

Heritage Lecture Series at Coole Park Monday nights

After a very successful heritage weekend in Coole Park, Gort, Co. Galway on the 3rd and 4th November, the heritage theme is continued in the weekly heritage series of lectures beginning Monday 5th November at 8pm.

Admission to all events is free – looking forward to seeing you there.

Please pass this information on to anyone that may be interested in the events.

The Programme for the Winter Programme 2007 is available at
<http://www.galway.ie/en/Calendarofevents/EventsCalendar/>

Heritage Lecture Series entitled ***'Trees Talking: Working With Wood'***

Monday 5th November, 8pm – 9pm

Lecture One:

Bodhrán and Uilleann Pipe Making by Michael Vignoles.

Michael Vignoles, piper and craftsman from The Claddagh, has been hand-making traditional Uilleann pipes and Bodhráns for over 20 years.

Michael talks about making the bodhrán and the uilleann pipes and perhaps he might entertain us with them also.

Monday 12th November, 8pm – 9pm

Lecture Two:

Bogwood Carving by Fr. Paddy Howell.

Fr. Paddy Howell co-ordinates the *"Recreation Workshops"* School in Esker Monastery, Athenry.

In this lecture, he examines the three distinct types of bogwood, explaining what bogwood is and the history of bogwood carving in Ireland including a demonstration and display.

Monday 19th November, 8pm – 9pm

Lecture Three:

Timbers used in furniture making by Dermot O'Donovan.

Dermot O'Donovan is a lecturer at the GMIT Letterfrack which offers furniture related programmes at degree level in areas such as Design, Production Technology, Conservation as well as in Teaching.

Dermot has extensive experience of using and sourcing both native and imported species of hardwoods for all types of furniture applications. In this talk he will present some of the ways in which native timbers can be utilized to produce some of the most beautiful and fascinating items of furniture. He will also discuss some of the issues facing growers and suppliers of native hardwood timber and the competition they face from their imported counterparts.

Monday 26th November, 8pm – 9pm
Lecture Four:
Hurley Making by John Torpey.

John Torpey, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare discusses the history and art of hurley making. John has been making hurleys commercially since 1981.

An accomplished hurler and trainer, he has been making hurleys for many years before that. He inherited the tradition from the previous generation of his family – his father and more particularly his uncle also made hurleys in the 1930s.

Another *Heritage / Traditional Arts* lecture is on Thursday 15th November, 8pm – 9pm there is a lecture on the '*Folklore of Beithe – past and present*' by Caoilte Breathnach.

Caoilte Breatnach is author of *Memories in Time – Folklore of Beithe 1800-2000*. Caoilte's lecture consists of a talk and slideshow on the folklore of Beithe. Included in this talk is an interesting Lady Gregory connection as we listen to Jamesy Regan's vivid account of a visit to his home in Townranny by Lady Augusta Gregory.