

Coole Park: Winter Cultural and Heritage Programme 2007

Event Date: Thu 1 Nov 2007

Coole Park, Gort, County Galway.

Halloween events during first week of November (*Thurs 1st to Wed 7th inc*) in the Coole Park Programme.

Admission is free to all events.

There is a programme available if you are interested in same.

Contact Coole Park at 091-631804

On *Thursday 1st November 8pm – 9pm* there will be an evening of storytelling for Adults at Coole Park with storyteller, wordsmith and performer **Clare Murphy**. This will be a mesmerising night of tales from around the world. Her tales will delight, thrill and warm and enchant the audience.

On *Saturday 3rd November, and Sunday 4th November 2pm – 5pm* Coole Park plays host to a Heritage Weekend entitled "*Samhain*".

On *Saturday 3rd at 2pm* **Ruth O'Donnell** will talk about her show "Ideal Conditions". It will be available for viewing afterwards. This is a portrait, over time, of the island of Inis Oírr, the smallest of the Aran Islands. The images are projected in a multimedia installation that gently captures the hard but fragile landscape of the island, its shifting skies and ever-changing seas.

At 3pm there will be a walk through the grounds of Coole Park with **Niall McCoitir**. Niall is author of the two renowned books, *Irish Wild Plants, Myths, Legends and Folklore* and *Irish Trees, Myths, Legends & Folklore*. He will be stopping at select species of tree along the way, explaining the mythology of each.

At 4pm there will be a talk on the Good Food Guide by **Caitriona O'Sullivan**, Rural Resource Officer, Galway Rural Development. This guide highlights a wealth and depth of tasty, locally produced food from forty-two producers throughout the County.

One of these producers will also give a talk on their produce. A discussion regarding the feasibility of setting up a farmers' market will take place. The audience will be invited to participate in this discussion.

On *Sunday 4th November* the Heritage Weekend continues.

At 2.00pm there will be a talk on Biodiversity Gardens by **Jim Cronin**, organic gardener. Jim will go through the calendar year advising what can be sown at the different times of the year.

At 3.30pm there will be a talk on The Heritage Apples Project by **The Irish Seed Savers Association**. The Irish Seed Saver Association is a voluntary

organisation dedicated to the location and preservation of traditional varieties of fruit and vegetables. They also have been working co-operatively with partnership organisations for more than ten years to create the National Apple Collection.

The weekly heritage series of lectures begins on *Monday 5th November* at 8pm.

The first lecture features **Michael Vignoles**, piper and craftsman from The Claddagh. He has been hand-making traditional Uilleann pipes and Bodhráns for over twenty years. Michael talks about making the bodhrán and the uilleann pipes and perhaps he might entertain the audience by playing also.

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