art exhibition of residents' work, **8th** and **9th**; couples outing to Botanic Gardens, **24th**; inter-hospital quiz with Bellvilla Community Unit, **19th**; launch of Activity Centre, **3rd**.

Simpson's Hospital 13th

Ballinteer Rd., D14. Tea dance; exhibition of art & crafts.

GALWAY

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Áras Éanna 27th

Inis Oírr. Theatre tour 'Fruitcake'.

TEL 099 75 150

Generations in Action March to 26th May

Ballybaun, Headford. 'What's the Story?' an intergenerational art, storytelling and photographic project with Corrandulla NS pupils and local older people, guided by an artist. An open day to exhibit the project work.

TEL Isabelle Gaborit 087 279 3819

Kilconnell Art Group 5th to 31st

Ballinderry Cottage, Kilconnell. Exhibition of art by local children and senior citizens.

TEL Maura Warde 086 165 7491

Knocknacarra Active Retirement Assoc.

49 Clybaun Hgts., Knocknacarra, Galway. 'Ageing Creatively', display of artwork & decoupage; readings by writers group; talks on customs & traditions; workshops & craft demonstrations; songs & music.

TEL Pat Lally 091 524 782 or 087 682 1285

Newcastle Active Retirement Association 10th

The Library, Westside, Galway. Table Quiz in Salthill Hotel. All ARA branches in area invited.

Care Centres

Clifden Day Care 4th May to 1st June

District Hospital. Arts & crafts using tactile materials e.g. wool, soap and wood.

Kilcolgan Nursing Home

Kilcolgan. Art exhibition in Mother Hubbard's during May; arts & crafts; card making, flower arranging, gardening and weekly home baking.

TEL Maura Horan or Deirdre Hartmann 091 776 446

Castleisland Library: 'Stories from the Heart' workshop with Susie Minto, **12th**; flower arranging and centrepieces, **21st**.

Killarney Library: 'Hunger' a drama, **19th**.

Killorglin Library: Workshop on jewellery making and centrepieces, **7th**.

Tralee Library: 'Stories from the Heart' workshop with Susie Minto, **12th**; 'Hunger' a drama, **19th**; flower arranging and centrepieces, **14th**.

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Caherdaniel Community Care

Caherdaniel, Killarney. Intergenerational project with local children to share stories.

TEL Maura O'Connor or Noreen Curran 087 920 6667

Club '55' Asdee Active Retired

Asdee village, Listowel. A community festival; dance sessions; anniversary visit to Áras an Uachtaráin, and to a Dublin show.

TEL Tony Hanlon 068 41 115 or 087 664 3301

Fáilte Ladies Probus Club, Tralee

Probus arts and crafts exhibition at Tralee Library from **20th**. Fashion show on **13th April**.

TEL Phil Hussey

Probus Clubs in the Tralee Area 3rd to 20th

c/o Donal J O'Sullivan. Art exhibition in Tralee Library; guided forest walk at Ballyseedy Wood; historic walk in Tralee town.

TEL 066 712 5696

Care Centres

Castleisland Day Care Centre 16th to 20th

Chapel Lane, Castleisland. Arts and crafts exhibition, **16th** to **20th**; dance **20th**.

TEL Marcella Finn 066 714 3865

Cúil Dídin

Skahanagh, Tralee. 'Creating my home at Cúil Dídin', launch with guest speakers, **3rd**; art with pupils from Caherleaheen NS, **4th**; trivial pursuit with 11-12 Club and Day Care Centre **5th**; seisiún and storytelling, **6th**; art exhibition with Probus Group; 'Triona Chéile', social event; daily afternoon events, history talk, poetry, dance, imagery, crafts.
TEL Catriona O'Connor 066 711 9090

Oaklands Nursing Home

Derry, Listowel. Intergenerational creative project with local schools, writing and art exhibition, **1st** to **31st**; performance by local music group and choir **20th**.
TEL Linda Hare 068 21 173

KILDARE

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Maynooth Film for All: Film Club **11th**

Kildare County Council Arts Service, Newbridge. 'This Other Eden', 1959, is a caustic comedy that explores the legacy of the Civil War. At The New Lecture Theatre, Iontas Building, NUI Maynooth.
TEL Brenda Brady 045 448 328

Nás na Ríogh Housing Assoc. **21st**

McCauley Place, Naas. Launch of a book of photographs and essays on the 'Luisne - Dawn's Light' 2010 Bealtaine project, with Helen McLoughlin's intergenerational group of 'Bodhranistas'.
TEL Margharita Solon 045 883 599

St Vincent's Hospital Activities Dept.

4th to 27th Athy. Traditional music, dance and folklore; visit to Heritage Centre; theatre tour 'Fruitcake'.
TEL Siobhán Minchin 059 863 1614 or 087 797 3410

KILKENNY

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Kilkenny Castle, OPW **2nd to 30th**

The Parade, Kilkenny. Free tour every Mon in May, 12.00 and 2pm. Booking essential.
TEL John Burke 056 770 4106

National Craft Gallery **3rd to 11th**

'Crafternoon Tea' includes a guided tour of the Irish Craft Portfolio and craft workshop, **3rd**; exhibition of work from 35 Irish craftmakers, **3rd to 11th**.
TEL Leslie Ryan 056 779 6151

Public Libraries

Kilkenny Library Service **4th to 28th**

Library HQ, John's Green Hse. Silver Screen showing films of Maureen O'Hara in the Set Theatre, John's St., **10th** & **24th**. All welcome.

TEL Brenda Ward 056 779 4977

Castlecomer Library 056 444 0561: Check out Bealtaine's Facebook at our Facebook classes, **6th, 13th, 20th**. Booking essential.

Graigueanamanagh Library 056 779 4178: Check out Bealtaine's Facebook at our Facebook classes, **4th, 11th, 18th, 25th**. Booking essential. Learn to express your artistic creativity with 'udraw studio' at our Nintendo Wii classes, **7th, 14th, 21st, 28th**. Booking essential.

Loughboy Library: Exhibition of paintings and crafts by Kilkenny ARA, **23rd to 27th**.

Active Retirement / Community Groups

50+ Active Age Group

Block Rd., Portlaoise. Dawn Chorus on Rock of Dunamais, **29th**; talk on creative writing by Sheila Coyle.

Portarlington Active Retirement Association – Happy Hearts Club **19th**

Community Centre, Link Rd. Exhibition and sale of members' arts & crafts, paintings, pyrographic works, knitted & crochet articles, glass paintings, handmade pram & cot sets and baby coats & hats.
TEL Ann Knight 057 864 3727

Social Services Senior Citizens Bingo Group

St Canice's Hall, Borris-in-Ossory. Music; dance; storytelling; annual outing.
TEL Sr Regina Delaney 086 361 5701

LEITRIM

Arts / Culture / Heritage

The Dock **6th and 27th**

St George's Tce., Carrick-on-Shannon. 'Here We Are Again Still' by Christian O'Reilly with post-show talk, **27th**; 'Great Characters of Wit & Laughter' stories by Barry Feely from his book, supported by musician/singer Donal O'Connor, **6th**.

TEL Siobhán O'Malley 071 965 0828

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Annaduff / Drumsna Golden Age Group **10th and 17th**

Drumsna. 'May Madness Ball' at the Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, and unveiling of our parish wall hanging; drama 'The Inheritance' written and performed by our members.

TEL Colleen Guckian 087 767 0788

Riverbank Arts Centre 17th to 21st

Main St., Newbridge. Bealtaine festival celebrations with Kildare County Council Arts Service include 'expandance' over 60s dance morning; beginner's poetry workshop; film; storytelling workshop; music with Ger Wolfe; drama performance 'Fruitcake' 20th, 'Here we are again still', 4th June; and 'Somewhere over the Rainbow, The Liza Minnelli Story'. Film 'Julie & Julia' 18th.

TEL Linda Geraghty 045 448 327

Public Libraries

Leixlip Community Library 1st to 31st

Captains Hill, Leixlip. Art classes; readings with Mae Leonard; arts & crafts workshops; felting for beginners; afternoon tea dance; 'I'll live til I die' commemorating Delia Murphy in song; knitting classes; exhibition 'Who do you think you are?' 1st to 31st; and more.

TEL Joan O'Gorman 01 606 0050

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Kilcock 'Open Door' 8th

The Scouts Hall, Bridge St. Afternoon Tea Dance.
TEL Mary Nolan 087 130 0571

Kilteel ICA

Newtown, Eadestown, Naas. Art exhibition.
TEL Netta Crowley 045 876 491

Care Centres

Craddock House Nursing Home 26th

Craddockstown Rd., Naas. Exhibition of art, crafts & flower arrangements.

TEL Daphne Wright 087 255 7851

Care Centres

Drakeland's House Nursing Home 11th, 17th and 26th

'Learn to be a potter, speak French and be a wood turner' at our workshops.

TEL Mary O'Carroll 087 125 4956

Gowran Abbey Nursing Home 3rd to 31st

Gowran Village. Art & crafts group project where 12 canvases create one picture; exhibition of work by residents; creative writing workshop; visit by Blossoms Theatre Company; sing along and dancing with music by Conor Halpin.

St Columba's Hospital, Activities Art Group 1st to 31st

Thomastown. Residents' art exhibition.

TEL Mary Hickey 056 775 4804

St Columba's Hospital Day Care Centre 1st to 31st

Thomastown. A variety of community events including intergenerational workshops, dance, cookery, exhibitions and more.

TEL Edwina Muldowney 056 775 4825

Strathmore Lodge Nursing Home 20th

Friary Walk, Callan. Residents' art exhibition.

Club Cluainin Active Age Group 10th to 13th

c/o The Glens Centre, New Line, Manorhamilton. Group crafts exhibition including knitting, crochet, basket making, stone painting, cushions etc. Two cross-border groups will be invited to the launch.

TEL Mary McFadden 071 985 5945

Drumreilly Active Age Group 2nd

Crickeen, Carrigallen PO, (via Cavan), Maypole dance & social.

TEL Frances O'Reilly 049 433 3265

Kiltyclogher Active Age Group 4th and 18th

Visits to historical places of interest; poetry reading & sing song; storytelling.

Care Centres

Arus Carolan Day Hospital 18th

Mohill. 'Music Session', an afternoon of music.

Ballinaglera Social Services

Art & crafts display and social evening with music.

TEL Mary McGourty 071 964 3411

Carrigallen Day Care 12th

Primary Care Centre. Launch of booklet by TY students on people at the Day Centre, with Irish music, songs and dancing.

Kilgar Day Care Club, Fri. Group 3rd to 31st

c/o Leirim Lakes Hostel Kiltyclogher & Bee Park Resource Centre, Manorhamilton. Felt-making with Noreen Lunney; flower arranging, planting, earth soil relationships and traditions of nature with Frances O'Brien; roots, slips and transplants, with The North Leitrim Men's Group; exhibition of all our May creations and ceol, craic agus rince, with Seamus Ferguson and friends.

TEL Carmel Loughlin 087 987 9138

LAOIS

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Arts Office, Laois County Council 1st to 31st

Aras an Chontae, Portlaoise. Carnation Theatre Company and Laois ICA Choir entertain in local hospitals and day care centres; Bernard Canavan art exhibition in Aras an Chontae; creative writing workshops with Active Age Groups and writer in residence Ann Egan.

TEL 057 867 4342

LIMERICK

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Belltale 17th to 24th

69 O'Connell St., Limerick. Theatre tour 'Here we are again still' 17th to 19th; film 'Julie & Julia' 24th.

TEL 061 319 866

The Hunt Museum

Customs House, Rutland St., Limerick. 'Faces of the Hunt': Portraits of docent volunteers on display (with Limerick School of Art & Design), celebrating our volunteers, many of them older people; A film project with Limerick Technical Institute, launch on 24th. Ongoing Bealtaine events.

TEL Dominique Bouchard 061 312 833

Limerick Printmakers Studio and Gallery

4 Robert St. ACCESS film, 7th; reduced-rate printmaking workshops, 11th, 18th, 25th.

TEL Kate Wrixon 061 311 806

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Ballyhahill/Loughill Going Strong Group

c/o Eliz Woulfe, Finnoe, Ballyhahill. Visit to Flying Boat Museum, Foynes, 10th; social; outing.

TEL Eliz Woulfe 069 82 132

Our Lady Queen of Peace Senior Citizens

Roxboro Rd., Limerick. Visit and tour of Glenstall Abbey 16th; library visit 23rd; exhibition.

TEL Teresa Byrne 061 416 676

Pallasgreen Active Retirement 1st to 31st

Art exhibition; Alzheimer's Tea Day 6th.

TEL Josephine Ryan 061 384 053

Care Centres

Costello's Care Centre 7th

Lanesboro. Paul Hennessy of the Three Tenors and the children of the Evolution Stage School perform for residents, relatives and local community.

St Joseph's Day Care Centre

Longford. Spring gardening; arts & crafts.

LOUTH

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Arts Services, Louth County Council 23rd to 26th

Arts Office, Town Hall, Dundalk. Carnation Theatre touring in Louth to day care centres, hospitals, senior citizens clubs and parish centres.

TEL Denis Darcy 042 939 2950

Droichead Arts Centre

Stockwell St., Drogheda. Film shorts 10th, 'Julie & Julia' 17th; Theatre tour 'Here we are again still' 3rd June.

TEL 041 983 3946

Public Libraries

Louth County Library 3rd to 14th

Roden Pl., Dundalk. 'Push the Boat out and

Discover New Things' at our branch libraries.

Family history & genealogy workshops; introduction to digital photography; creative gardening; painting.

TEL Amanda Branigan 042 932 4321

Mayo County Council Arts Office

Aras an Chontae, Castlebar. A diverse arts programme of events, recitals, workshops, collaborative projects, talks, films and master classes; Mayo Artsquad's 'New Ground' project, on 21st & 22nd; specialist workshops with ARAs; community weaving project in Care settings; tour of public art commissions; 'Fruitcake' in Sacred Heart CNU; master classes by older artists; collaborative magazine of older people's work in Mayo and launch; performances / recitals in care settings.

TEL Ann Marie McGing 094 904 7558

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Balla Active Age Group 20th

Balla, Castlebar. Concert by Mayo Retired Teachers' Choir, recitations, music, song and dance.

Ballina Active Retirement Assoc.

c/o 27 Riverside Dr., Quay Rd. Tea dance with specially invited guests and other ARAs.

Cúram Family Centre

Dalton St., Claremorris. 'Colour May Beautiful', one-day art workshop with a light lunch.

TEL Dorothy Campbell 094 936 2096

Foxford Active Retirement Assoc. 3rd

Social Services Centre, Chapel Rd. Short drama and mixed concert of music, song and poetry.

TEL Geraldine Brett 094 925 6614

Moy Valley Over 55 Club 10th, 17th, 24th

Cathedral Rd., Ballina. Tea dance, 10th; movie afternoon, 17th; historic walk, 24th.

TEL Corina O'Dowd 096 70 905

Patrickswell Active Retirement Association
GAA Club. Our singing group will visit Nursing Homes and Community Centres to entertain residents during last two weeks in May.

Care Centres

Good Shepherd Day Care Centre 9th to 11th
Pennywell Rd., Limerick. Arts & crafts exhibition; fun fashion show, concert sing-song.
TEL Sr Rose O'Doherty 061 414 150

Milford Care Centre

Castletroy. 'Cruinniú na mBád' art & craft exhibition; concert by our day care choir; clients will explore the theme 'pushing the boat out, whatever the sea'; invitation to other groups to share music, art, horticulture, movement.
TEL Deirdre Ní Argáin 061 485 800 Ext. 309

St Anthony's Nursing Home 4th, 11th and 21st
Kilduff Castle, Pallasgreen. 'Taking to the Seas', nautical-theme fancy dress with song & dance; music with The Ramblers; table quiz.
TEL Ann O'Dwyer 061 384 104

LONGFORD

Public Libraries

Longford County Library, LCR, Longford VEC and Longford Older Persons Network supported by Longford Community Guards and St Joseph's Day Care Centre 1st to 31st
Festival launch, 3rd; arts & crafts day at Lus na Greine, Granard, 10th; performances, sean nós dancing, song & poetry with Newtownforbes Senior Citizens Club: contact Madeleine Bennett 087 946 5119; mini concert with Club '91 at Thomond Lodge Retirement Home; photographic and arts & crafts exhibitions in Longford Library; tea dance and close of festival in Longford Arms Hotel 26th.
TEL Fiona Cooney 043 334 1124

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Ardee Active Retirement / Moorehall Retirement Village 23rd to 30th
William St., Ardee. Dawn Chorus; quiz; floral demonstration; poetry readings; picnic in Wildlife & Sensory Garden with music and poetry.
TEL Mary Dunne 087 639 7198

MAYO

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Ballina Arts Centre 11th to 30th
Barrett St. Theatre tour 'Fruitcake', 11th; film 'Julie & Julia', 13th. Ballina Film Club presents 'Barry Lyndon', 18th; guided tour of 'North Mayo Retrospective' by Hughie O'Donoghue, 25th; 'Memory Matters', a 2-day visual art workshop – bring along an object or personal memento as a starting point for a piece of visual art, 23rd and 30th.

TEL Seán Walsh or Sara English 096 73 593

'Hearth' – Art for Older People at Home
Ross, Castlebar. 'Art Exhibition', individual local artists exhibit their work collectively.

TEL Breda Mayock or Deirdre Walsh 087 785 0344

Linenhall Arts Centre 16th

Castlebar. Film 'Julie & Julia' and shorts.
TEL 094 902 3733

Care Centres

Cuan Chaitríona Nursing Home 2nd to 23rd
The Lawn, Castlebar. Poetry readings; song & dance; intergenerational event; local museum visits.
TEL Teresa Loughnane 094 902 1171

Dalton Nursing Unit 18th and 25th
Claremorris. Music group; art exhibition.

Moyridge Nursing Home 25th
Ballina. 'Evening with the Moy Singers'.

St Colman's Care Centre Ltd 18th and 25th
Keel, Achill Island. Exhibition of archival materials with Achill Historical Society in Keel Hall; tea dance in Pattens, Dereeens.

TEL Sorcha Daly 098 43 248

St John's Rest & Day Care Centre 4th and 18th
Knock. Arts & culture, painting, storytelling & music; outing.

TEL Sr. Catherine Mac Sweeney 094 938 8100 Ext. 136

MEATH

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Meath County Council Arts Office
Abbey Mall, Abbey Rd., Navan. Variety of arts activities taking place across the county.
TEL Cathy Martin 046 909 7414

Office of Public Works 13th and 22nd

Brú na Bóinne, Donore, Drogheda. Illustrator Andrew Whitson on his book on Balor the Fomorian sea pirate; masterclass in watercolour by Andrew Whitson; a walk among the wildflowers of Brú na Bóinne. Booking essential.

TEL Clare Tuffy 041 988 0300

Public Libraries

Meath County Council Library Service

Railway St., Navan. Events in conjunction with Meath Arts Office to be confirmed.

TEL Sharon Flanagan 046 909 7362 or 046 902 1134

Ashbourne 01 835 8185 and **Athboy** 046 943 2539; 'Poems we learned in school'.

Duleek 041 988 0709 and **Dunboyne**

01 825 1248; 'Your photos, our history'.

Dunshaughlin 01 825 0504 and **Kells** 046 924 1592; Music appreciation.

Navan 046 902 1134 and **Nobber** 046 905 2732; Creative cookery.

Oldcastle 049 854 2084; Art workshop.

Ráth Cairn 046 943 0929 and **Trim** 046 943

6014; Knitting and crochet.

Slane 041 982 4955; Digital photography and other events.

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Clonard Active Retirement Assoc.

Clonard, Enfield. Day trip to Glasnevin Cemetery and Causey Farm.

TEL 044 937 5142

Wilkestown Active Retirement Association

27th Navan. Art exhibition.

TEL Jenny Cushway 046 905 5676

Care Centres

Knightsbridge Nursing Home **2nd to 6th**

Longwood Rd., Trim. Bealtaine film tour; Irish dancing; drama by Trim Drama Society; poetry presentation by Matt Gilsenan.

Banagher Active Retirement Group **15th**

St Rynagh's College, Main St. Afternoon of music, song and dance with refreshments.

Shannon Bridge **ARA 15th, 20th, 24th**

Leharrow, Shannon Bridge, via Athlone. 'Life in the Past Lane', exhibition of art and old photographs (in Parish Hall) **15th**; heritage stroll and picnic in Lough Boora Park **24th**; choir performance **20th**.

TEL Kieran Kelly 090 967 4169

Care Centres

Community Nursing Unit **Ofalia House 1st**

to 31st Edenderry. 'Out & About in Our New Garden'; the 'Queen of May Competition'; 'Exotic Animal Day', with local pet shop owner; 'Fair Day and Trip on the Canal'.

TEL Trudie Rowan 046 973 3504 or Eithne Boyhan 046 973 3511

ROSCOMMON

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Roscommon Arts Centre **1st to 31st**

Circular Rd., Roscommon. Events include: art exhibition 'Seeing in Black' by artist Orla Whelan; CoisCéim's dance project including a stage duet, a short dance film, over 50s dance classes and an expert panel discussion on positive ageing and creativity in older age; Bealtaine film tour; the drama, 'Here We are Again Still' by Christian O'Reilly **26th**.

TEL 090 662 5824

Hawk's Well Theatre **13th and 14th**

Temple St., Sligo. 'Intergenerational Dance Performance', Liv O'Donoghue has worked with a group of all ages and abilities to create a piece of work based on the idea of 'storytelling'. Theatre tour 'Fruitcake', **14th**.

TEL Nick McCall or Trevor Sweeney 071 916 1518

The Model, Home of the Niland Collection

1st to 19th The Mall, Sligo. 'The Ruby Blue Social Club at the Model', May tea dance, tours, talks, and film screenings; old-time dance classes, booking essential; free tour of Jack B Yeats exhibition; film 'City Island'; free talk with artist Seán McSweeney and writer Dermot Healy about Jack B Yeats and creativity; free talk by Stella Mews on Jack B Yeats and the Niland Collection.

TEL Reception 071 914 1405

Sligo Arts Service, Sligo County Council **3rd**

to 28th Development Centre, Cleveragh Rd. Exhibition of artwork by members of Active Age, Retirement Groups and participants at Day Care Centres; 'Casting the Net', retrospective exhibition from Sligo's Arts in Health Programme; 'Hearing from the Artist', talk about creative art projects; 'Stories, Cures and Remedies' project; showcase of local crafts with workshops, celebrating Year of Craft 2011.

TEL Catherine Fanning 071 911 1823

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Cliffoney / Grange **28th**

Ballincastle, Cliffoney. 'Join the Happy Throng', exhibition of art, craft and pottery.

TEL Catherine Youds 071 916 6273

Millbury Nursing Home 4th and 27th
Commons Rd., Navan. Carnation Theatre performance; photography exhibition.

MONAGHAN

Iontas Theatre 12th
Castleblaney. Film 'Julie & Julia'.
TEL 042 975 3400

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Positive Age Monaghan 25th
Clones Day Care Centre. Visual arts & crafts display.
TEL Maisie Smith 049 436 0433

OFFALY

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Anam Beo 1st to 31st
Aras an Chontae, Tullamore. 'Anam Beo Exhibition', work by participants in Offaly's Arts in Health Programme with professional artists including Michael Bulfin; a drama, 'Fruitcake' in Birr, **26th**, and Clara Resource Centre, **26th**.
TEL Sinéad O'Reilly 057 935 7400

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
Films 'Julie & Julia' **19th** and 'Show Boat' **20th**. Theatre tour 'Fruitcake' **26th**.
TEL 057 912 2911

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Ballycumber Leamonaghan Community Developments Ltd. Active Age Programme
The Barracks, Ballycumber. Art exhibition of works painted by members of the community.
TEL Ronnie O'Connor 057 933 6283 or 057 933 6889

Active Retirement / Community Groups

County Roscommon Active Age 1st to 31st
8 Ashbrook Ave., Ballyforan, Ballinasloe. Drama, short sketches, song & dance presented by Club members; arts & crafts.

Care Centres

Residents Circle Gathering Shannon Lodge Nursing Home 4th to 17th

Roskey. 'People First' and 'Find a Simple Pleasure Today', intergenerational community event encouraging creativity and reminiscence, includes tree planting, **4th**; song and dance, **7th**; Sonas, sensory stimulation, **12th**; visit to the local Community Centre to view slideshows, photographs and more, **17th**.
TEL Marian Harris

SLIGO

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Cos Cos Sean Nós Festival 4th and 8th
Rathcormac Hall, Drumcliffe. The festival links with Bealtaine Sligo 2011 to celebrate older musicians and their music, with an evening session of music, dance and song. All welcome, admission is free, **4th**; 'Stories, Cures and Remedies' at The History Cottage, led by writer Maura Gilligan. All welcome to join in, **8th**.
TEL Brenda O'Callaghan 086 192 5988

DeafHear Hard of Hearing Group 5th
Abbeyville Centre, Abbeyville, Sligo. Exhibition of oil paintings and short stories created by the group.
TEL Carmel Cawley 071 919 4975

MCR Active Age Group 15th

Mail Coach Road Community Centre, Sligo. 'Ship Shape', public art exhibition and tea dance.
TEL Una Sommers 071 914 6512

Sligo & District Active Retirement Assoc.

10th 10 O'Connell St., Sligo. Bealtaine at Dominican Friary Hall: exhibition of crafts; readings by writers group; music & sing-song.
TEL Mary Ryan 071 914 5935

Tubbercurry Active Retirement Assoc.

Sligo Rd., Tubbercurry. 'Evening of Readings', short prose, story and poetry.
TEL Phyl Flannery 071 918 5059

Care Centres

Easkey Day Centre 8th

Easkey. 'Storytelling Day of Olden Days', clients sharing stories of life when they were growing up.

Enniscrone Primary Care Centre

Enniscrone. Storytelling, song & dance.

Mowlam Nursing Home

Ballytivnan. 'Tall Tales' stories by Gene Sheerin.
TEL Helen 086 326 8983 or 071 914 7952

Skreen & Dromard Community Care

Dromard. Music, song, dance & storytelling.
TEL Mary McCarthy 071 916 6846

St John's Hospital 9th to 14th

Ballinode. Arts & crafts with Rachel Taylor from the National Learning Network; reminiscence films; storytelling and music sessions.

TEL Charlie Coyne 086 054 1506

TIPPERARY

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Cloughjordan Cineclub

Films 'Julie & Julia' 4th, shorts 7th and 'Show Boat' 25th.

TEL 087 268 9419

Nenagh Heritage Centre 13th to 3rd June

Kickham St. Theatre tour 'Fruitcake', 18th. Ink exhibition of photographs of older people's tattoos with workshop on 19th where Aidan Kelly will photograph your tattoo. Film 'Julie & Julia' 19th.

TEL 067 34 900

South Tipperary Arts Centre 16th Apr to

10th May Nelson St., Clonmel. Ink exhibition of photographs of older people's tattoos with workshop on 4th where Aidan Kelly will photograph your tattoo.

TEL 052 612 7877

Tipperary County Council Arts Services 1st to 31st Civic Offices, Nenagh, County Museum, Clonmel & Library HQ, Thurles. Tipperary Bealtaine festival partnership presents an exciting range of arts events across County Tipperary, from creative dance to traditional music and song. Over 60 events planned, see Tipperary Bealtaine programme. All welcome. Film in Clonmel 'Julie & Julia' 18th.
TEL Melanie Scott (North) 067 44 860, Sally O'Leary (South) 052 613 4565, Emer O'Brien (Library HQ) 050 421 555

St Vincent's Day Care Centre

Health Centre, Tipperary. Celebrate with Us! – musical afternoon of song & dance with refreshments; poetry reading afternoon.

TEL Peggy Kennedy 062 82 105

Vee Valley Day Care Centre 10th

Convent Rd., Clogheen. 'The Golden Era of Céilí Music and Dance 1955-1970', a talk by Brian Lawler with reviews of the work and music of that period.

Maypark House Nursing Home 8th to 14th

Maypark Lane, Dunmore Rd., Waterford. 'A Splash of Youth', painting exhibition of earlier work by residents.

TEL Gina Fitzmaurice 051 301 848

Padre Pio Rest House 29th

Cappoquin. Tea dance and exhibition of art and cards made by residents. Other groups invited.

TEL Mary Flynn or Lynda Lenane 058 54 117

WATERFORD

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Arts Office, Waterford County Council 16th

Civic Offices, Davitt's Quay, Dungarvan. Theatre tour of 'Fruitcake'. Free but pre-booking with Arts Office advised.

TEL Margaret Organ 058 41 416

Town Hall Theatre 16th

Dungarvan. Theatre tour 'Fruitcake'.

TEL 058 41 416

Waterford Healing Arts Trust 29th

'Dawn Chorus' with De La Salle Senior Choir and Deise ARA.

TEL Claire Meaney 051 842 664

WESTMEATH

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Moate Community Development Association

Tuar Ard Arts Centre, Church St. Film, 'Julie & Julia' 24th.

TEL Catherine Ganley 090 648 2042

Mullingar Arts Centre 2nd June

Lower Mount St. Theatre tour 'Here we are again still'.

TEL 044 934 7783

Public Libraries

Castlepollard Library 4th to 31st

Mullingar Rd. 'Enchanting Lace' with Gráinne Uí Chonláin, demonstration of making Limerick, Carrickmacross, Czech & Bobbin Lace, 4th; exhibition of lace christening gowns, veils, fans, collars, 4th to 31st.

TEL Nicola Brennan-Gavin 044 933 2199

Tipperary Excel Arts

Mitchell St., Tipperary Town. Theatre tour 'Fruitcake' 17th. Film 'Julie & Julia' 11th.
TEL 062 80 520

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Fethard Youth Centre 4th

Film 'Julie & Julia'.
TEL 052 613 1000

St Ruadhan's Community Hall 18th

Lorrha Village. Theatre tour 'Fruitcake'.
TEL 0909 747 922

Care Centres

Carrick on Suir Day Care Centre 2nd

Waterford Rd. 'The Plate Project Exhibition', clients identify old images of personal significance and transfer them onto ceramic plates.
TEL Eileen O'Dowd 051 640 085

Cashel Day Care Centre 17th

Theatre tour 'Fruitcake'.

Friends of Cluain Arann 22nd

Cluain Arann, Avondale Cres., Tipperary Town. A traditional evening of song, music & dance.
TEL Evelyn O'Regan 062 52 186

Green Hill Nursing Home

Pill Rd., Carrick on Suir. Visits from local schools; plant a tree; Bealtaine Dance; music session; trip.

Sacré Coeur Private Nursing Home 16th

Station Rd., Tipperary. An evening of culture, song and poetry with the Tipperary Singers.
TEL Laura Myers 062 51 157

Public Libraries

Waterford City Council Library Service 1st to 31st

Lady Lane; Ardkeen Stores; Paddy Brown's Rd. Free workshops and talks on art, photography, dance, intergenerational techno clinics – explore the arts online, gardening, health, volunteering and more; we have a nautical-inspired photography competition; a seniors art exhibition on 1st Floor, Central Library; digital photography 4-week course; dance classes with Libby Seward 4th and 5th and lots more.
TEL Debbie Johnston (Central) 051 849 975
or Mary Foley (Ardkeen & Brown's Rd.) 051 849 755

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Ballyduff Active Retirement Association 11th and 25th

Ballyduff Upper. Storytelling, crafts, cures, dancing and old-time dress.
TEL Mary Fennessy 058 60 163

Slieverue Active Retirement Association 11th

Slieverue via Waterford. Line dancing with other invited Active Retirement Groups in the area.
TEL Marie Cummins 051 832 330 or 086 234 3366

Stella Maris Secondary School 16th

Pond Rd., Tramore. Theatre tour 'Fruitcake'.
TEL 051 381 298

Care Centres

Killure Bridge Nursing Home 4th to 10th

Airport Rd., Waterford. Residents' art exhibition.
TEL Mary Burke 051 870 055

Active Retirement / Community Groups

1428 Active Retirement Club 9th to 14th

46 Dominick St., Mullingar. 'Trying to push the boat out...' musical production; craft days; coffee morning with traditional music & dance; intergenerational project with local school.
TEL Debbie Daly 044 938 4290

An Grianán Active Age Group 10th

Mount Temple, Moate. 'Ceol, scéal and craic', storytelling, poetry and local history.
TEL Vera Hynes 090 648 2142

ATK Community Centre Ltd. 18th

St Kieran's, Tormey Villas, Athlone. Drama workshop with one-act drama; visit to art gallery.
TEL Mona Joyce 090 645 0272

B M B Active Retirement Assoc. 2nd

Multyfarnham. 'Multi-Talents', open day with exhibition of arts & crafts, singing, recital by community singers, music and craic.
TEL Deirdre Coffey 044 937 1246

Tang Golden Years ARA 22nd

Tang, Ballymahon. Afternoon Tea Dance.
TEL May Deacy 090 643 8963

Care Centres

Mullingar Resource Centre (Sonas) 3rd and 5th

Delvin Rd., Mullingar. 'Creative Storytelling', each client contributing their individual thoughts and reminiscences, music and drama.

St Mary's Care Centre 9th to 13th

Longford Rd., Mullingar. 'Art in Care / Intergenerational contact through Music', display of art, story boards & photography, 9th to 13th; music afternoon, 9th.
TEL Helen Fagan 044 939 4953

St Mary's Day Care Centre 9th to 13th
Longford Rd., Mullingar. 'Creating a calendar for 2012', display of the calendar artwork; music; talks.

St Vincent's Care Centre 2nd to 18th
Athlone. Storytelling; music; masquerade fancy dress afternoon tea dance; re-showing of DVD 'Butterfly Moments'; movie evening; arts & crafts display.

TEL Pauline Quast or Julie Molloy
090 647 5301

WEXFORD

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Picture House Film Club

Films shorts 3rd, 'Julie & Julia' 5th.
TEL 053 912 3764

Public Libraries

Bunclody Library 3rd to 21st

Workshops on summer crops, 5th; card making, 7th; library research skills, 11th; felting, 14th; learn how to check out Bealtaine's Facebook, 21st; photographic exhibition of contemporary Bunclody streetscapes, 3rd to 17th. Booking essential for workshops.

TEL Trish Keenan 053 937 5466

New Ross Library 16th to 31st

The New Ross Day Care Centre exhibition of boat and water paintings 16th to 31st; 'Food to Love' a cookery demo by Edward Hayden, 21st.

TEL Nicola McGrath 051 421 877

Care Centres

Grantstown Priory Scheme 17th
Wellingtonbridge. Tea & dance with craft exhibition.
TEL Betty Fox 051 561 016

New Ross Day Care Centre 16th to 31th
Healthy Living Centre, Hospital Grounds, New Ross. Art exhibition by clients in New Ross Library.
TEL Martina McKinstry 051 440 236

St Mary's Day Care Centre 25th

Tagoat. Art & crafts open day.

TEL Siobhán Murphy 053 913 2624

WICKLOW

Arts / Culture / Heritage

Conary Film Club 26th

Avoca. Film 'Julie & Julia'.

TEL 087 233 4714

Courthouse Arts Centre 10th

Tinahely. Film 'Julie & Julia'.

TEL 0402 38 529

expansion 5th to 25th

c/o Alicia Christoffi-Walshe, Donard Mountain, Donard. 'expansion Over 60s Events', dance performance in GB Shaw Theatre, Carlow, free; dance class at Riverbank Arts Centre, Kildare; and at The Courthouse Arts Centre, Tinahely, dance classes, and one-day workshop & performance for over 60s based on Bealtaine theme.

TEL Alicia Christoffi-Walshe 087 666 6632

Carnew Community Care 17th

Gorey Rd. 'Night of Music, Song & Story', with local musicians, singers and storytellers.

TEL Sheila Kirwan 053 942 6510

Greystones Nursing Home

Church Rd. 'Ageless Recipes', residents and staff will compile a cook book of favourite recipes.

TEL Zephra Johnson or Eve Byrne
01 287 3226

St Colman's Hospital - HSE 1st to 31st

Rathdrum. Art exhibition.

TEL Chyrstal Dowd 0404 60 824

Tara Care Centre 4th to 17th

5/6 Putland Rd., Bray. 'Plant for Life', residents and staff together will plant and maintain seeds, taking photographs and monitoring them as they grow.

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Co. Wexford Age Equality Network 24th

c/o Wexford Local Development, Mill Park Rd., Enniscorthy. 'The Right to Hope and Dream' one-day conference with digital media work and exhibitions of art & craft by network members.

TEL Marie Louise Byrne 053 915 5864

Kilrane / Rosslare Harbour Active Retirement Association 6th to 8th

11 Ros Mor, Rosslare Harbour. 'Handing On Our Skills', workshops in art, needlework, knitting, crochet, sugar icing and recycling; art & crafts exhibition and workshops; music, song, dance and storytelling; film diary of bygone days.

TEL Theresa Gleeson 053 916 1999

Ramsgrange Active Retirement

'Push the Boat Out', afternoon tea on Galley Cruising Restaurant, New Ross; exhibition of crafts, 27th.

TEL Julie Power 051 388 209

Silver Tones Choir 27th

Enniscorthy. Concert in St Aidan's Cathedral.

TEL Liam O'Leary 087 671 7146 or 053 923 3100

Social Initiative Men's Group 1st and 2nd

Bellefield GAA Complex, Enniscorthy. Art exhibition; we will also push a small boat from Edermine Bridge to Market Square.

TEL Maria Nolan 087 664 4603

Taghmon / Camross Active Retirement Association

Youngstown, Taghmon. Arts & crafts exhibition.

TEL May Buttimer 053 913 9198 or 086 886 8771

Klawitter Theatre Group Ltd 2nd to 30th
Glen Cottage beside Maddocks, Thornhill Rd., Bray. 'Push the boat out - your stories, your songs', a compilation of original songs and stories written and collected from active retired in Los Angeles, with Bealtaine Writers Group. Will be performed in nursing homes and senior centres around Ireland.
TEL Hedda Kaphengst 086 354 7001

Mermaid Arts Centre 23rd

Bray. Film 'Julie & Julia'.

TEL 01 272 4030

Active Retirement / Community Groups

Avoca Active Retirement Association 15th

to 29th Community Hall. 'Bealtaine Afternoon Tea Dance', 15th; 'Aspects of Avoca' quilting, paintings, photos, etc; Dawn Chorus, 29th.

TEL Joan Dowling 0402 30 655

Brockagh Resource Centre and Leargh Glendalough & District ARA

Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh. Tea dance, 22nd; intergenerational storytelling with pupils of St Kevin's NS; arts & crafts exhibitions, rug making; create art on your computer and more.

TEL Bernadette Tyrrell 0404 45 600

Dunlavin Friendship Group 11th

Heritage walk in Russborough Estate.

Care Centres

Baltinglass Hospital 12th

'You're a Star' talent competition of music, dance & drama with participants also from Blessington Day Care Centre and Baltinglass Day Care, 12th; visiting musicians and dancers during May.

TEL Josie Dooley 059 648 1255



From the 'Swans' project at the Abbey Theatre (photo: Ros Kavanagh)

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Liz Lerman Dance Exchange workshop at the Dunamaise Arts Centre (photo: Alf Harvey)





Patricia Dawson from Age & Opportunity's 'Go for Life' programme practising Tai Chi with members of Glasnevin ICA (photo: Sportsfile)

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