

CALENDAR OF OUR EVENTS FOR MARCH – SEPTEMBER 2015

MARCH

“Make It Happen” by Theresa Loftus.

Thursday 5th 8pm
To mark International Women's Day Theresa will speak on some of the most remarkable women from Monaghan, who made history and are featured in our 2015 calendar.

Behind the Scenes at the Museum

Tuesday 31st 11am – 5pm
Participants will get a hands on experience from museum staff on how to set up exhibitions, handle artefacts and carry out conservation in our laboratory in Clontibret. Transport will be provided. Lunch not included. Strictly over 16's.
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APRIL

Easter Arts & Crafts

Wednesday 1st 10am -11:30am & 1:00pm – 2:30pm
These fun family workshops will give everyone the chance to make their own Easter artwork! **Booking Essential**

Easter Treasure Hunt

Thursday 2nd 11:30am – 12:30pm & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Bring the family along to enjoy this fun treasure hunt around the museum displays in search of those elusive Easter Eggs!
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The Great Wall of Ireland?

Thursday 30th 8pm
New Discoveries on the Black Pig's Dyke by Cólín Ó Drisceoil Project Archaeologist. One of the largest archaeological features in prehistoric Europe, the Black Pigs Dyke is thought to have been an Iron Age border separating the kingdom of Ulster from the rest of the country. This fascinating talk tells the story of a recent study, jointly funded by Monaghan, Roscommon, Longford and Cavan County Council and the Heritage Council, that could change our understanding of this ancient border which runs through County Monaghan. This talk has been organised in cooperation with Monaghan County Heritage Office.

MAY

Bealtaine Festival 2015

Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th 11am – 1pm
Celebrating Creativity as we age. To mark the Bealtaine Festival 2015, the museum will be running a four week mosaic art programme. Under the watchful eye of artist Samantha Hawe. Participants will learn a new skill and create a piece of art they can take home and be proud of.
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“World Within Walls”

Thursday 14th 7:30pm (date to be confirmed)
This nationally important exhibition which has been organised in conjunction with Cavan/Monaghan HSE and Stair, tells the story of St. Davnet's Hospital. The story will be told through original archives, images, objects and oral histories.

National Drawing Day

Saturday 16th 12:30pm - 2:00pm & 2:45pm - 4:15pm
Participants will have an opportunity to release their creativity with innovative and unusual art activities. All will be revealed on the day.... **Booking Essential**

JUNE

Social Inclusion Week

Monday 8th
9 Grounds, 60 Years – A history of equality in county Monaghan. Monaghan County Council are launching an exciting booklet “9 Grounds, 60 Years” - this booklet traces the history of equality in county Monaghan from 1955 to 2015. The booklet shows the life of various people in Monaghan in 1955 compared to the life those people would have in 2015.



Clayotic Workshops

Saturday 6th 12:15pm - 1:15pm & 1:45pm – 2:45pm
3:15pm – 4:15pm
Family event. Clayotic is unique, non-toxic, air-drying clay for ages 5+. This fun work workshop helps children with their coordination, concentration, self-esteem and design skills.
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Glass Painting

Saturday 13th 12:30pm – 2:00pm & 2:30pm – 4:00pm
Family event. Why not try your hand at painting on glass? Participants will learn about light, colour and transparency in this fun workshop. **Booking Essential**

Printing Workshops

Saturday 20th 1:00pm – 2:00pm & 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Family event. Brenda O'Reilly Hughes (Artist) will facilitate workshops in various types of printmaking techniques.
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Mosaic Workshops

Saturday 27th 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Family event. Learn the craft of mosaic. Under the watchful eye of Samantha Hawe (Artist) participants will learn a new skill and create a piece of art for their home or garden in the process.
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JULY

“The Museum Goes Country”!

Saturday 18th 1pm – 3pm
Free acoustic session in the museum gallery as part of the Monaghan Country Music Festival 2015.



Archaeology Summer Camps

Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd & Monday 27th – Wednesday 29th

This summer camp is suitable for children from 6-12 years. All budding archaeologist will have the opportunity to get their hands dirty while having fun and learning about archaeology of county Moaghan.



AUGUST

HERITAGE WEEK EVENTS

“Behind the Scenes at the Museum”

Tuesday 25th 11am – 5pm
To celebrate Heritage week participants will get the opportunity to work with museum staff to learn about the work involved in the setting up of exhibitions. They will also be given a tour of our conservation lab in Clontibret. Transport will be provided, lunch is not included. Strictly over 16's only.
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“Castle Leslie and the Duke of Wellington, a special relationship” by Sammy Leslie

Tuesday 25th 8pm
200th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo 1815. Sammy Leslie will speak of the intriguing story of how Sir Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington owed his military career to the Leslies of Glaslough.

“The Duke of Wellington and the Irish involvement in the Battle of Waterloo” by Mark Leslie

Thursday 27th 8pm
Mark Leslie will lead us through the story of The Duke of Wellington's role in Napoleon's final defeat at the Battle of Waterloo and the Irish who fought on both sides during that historic day.

SEPTEMBER

“The Museum gets the Blues”

Friday 4th 2pm – 4pm & Saturday 5th 12pm – 2pm
As part of the Monaghan Harvest Time Blues Festival the museum will host some workshops and talks which will include personal perspective from the artists both on the musical and cultural significance of “The Blues”. The performances will be given by artists who will be appearing at this years festival.



“Culture Night at the Museum” Friday 18th 7:30pm

The Armagh Rhymers will present the age old 'Mummers Play', full of zany characters, ancient rhymes, music, dance and poetry. This fast paced spectacle will provide plenty of opportunities for audience participation for all the family.



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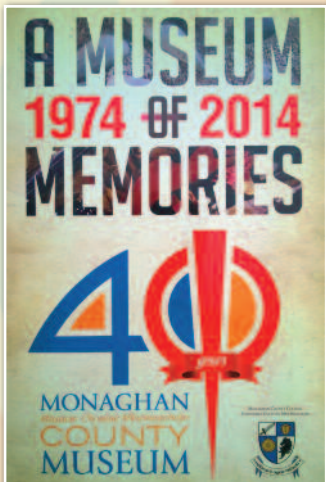
Thousands flock to Monaghan County Museum's 40th Birthday Party



On Saturday, September 27th the museum and the streets around it came to life as the museum staff threw a street party to celebrate 40 years of serving the community. An array of events took place throughout the day including living history tours, art and design workshops, craft demonstrations, storytelling sessions, walking tours, stone carving, World War I cannon displays, urban art demonstrations, pottery classes, gypsy caravan display, face painting and live music.

The main event of the day was the official launch of Monaghan County Museum's 40th anniversary exhibition; The Treasures of Monaghan, which showcases the very best of the museum's four decades

of collecting. The exhibition was officially opened by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Heather Humphreys TD. Minister Humphreys also launched a commemorative booklet Monaghan County Museum – A Museum of Memories 1974 – 2014 which tells the story of the museum through the words of past and present staff and those who have had a close association with the museum over the years. The booklet is available from the museum free of charge.



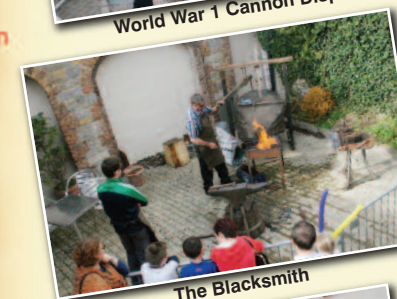
World War 1 Cannon Display



Spray Painting



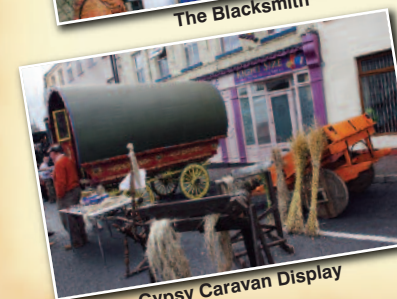
Stone Carving



The Blacksmith



Art and Design Workshop



Gypsy Caravan Display



Northern Sound Broadcasting from the Museum



Pottery Class

A New Museum

Minister Humphreys spoke about the importance of the County Museum in Monaghan and recalled her many happy visits to exhibitions openings during her time in Monaghan County Council. She commended the museum staff on their ongoing commitment to providing a highly successful and professional service to the people of the community. Monaghan County Council CEO Eugene Cummins spoke about how we can only properly plan for the future by learning from the past. He complemented the museum staff for the huge amount of work that went into planning and executing such an enormously successful and inclusive event. Singling out Museum Curator Liam Bradley for his passion and zeal in managing the museum service he said that he looked forward to the future of the museum with great optimism.



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From L to R Curator Liam Bradley, Cllr Sean Conlon, Minister Heather Humphreys, Cathaoirleach of County Monaghan Padraig McNally, Chief Executive Eugene Cummins, and Cllr David Maxwell



Past Curators of Monaghan County Museum From L to R Pat Long, Roisin Doherty and Aidan Walsh along with Curator Liam Bradley and Minister Heather Humphreys



Cllr Sean Conlon and Minister Heather Humphreys

In his opening remarks, Monaghan County Council Chairman Cllr Padraig McNally called on Minister Humphreys to do everything in her power to help the museum in their plans for a new building. He noted that the museum staff continue to provide a wonderful service but are hampered by lack of space and accessibility in the current building on Hill Street. While he confirmed that the museum's present building would have a future use, the service and the collection have now completely outgrown it and in order to further expand and reach new audiences it needs a bigger and most importantly fully accessible building.



From L to R Staff of the Museum, Theresa Loftus, Pauline Tilson, Curator Liam Bradley, Minister Heather Humphreys, Patricia Barbour, Noel Breakey, Fionnuala Mulligan and Andy Hogg



Daphne Holmes-Greer, David Eakin, and Meave Hackett Chairperson, Museum Advisory Committee along with Liam Bradley and Minister Heather Humphreys

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The Museum's story

Monaghan County Council led the way in 1974 when it became the first local authority in the Republic of Ireland to set up a full time professionally run museum. During the years in which the museum has been in existence there have been significant changes in the county. When it opened the conflict in Northern Ireland was raging on, the Monaghan bombing had occurred that same year killing seven people. The people of County Monaghan were suffering personally as well as economically from the Troubles. It was against this backdrop that the museum opened its doors to the public.



Museum walking tours

Over the decades the staff have worked to reach out to the community through various activities. This work has been the keystone in the museum's ability to work across cultural, economic and religious boundaries and develop a truly diverse user base. This has also enabled these dedicated professionals to build up what is recognised nationally as one of the finest museum collections in the country. From this work many awards have been achieved including, most notably the Council of Europe Museum Prize as well as Museum of the Year Awards for best collections care. Most recently it became the first local authority museum in the country to achieve full accreditation under the Heritage Council's Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI).



The Treasures of Monaghan

For the first time the very best of the museum's nationally acclaimed collection is being displayed together. This grand array of objects which has been brought together over the last four decades tells the story of County Monaghan and the surrounding area. What makes museums so important is their ability to tell a story through their objects, these fascinating artefacts which existed at the time when history was being made. The viewer can in a way transport back in time when they interact with these pieces from the past.

The collection spans the history of the region long before the county boundaries were decided. On display are objects from Monaghan's very first settlers in the Stone Age over 5,000 years ago. The coming of Christianity is reflected in the stunning Cross of Clogher, which is exhibited in a custom made case allowing visitors to truly enjoy the beauty of this very important artefact. The famine had a devastating effect on the county as it did all over the country, many people got by on meagre rations cooked up in massive vessels, which became known as famine pots like the one which is on display.

Weaponry from both World Wars, marching banners, pieces from the museum's extensive art collection including the famous McManus painting depicting a market day in Monaghan Town, the jerseys worn by Tommy Bowe when Ireland won the Grand Slam in 2009 and many others all come together as the Treasures of Monaghan in the historic exhibit.

All of this is complimented with a dedicated series of workshops, events and interactive displays. For full details contact the museum on (047) 82928, check out the website www.monaghan.ie/museum or find us on Facebook. The museum is open to the public Monday to Friday 11am – 5pm and Saturday 12pm – 5pm.