

ICA COMPETITIONS – 2016-2017 PROGRAMME

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National Contests Final 2017

Date: 7th to 9th April 2017

Location: An Grianán

At this final we will hold the competitions for the Patsy Lawlor Cup and Shield for Set Dancing, the Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music, the Baumann Shield for Music and the National Table Quiz Final.

PLEASE NOTE COMPETITION NUMBERS 7, 8, 9 10 and 11 are OPEN GUILD COMPETITIONS.

1. Gempack Baking Competition National - Final 25th February 2017

The GEMPACK Baking Competition Final will be held in An Grianán on Saturday 25th February 2017.

The competition is for a Cherry Cake 9 inch (23cm) round with no icing. One cake per Federation. Proof of Gempack purchases is required at Federation and National Competitions.

The names of the Federation winners and the recipes used must be submitted to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville by **Friday 10th February 2017**.

The Federation Winners will be invited to come to An Grianán on Saturday 25th February 2017. Registration of the entries will take place at 10.30am. Tea and coffee at 11am followed by a Cookery Demonstration. All meals, accommodation on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday will be sponsored by GEM PACK. There will be entertainment on the Saturday evening.

2. Creative Writing Competition - Closing Date: Monday 16th January 2017.

Title: A short story which must include the words **“Suddenly, out of nowhere came...”** (Maximum 2,000 words, word count must be stated).

Please send entry marked “Creative Writing Competition” to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. Stories **must be typed on one side of paper only using double line spacing and font size Times Roman 12**. Entries **must be typed, send a hard copy to Breda Banville with your entry fee not later than 16th January 2017 and email a copy to banvilleb@eircom.net**. *We hope to produce the Creative Writing Booklet containing all entries. Your story will be included unless you opt out at the time of*

submitting your entry. If you would like us to return the original story, **please** include a stamped self-addressed envelope. Entry Fee: €5.00 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests. Six stories will be shortlisted to go forward to the National Final in An Grianán on 25th February and will be read by the writer or a person of their choosing on Saturday afternoon. The shortlisted writers will be treated to dinner on Saturday evening and B&B.

3. ICA Trophy for Reporting Closing Date: Monday 20th March 2017

Write a report on one significant change that ICA has contributed to the lives of women. The report should be maximum 700 words.

Please send entry marked "Reporting" to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Foulksmills, Camross, Co Wexford by Monday 20th March 2017. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. If you would like us to return the original report **please** include a stamped self-addressed envelope. Entry Fee: €5.00 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

4. Inter Federation Cup for Art - Photography

Closing Date: Friday 17th February 2017

Titles: Colour Photograph Title "A Street Scene"

Black and White Photograph: "Two Happy Faces".

Size of Photographs 5x7 inches 13 x 18 cm - unmounted.

Photographs entered must have been taken by the entrant.

Please send entry marked "Photography" to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. **Please** enclose an appropriately sized stamped self-addressed envelope for return. **No details of entrant on photograph.** Entry Fee: €5.00 per photograph or 3 photographs for €10 – Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

5. Baumann Cup for Art - Closing Date: Monday 20th March 2017

Art: Painting – "Through My Window"

Unsigned, unmounted and unframed (Oils) with no **Size Restriction.** Please send entry marked "Baumann Art" to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. **Please** include stamped self-addressed envelope for return. No details of entrant on painting. Entry Fee: €5.00 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

6. National Table Quiz Final – Saturday 8th April 2017, Closing date 13th March 2017

- Table of three participants
- Entry fee €30 at Federation round.
- Out of the entry fees for the table quiz we are asking Federations to pay for dinner B&B for their winning team to attend the National Final at An Grianán on Saturday 8th April 2017 at 2pm. Lunch on 8th April is not included. Winners must make their own arrangements for lunch.
- Total cost €240 payable to National Contest Secretary before 13th March.
- There will be ten rounds with ten questions in each round at the National Final. One ICA round and one Picture round.

Please send names of winning team and cheque for €240 made payable to ICA Contests to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford marked “National Table Quiz” before 13th March 2017 including contact numbers and email addresses.

7. Patsy Lawlor Cup for Set Dancing - Full Set (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION) Closing Date for entry 20th March 2017. Final - 9th April 2017

Teams will be required to dance two figures of their chosen set.

Marching on and off floor not permitted. Dancing shoes (jig, hornpipe, batter) not permitted. Uniforms will not gain extra marks / Teams need not all be from the same Guild.

No Entry Fee / Bring your own music on CD or Tape and Player for the National Final.

Please send entry details marked “Patsy Lawlor Cup – Full Set” which should include the names of sets being danced, names of the Competitors and their Guilds, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford not later than 20th March 2017. National Final on Sunday 9th April 2017.

8. Patsy Lawlor Shield for Set Dancing - Half Set (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION) Closing Date for Entry 20th March 2017. – Final 9th April 2017

Teams will be required to dance two figures of their chosen set.

Marching on and off floor not permitted. Dancing shoes (jig, hornpipe, batter) not permitted.

Uniforms will not gain extra marks. Teams need not all be from the same Guild.

No Entry Fee / Bring your own music on CD or Tape and Player for the National Final.

Please send entry details marked “Patsy Lawlor Shield – Half Set” which should include the names of sets being danced, names of the Competitors and their Guilds, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford not later than 20th March 2017. National Final on Sunday 9th April 2017.

9. Baumann Shield for Music (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION) Closing date for entry is 20th March 2017

Theme: Two Songs (one song with a colour and one song with a month of year)

Group: minimum of 4 singers (need not all be from same Guild)

Accompanist need not be an ICA member but all singers must be paid up members.

No backing tracks allowed. Costumes will not gain marks. No entry fee.

Please send entry marked "Baumann Music" which should include the names of the two songs, Guild, Federation, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford not later than 20th March 2017. National Final on Sunday 9th April 2017.

**10. Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION)
Closing date for entries 20th March 2017.**

National Final on Sunday afternoon 9th April 2017.

Theme: Dhá amhrán as Gaeilge (two songs in Irish). Suantraí (a lullaby) agus Amhrán Grá (a love song)

Group: minimum of 4 singers (need not all be from the same Guild)

Accompanist need not be an ICA member but all singers must be paid up members.

No backing tracks allowed. Costumes will not gain marks. No entry fee.

Please send entry marked "Eleanora Gibbon Shield" which should include the names of the two songs, Guild, Federation, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford not later than 20th March 2017. National Final on Sunday afternoon 9th April 2017.

11. Eleanora Gibbon Cup for Drama (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION)

Closing date 31st March 2017

Theme: "ICA has got Talent".

Twenty minutes empty stage to empty stage.

Tables/chairs/hand-held props/musical instruments/electronic devices only.

Please send entry marked "Eleanora Gibbon Cup for Drama" which should include the names of the performers and their Guild, Federation, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford not later than 31st March 2017. National Regional Finals in April if necessary. Date of National Final and venue to be confirmed.

12. Comórtas Gael Linn -. Closing date: Friday 17th February 2017

Scéal (Story) – Cén fáth a bhfuilim i mBantracht na Tuaithe? (Why am I in ICA?).

Suas go dtí 700 focail (up to 700 words). Closing date: Friday 17th February 2017. Entry Fee €5.

Please send entry marked "Gael Linn Scéal" with your entry fee to the National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford not later than 17th February 2017 with a stamped addressed envelope for return if required.

13. Inter Federation Cup for Crafts Closing Date: 31st March 2017

Craft: "A Machined Appliqué Table Runner any size.

Please send entry marked "Table Runner" with your entry fee on or before 31st March 2017 to the National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. **Please** enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for return. No details of entrant on the Table Runner. Entry Fee: €5.00 – Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

14. Muriel Gahan Rosebowl. Closing Date: 31st March 2017.

Item: Hand knitted Adult Poncho/Cape/Wrap.

Medium: Knit with any yarn.

Please send entry marked "Knitting (Muriel Gahan)" with your entry fee to the National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone numbers, email address, Guild and Federation on a **separate sheet of paper** and submit with your entry. **Please** include a large stamped self-addressed padded envelope for return of entry. No details of entrant on item. Entry Fee: €5.00 – Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests. **Closing Date: 31st March 2017.**

15. Contest Committee Award 2017 - Closing Date 20th March 2017

Item: Four handmade decorations to hang on a Christmas Tree.

Medium: any medium

Please send entry marked "Contest Committee Award 2017" with your entry fee to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. **Please** include stamped self-addressed envelope for return. Entry Fee: €5.00 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests. **Closing Date 20th March 2017.**

16. Guild Year Book for the Betty Manning Trophy

Closing Date Friday 28th April 2017.

The competition for 2016-2017 is to produce a Guild Year Book which will give details of all guild activities for the year. The Year Book will be from May 2016 to April 2017. The year book will be a record of all the things the Guild does during the above ICA year with and for its members. It should include photographs, reports or anything of relevance to a particular Guild event. The Year Book should promote the Guild by including information on Guild meetings, outings, classes, workshops and activities such as crafts, drama, sports etc. The Year Book should tell of the fun and friendship enjoyed by Guild members and how the Guild met the needs of members throughout the year. The Year Book should tell of charitable work and community involvement. It should celebrate the

successes of members and of the Guild. It should speak of Guild involvement at Federation and National level.

It may be hand written and/or computer generated. Presentation will be important. The year book must be A4 size.

The Guild Year Book must be the work of at least three guild members but we would envisage it being a real Guild effort with various people being involved throughout the ICA year recording events as they happen.

Entry Fee is €10 with cheques payable to ICA Contests. Entries to be sent marked "Guild of the Year" to the National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include contact name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry fee of €10. Alternative delivery arrangements can be made by contacting Breda Banville on **087 9270327**.

17. Breda McDonald Trophy / Hobby section for beginners
Closing Date 24th March 2017

Three of any of the following items

- Pressed Flower Picture
- Knitting (small items minimum size 6 inches/15 cm)
- Glass Etching
- Glass Painting
- Needle Felting
- Pin Flair
- 3D Decoupage
- Deco Patch
- Cane Edge Tray
- Ribbon Work
- Wool Crochet (Pin Cushion, Pot Holder, Toilet Roll Cover)
- Cross Stitch (Bookmark, Card or other small item)

The competition is not open to Handcraft Teachers. The three items must be the work of one person.

Points to be judged

1. Shape
2. Design

Points 1 – 10 awarded for each item submitted. (Each to be a different craft).

Trophy awarded to person gaining most points in this section.

Entry Fee €10 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests

Closing Date 24th March 2017

Entry form available from Central Office and online from www.ica.ie (competitions section) or on rear of this booklet.

Please forward completed entry form and cheque with items to Central Office. Judging will take place at Handcraft Week. Items can be collected from Central Office after that week. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of items if so wished. Trophy will be presented at the National AGM in May 2017.

18. MEMORIAL HANDCRAFT TROPHY - Closing date for Entries 24th March 2017

This trophy is presented at Handcraft Week in An Grianan.

The craft chosen for the Award in 2017 is as follows:

Article in Smocking of own choice using Smocking Dots or Smocking Pleater. Gingham accepted. Refer to Handcraft Booklet for points of note.

This competition is not open to Handcraft Teachers.

Entry Fee: €5.00 – Please make cheques payable to ICA.

Please include a large stamped addressed padded envelope for return of entry.

Closing date for Entries will be 24th March 2017 and all entries to be sent to Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Alternatively, members attending Handcraft Week can bring their entries together with their entry fee to An Grianán. All entries will be judged during Handcraft Week.

Pitch and Putt 2017 - Will be held in September - Details to follow.

There must be at least two entries in any competition for it to be held.

Please note that Judge's Decision is final in all competitions

TIMELINE FOR ENTRIES

16/01/2017	2. Creative Writing
10/02/2017	1. Gempack Baking Competition
17/02/2017	12. Comórtas Gael Linn
17/02/2017	4. Inter Federation Cup for Art - Photography
13/03/2017	6. National Table Quiz
20/03/2017	5. Baumann Cup for Art, Painting
20/03/2017	9. Baumann Shield for Music
20/03/2017	15. Contest Committee Award
20/03/2017	7. Patsy Lawlor Cup, Full Set
20/03/2017	8. Patsy Lawlor Shield, Half Set
20/03/2017	10. Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music
20/03/2017	3. Reporting
24/03/2017	17. Breda McDonald Trophy
24/03/2017	18. Memorial Handcraft Trophy
31/03/2017	11. Eleanor Gibbon Cup for Drama
31/03/2017	13. Inter Federation cup for Crafts
31/03/2017	14. Muriel Gahan Rosebowl
28/04/2017	16. Guild Year Book