

ICA COMPETITIONS - 2014-2015 PROGRAMME

National Contests Final 2015

Date: 27th to 29th March 2015

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 ARE OPEN GUILD COMPETITIONS.

1. **PITCH AND PUTT 2014 - Closing Date Tuesday 16th September 2014**

The National Pitch and Putt Competition will take place on Saturday 27th September 2014 in Seapoint Pitch and Putt Club with a Fourball Shot Gun start at 10.30 am. Teams should arrive for 10.00 am to give everyone time to get to their allocated tee box. The competition is open to Federation teams of 4. The fee per team is €90 which includes lunch for 4 at An Grianán and Green Fees at Seapoint Pitch and Putt Club. Please complete the form which is available online at www.ica.ie and send your entry and fee to ICA Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge Dublin 4. All entries must include participants' names and please make all cheques payable to ICA Contests.

2. **GEM PACK**

GEM PACK have kindly agreed to sponsor a competition again this year. The theme of the competition is An Grianán 60th Celebration. The GEM PACK Final will be held in An Grianán on Tuesday October 28th – Thursday October 30th 2014.

Contestants must submit a menu for a 3 course meal for a celebration dinner using as many GEM PACK products as possible. Contestants will be shortlisted for the GEM PACK final based on the celebration meal menu and if shortlisted for the GEM PACK final in An Grianán, each contestant must bring an iced and decorated celebration cake for judging. Proof of purchase will be required at the cake judging. Fresh cream cannot be used for decoration.

This is an individual competition and all entries to be forwarded to Central Office for short listing before Tuesday October 14th 2014. The shortlisted people will be invited to come to An Grianán on Tuesday afternoon with tea and biscuits on arrival and will depart An Grianán on Thursday morning after breakfast. All meals and accommodation will be covered by GEM PACK. There will be entertainment on both evenings.

3. **Creative Writing Competition - Closing Date: Friday 6th February 2015**

Title: "Peace at Last" (maximum 2,000 words and must be counted).

Please send entry marked "Creative Writing Competition" to Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. 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 story **please** include a stamped self addressed envelope.

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

4. **Inter Federation Cup for Crafts Closing Date: 6th February 2015**

Craft: "ICA Themed Reusable Shopping Bag/Craft Bag"

Any Medium with No **SIZE RESTRICTION**

Please send entry marked "Shopping Bag" to ICA Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. 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 Bag.

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

5. Inter Federation Cup for Art - Photography Closing Date: 16th January 2015

Title: "I do love to be beside the seaside"

Two categories: Black & White and Colour

Photographs entered must have been taken by the entrant.

Please send entry marked "Photography" to ICA Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. 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 photograph.

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

6. Baumann Cup for Art Closing Date: 6th February 2015

Art: Painting – "Flowers"

Unmounted (Watercolours) with no **Size Restriction** Entries must not be mounted or framed.

Please send entry marked "Baumann Art" to ICA Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. 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.

7. Patsy Lawlor Cup for Set Dancing - Full Set (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION)

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, Guild, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to ICA Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

Closing date for details of Entries by 6th March 2015.

National Final will take place on Sunday 29th March 2015.

8. Patsy Lawlor Shield for Set Dancing - Half Set (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION)

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, Guild, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to ICA Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

Closing date for details of Entries by 6th March 2015.

National Final will take place on Sunday 29th March 2015.

9. Baumann Shield for Music (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION)

Theme: Two Songs (one song with the word anniversary & one song with the word sunshine)

Group of 4 - 15 singers (need not all be from same Guild)

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

Total in Group including conductor and accompanist to be no more than 16 people.

No backing tracks allowed. Costumes will not gain marks.

Please send entry marked "Baumann Music" which should include the names of the two songs, Guild, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to ICA Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. No Entry Fee.

Closing date for details of Entries by 6th March 2015.

National Final will take place on Sunday afternoon 29th March 2015.

10. Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION)

Theme: "Songs from your school days" As Gaeilge (in Irish)

Group of 4 – 15 singers (need not all be from the same Guild)

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

Total in Group including conductor and accompanist to be no more than 16 people.

No backing tracks allowed. Costumes will not gain marks.

Please send entry marked "Eleanora Gibbon Shield" which should include the names of the two songs, Guild, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to ICA Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. No Entry Fee.

Closing date for details of Federation Winners by 6th March 2015.

National Final will take place on Sunday afternoon 29th March 2015.

11. National Table Quiz Final

- Table of three participants
- Entry fee €30 euro 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 28th of March 2015.
- Total cost €240 Euro
- There will be ten rounds with 10 questions in each round at the national final. One question in each round will be about ICA. One of the rounds will be a picture round.

Please send names of winning team to ICA Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 marked "National Table Quiz" before 6th March 2015 including contact numbers and email addresses. Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

National Final will take place on Saturday afternoon 28th March 2015.

12. ICA Trophy for Reporting Closing Date: 6th March 2015

A newspaper article with the heading "ICA Celebrates 60 Years ownership of An Grianán".

The report should be approx 500 words.

Entries must be typed on one side of paper only, using double spacing and wide margins.

Please send entry marked "Reporting" to ICA Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. **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 a stamped, addressed envelope for return.

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

13. MURIEL GAHAN ROSEBOWL

Item: Childs Aran Sweater

Medium: Knitting

Please send entry marked "Knitting (Muriel Gahan)" to ICA Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. 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 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: 27th March 2015.

14. BREDA MCDONALD TROPHY / HOBBY

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

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

Closing Date 6th March 2015

Entry form available from Central Office and online from www.ica.ie (competitions section).

Please include a stamped addressed envelope for return of items or if so wished, items can be collected at central office. Trophy will be presented at the National AGM in May 2015.

15. MEMORIAL HANDCRAFT TROPHY

This new trophy will be awarded each year at Handcraft Week with the first recipient being awarded in April 2015.

The craft chosen for the Award in 2015 is as follows

Cotton Crochet Round or Oval Article not less than 12 inches.

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 Tuesday 7th April 2015 and all entries to be forwarded 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.