



# ICA Competitions 2019



## ICA COMPETITIONS – 2018-2019 PROGRAMME

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### National Contests Final 2019

**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**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, the Eleanora Gibbon Cup for Drama 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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The GEMPACK Baking Competition Final will be held in An Grianán on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The competition is for an **Oxford Lunch** Cake baked in a 2LB Loaf tin. 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, **May Campbell** by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**. The Federation Winners will be invited to come to An Grianán on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019. 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: Thursday 31st January 2019.**

Title: A short story titled "A Journey"

(Maximum 2,000 words, word count must be stated).

Please send entry marked "Creative Writing Competition" to National Contest Secretary, May Campbell, Doonameran, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39NX24. 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 **May Campbell with your entry fee not later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and email a copy to [maycampbell@eircom.net](mailto:maycampbell@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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 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: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

Write a report on **“The National Ploughing Championship 2018”**  
The report should be maximum 700 words.

Please send entry marked “Reporting” to National Contest Secretary, May Campbell, Doonameran, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39NX24 by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

*Titles: **Colour Photograph** “Old and Abandoned”*

***Black and White Photograph:** “A Person Portrait” in Portrait form..*

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, May Campbell, Doonameran, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39NX24 by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019. 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: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

*Art: **Painting** – “ **A River Scene** ”*

Unsigned, unmounted and unframed (Acrylics) on canvas **not larger than 14" x 18" (35.5 cms x 46cms)**. Please send entry marked “Baumann Art” to National Contest Secretary, May Campbell, Doonameran, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39 NX24

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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

- 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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 2pm. Lunch on 30<sup>th</sup> March is not included. Winners must make their own arrangements for lunch.
- Total cost €240 payable to National Contest Secretary before 1<sup>st</sup> 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, May Campbell, Doonameran, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39NX24 marked “National Table Quiz” before **1<sup>st</sup> March 2019** including contact numbers and email addresses.

**7. Patsy Lawlor Cup for Set Dancing - Full Set (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION) Closing Date for entry 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Final – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

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, not later than 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. National Final on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**8. Patsy Lawlor Shield for Set Dancing - Half Set (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION) Closing Date for Entry 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. – Final Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

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, not later than 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. National Final on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**9. Baumann Shield for Music (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION) Closing date for entry is 1<sup>st</sup>. March 2019**

Theme: Two Songs ( One with the name of an Irish County and one written/co-written by Phil Coulter)

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, May Campbell, Doonamernan, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39NX24 not later than 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. National Final on Sunday afternoon 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**10. Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION)  
Closing date for entries 1<sup>st</sup>. March 2019.**

**National Final on Sunday afternoon 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

Theme: Dhá amhrán as Gaeilge (two songs in Irish)

1. Is amhrán taibhseach í (A Lullaby)
2. Amhrán faoi Shaol na Tuaithe (song about Rural life)

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, May Campbell, Doonamernan, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39NX24 not later than 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. National Final on Sunday afternoon 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**11. Eleanora Gibbon Cup for Drama (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION)  
Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**Theme: School Around the Corner**

*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, May Campbell, Doonamernan, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39NX24 not later than 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. National Regional Finals in March if necessary. Date of National Final and venue to be confirmed.

**12. Comórtas Gael Linn -. Closing date: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

Scéal (Story) – Fadó Fadó

Suas go dtí 700 focail (up to 700 words). Closing date: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019. Entry Fee €5.

Please send entry marked “Gael Linn Scéal” with your entry fee to the National Contest Secretary, May Campbell, Doonameran, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39NX24 not later than 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 with a stamped addressed envelope for return if required.

**13. Inter Federation Cup for Crafts Closing Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

Craft: “A Cushion Cover 20” X 20”, featuring a House --- Any medium.

Please send entry marked “Cushion Cover” with your entry fee on or before 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 to the National Contest Secretary, May Campbell, Doonameran, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39NX24. 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 Cushion Cover. Entry Fee: €5.00 – Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

**14. Muriel Gahan Rosebowl. Closing Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.**

Item: A Patchwork Table Mat , 18” X 12”, using three Templates.

Please send entry marked “Muriel Gahan” with your entry fee to the National Contest Secretary, May Campbell, Doonameran, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39NX24. 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: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.**

**15. Guild Year Book for the Betty Manning Trophy  
Closing Date Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

The competition for 2018-2019 is to produce a Guild Year Book which will give details of all guild activities for the year. The Year Book will be from April 2018 to March 2019. 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, May Campbell, Doonameran, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39NX24. 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 May 086 375 1242 after 6p.m.

**16. Breda McDonald Trophy / Hobby section for beginners**  
**Closing Date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019



Entry form available from Central Office and online from [www.ica.ie](http://www.ica.ie) (competitions section).

**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 2019.

**17. MEMORIAL HANDCRAFT TROPHY** - Closing date for Entries 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019  
The craft chosen for the Award in 2019 is as follows: **Coloured Embroidery**

**“A Floral Scene”** using a minimum variety of **7 Embroidery Stitches** embroidered on any material to make a picture, unframed, maximum size 11” X 15” (28cm x 38cm).

This trophy is presented at Handcraft Week in An Grianan.

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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 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.

**18. Contest Committee Award 2019 - Closing Date 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Make and Model**

Item: **A Summer Dress** to be modelled at the Garden Party 2019

Please send entry marked “Contest Committee Award 2019” with your entry fee to National Contest Secretary, May Campbell, Doonamernan, Kenagh, Co Longford, N39 NX24. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry Fee: €5.00 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests. **Closing Date 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Entries can also be taken at the AGM on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. Entries should be available for modelling at the Garden Party 2019 in An Grianan but not necessarily by the maker.**

**10% of the overall mark will be awarded for modelling. Winner will be announced after the modelling at the Garden Party.**

Entrants may take possession of their dresses after the modelling.

**Pitch and Putt 2019 - 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**

31/01/2019	2. Creative Writing
22/02/2019	1. Gempack Baking Competition
22-02-2019	12. Comórtas Gael Linn
22/02/2019	4. Inter Federation Cup for Art - Photography
01/03/2019	6. National Table Quiz
22/03/2019	5. Baumann Cup for Art, Painting
01/03/2019	9. Baumann Shield for Music
25/05/2019	18. Contest Committee Award
01/03/2019	7. Patsy Lawlor Cup, Full Set
01/03/2019	8. Patsy Lawlor Shield, Half Set
01/03/2019	10. Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music
01-03-2019	11. Eleanor Gibbon Cup for Drama
22/03/2019	13. Inter Federation cup for Crafts
22/03/2019	14. Muriel Gahan Rosebowl
22/03/2019	3. Reporting
31/03/2019	16. Breda McDonald Trophy
31/03/2019	17. Memorial Handcraft Trophy
26/04/2019	15. Guild Year Book
25/05/2019	18. Contest Committee Award