



Irish Countrywomen's Association
Bantracht na Tuaithe

Comórtaisí Náisiúnta Bantracht na Tuaithe *National ICA Competitions*

Clár 2022
2022 PROGRAMME



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5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin. D13PF97

Points of Note to all competitors in National ICA Competitions:

- 1. Please adhere strictly to the criteria of each specific competition.**
- 2. There must be at least two entries in any competition for it to be held.**
- 3. Judge's decision is final in all competitions.**
- 4. No late entries will be accepted.**
- 5. From 2020 onwards, 1st Prize in any competition will only be awarded to the same entrant/team for two consecutive years. Having enjoyed 1st Prize for two consecutive years, the winning entrant/team will not be allowed participate in this competition again for a period of one year.**
- 6. All Cups, Plaques, Shields and Trophies must be returned to the ICA National Competitions Committee one month prior to that competition being run again and 2 months prior to the National AGM.**
- 7. Names and photographs of competition entrants/winners/audiences may be posted on our Web site www.ica.ie and on our Facebook page "ICA National Competitions". If you do not want your name/photograph posted to those sites, please indicate this clearly to the Competitions Committee on your entry or at competition events.**

The National Competitions Committee wish to encourage our ICA members to take part in the 2021 - 2022 Competitions Programme. We acknowledge the terrific work done for the last three years, in very difficult circumstances by Longford Contests Committee. We thank in particular May Campbell for her help and advice- to ease our journey!!

We hope that this year's programme will be unhindered by Covid 19- however in the interest of health and safety of all our ICA members participating in our competitions, we will act responsibly to keep everyone safe.

We sincerely hope that changes to our schedule will not be necessary and look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

Míle Buíochas as ucht bhur dtacaíocht

Thanks for your support.

Cathaoirleach/Rúnaí

Chairperson/Secretary

National Contests Weekend 2022

Date: Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th March 2022

Location: An Grianán

On this weekend, we will hold the competitions for the Patsy Lawlor Cup and Shield for Set Dancing, the Eleanora Gibbon Cup and Shield for Drama & Music, the Baumann Shield for Music, National Table Quiz Final, Blackberry Solo singing and the Contest Committee Award.

National Finals: Gempack Baking competition & Creative Writing competition

Location : An Grianán

Date : Wednesday 30th March 2022

PLEASE NOTE COMPETITION NUMBERS 5,6,7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are OPEN GUILD COMPETITIONS.

1. Gempack Baking Competition

National Final Wednesday 30th March 2022

The GEMPACK Baking Competition Final will be held in An Grianán on Wednesday 30th March.

The competition is for a **Porter Cake**.

One cake per Federation. Proof of Gempack purchases is required at Federation and National Competitions.

The names of the Federation winners must be submitted to National Contest Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97** by **Friday 11th March 2022**.

The Federation Winners will be invited to come to An Grianán on Wednesday 30th March 2022. Registration of the entries will take place at 10.30am. Tea and coffee at 11am followed by a Cookery Demonstration. All meals, accommodation on the

Tuesday or Wednesday night and breakfast on the following day will be sponsored by GEM PACK.

2. Creative Writing Competition - Closing Date: Friday 28th January 2022.

A short story titled "The Window"

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

Please send entry marked "Creative Writing Competition" to National Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97**. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. **Entries must be typed on one side of paper only, using double line spacing and font - Times Roman, size 12. Send a hard copy to Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin with your entry fee of €10 not later than 28th January 2022 and email a copy to homuineachain@gmail.com** Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

*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. Six stories will be shortlisted to go forward to the **National Final in An Grianán on 30th March 2022** and will be read by the writer or a person of their choosing on Wednesday afternoon. The shortlisted writers will be treated to dinner on Wednesday evening and B&B.*

3. Inter Federation Cup for Art - Photography

Closing Date: Friday 25th February 2022

*Titles: Colour Photograph: Nature "Animal"
Black and White Photograph Historic Building*

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 Contests Committee Secretary **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97** Friday 25th February 2022. 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.

4. Baumann Cup for Art - Closing Date: Friday 25th March 2022

Art: Painting "A Beach Scene"

Unsigned, unmounted and unframed (Acrylics only – mixed medium will be disqualified) on canvas -**not larger than 14 " X 18" (35.5 cms x 46cms)**. Please send entry marked "Baumann Art" to National Contests **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97** by Friday 25th March 2022.

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.

5. National Table Quiz Final – Saturday 26th March 2022

Closing date- Friday, 4th March 2022

- Team of three participants which can be made up from the same Guild as before or from different Guild members in a Federation but only one team from each Federation can go forward for the National Final.
- 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 26th March at 2pm. **Lunch on 26th March is not included.** Winners must make their own arrangements for lunch.
- Total cost €240 payable to National Contest Secretary before 4th March 2022.
- 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 (printed in Block Capitals) and cheque for €240 made payable to ICA Contests to National Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97** marked “National Table Quiz” before **4th March 2022**. Please include contact numbers and email addresses.

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

Closing Date for entry 11th March 2022. Final – Sunday 27th March 2022

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.

Bring your own music on CD or Tape and Player for the National Final.

Entry fee €5 pp on the door at the 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 National Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97** no later than 11th March 2022. **National Final on Sunday 27th March 2022.**

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

Closing Date for entry 11th March 2022. Final – Sunday 27th March 2022

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. Bring your own music on CD or Tape and Player for the National Final.

Entry fee €5 pp on the door at the 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 National Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97.** **Closing Date for entry 11th March 2022. Final–Sunday 27th March 2022.**

8. Baumann Shield for Music (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION)

Closing date for entry is 25th February 2022

Two Songs: 1. Winning Eurovision Song

2. 1940's/1950's song

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.

Entry fee €5 pp on the door at the Final.

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 Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97** not later than February 25th, 2022.

National Final on Sunday 27th March 2022.

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

Closing date for entries 25th February 2022.
National Final on Sunday afternoon 27th March 2022.

Dhá amhrán as Gaeilge (two songs in Irish)

1. Amhrán faoin Mhuir (Song about the Sea)
2. Amhrán ó do laethanta scoile (Song from your schooldays)

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.

Entry fee €5pp at the door at the Final.

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 National Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97** not later than **25th February 2022.**
National Final on Sunday 27th March 2022.

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

Closing date: 11th February 2022

Theme: Blind Date

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 Committee Member, Anne Smithers, 10 Windward Way, Lusk Village, Lusk, Co. Dublin, no later than 11th February 2022.

National Final will be in An Grianán on **Sunday 27th March at 10.30 am**

Entry Fee €5pp at the door at the Final

11. Guild Year Book for the Betty Manning Trophy

Closing Date Friday 25th March 2022.

The competition for 2021-2022 is to produce a Guild Yearbook, which will give details of all Guild activities for the year. The Yearbook will be from April 2021 to March 2022. The yearbook 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 Yearbook should promote the Guild by including information on Guild meetings, outings, classes, workshops and activities such as crafts, drama, sports etc. The Yearbook should tell of the fun and friendship enjoyed by Guild members and how the Guild met the needs of members and challenges of Covid 19 throughout the year. The Yearbook 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 handwritten and/or computer generated. Presentation will be important. The yearbook must be A4 size.

The Guild Yearbook 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, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97**, 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 Helen at 0866077200.

**12. Blackberry Hearing “Singing Voice of ICA”
sponsored by
Blackberry Hearing
Closing Date January 28th 2022**

All you singers in ICA! It is time to exercise your vocal chords, as a solo singing challenge is coming your way. Thanks to Blackberry Hearing Sponsorship, you have the chance to exhibit your solo singing skills. One entry per Federation.

Rules governing this Competition are as follows:

- Time allotted for each performance is 2-3 minutes.
- Participants will not be allowed to refer to the lyrics while singing.
- The participants will be judged on the song selection, voice quality, clarity, rhythm and their appeal to the audience.
- The participants are allowed to use their own musical instruments, or accompanist, if required in the performance.
- The accompanist need not be an ICA member
- Choice of song is open to the participants.

The name of Federation winner and the song entry should be submitted to National Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97** or email homuineachain@gmail.com, no later than **Friday 28th January 2022**. Date of National Final in An Grianán on Sat 26th March at 7p.m. Finalists in this competition will be invited to An Grianán, where all meals and an overnight stay will be sponsored by **Blackberry Hearing**.

**13. Comórtas Gael Linn -
Closing date: Friday 25th February 2022**

Scéal (Story) – “**Mo Shaol Scoile**”
Suas go dtí 700 focal (up to 700 words).

Closing date: Friday 25th February 2022.

Entry Fee €5.... Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

Please send entry marked “Gael Linn Scéal” with your entry fee to the National Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97** no later than **25th February 2022**, with a stamped addressed envelope for return if required.

14. Inter Federation Cup for Crafts

Closing Date: 31st March 2022

Craft: “A Crocheted Christmas Table Centre”

Minimum size 12” thread not to be coarser than a No.20 Crochet Cotton

Points to note: Thickness of thread, tension and blocking. Joining of motifs (if motifs are used)

Please send entry marked “**Craft**” with your entry fee on or before 31st March 2022 to **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97**. 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 entry.

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 April 4th – 8th April 2022**

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

15. Muriel Gahan Rosebowl.

Closing Date: 25th March 2022.

**Item: Pair of canvas shoes painted
Any size**

Please send entry marked “**Muriel Gahan**” with your entry fee on or before 25th March 2022 to **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97**. 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.

16. Breda McDonald Trophy / Hobby section for beginners
Closing Date 25th February 2022

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, Potholder, Toilet Roll Cover)
- Cross Stitch (Bookmark, Card or another 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 25th February 2022

Entry form at end of this booklet and online from 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 2022.

17. MEMORIAL HANDCRAFT TROPHY –

Closing date for Entries 25th February 2022

The craft chosen for the Award in 2022 is as follows:

A handsewn Patchwork Baby's Quilt

Refer to Handcraft Booklet for points of note.

This competition is not open to Handcraft Teachers.

Entry Fee: €10.00 – Please make cheques payable to ICA.

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

Closing date for Entries will be 25th February 2022 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 April 4th – 8th April 2022**

18. Contests Committee Award 2022 –

Closing Date 25th February 2022

Make and Model

Item: **A Hat for a Special Occasion** to be modelled at the Competitions Weekend in An Grianán.

Please send entry marked “Contest Committee Award 2022” with your entry fee and a short synopsis about the hat e.g., material used, time and the occasion to wear it, to Contests Secretary **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97**. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry.

Entry Fee: €5.00 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests. **Closing Date- 25th February 2022. If the entrant cannot attend the Competitions weekend and has no model, the Competitions Committee will nominate someone to model their entry on the day.**

19. ICA Trophy for Reporting Closing Date: Friday 31st March 2022

Write a report on “**Holiday Disaster**”

The report should be maximum 700 words.

Please send entry marked “Reporting” to National Contest Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin. D13PF97** by March 31st 2022. 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.

20. Pitch and Putt 2022 - Will be held in September 2022 in Seapoint and An Grianán.

The National Pitch and Putt Competition will take place on Saturday 3rd September 2022 in Seapoint Pitch and Putt Club, Termonfeckin, Co. Louth with a Fourball Shot Gun start at 11:00 am.

Teams should arrive for 10.30 am to give everyone time to get to their allocated tee box.

The competition is open to teams of 4.

The fee for a team of 4 is €110 which includes lunch for 4 at An Grianán and Green Fees at Seapoint Pitch and Putt Club.

Entry forms over leaf and can be downloaded from our Web site www.ica.ie

The closing date for entries is Friday, 12th August 2022.

NATIONAL PITCH AND PUTT COMPETITION 2022

The National Pitch and Putt Competition will take place on Saturday, 3rd September 2022 in Seapoint Pitch and Putt Club with a Fourball Shot Gun start at 11:00 am. Teams should arrive for 10:30 am to give everyone time to get to their allocated tee box.

The competition is open to teams of 4.

The fee for a team of 4 is €110 which includes lunch for 4 at An Grianán and Green Fees at Seapoint Pitch and Putt Club.

Please complete the form below and send your entry and fee to Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, National Contests Secretary, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin. D13PF97. All entries must include participants` names and please make all cheques payable to "ICA Contests".

The closing date for entries is Friday August 12th 2022

Depending on requests for overnight B&B, there may be some availability in An Grianán at a cost of €50 pp per night. (Single supplement will apply). All enquiries directly to An Grianán on 041 9822119.

Pitch and Putt Entry Form 2022

NAME OF FEDERATION: _____

PARTICIPANTS NAMES:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Team Contact Name: _____

Team Contact Email Address: _____

Team Contact Phone Number: _____

BREDA McDONALD TROPHY – Entry Form

Name: _____

Guild: _____ Federation: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Please indicate which 3 items are included from the following hobbies:

- 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)

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 25th February 2022

Alternatively, members attending Handcraft Week can bring their entries together with their entry fee to An Grianán. Entry form available from Central Office and online from www.ica.ie (Members Area). 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.

TIMELINE FOR ENTRIES 2022

28/01/2022	2. Creative Writing
28/01/2022	12. Blackberry Singing Voice of ICA
11/02/2022	10. Eleanora Gibbon Cup for Drama
25/02/2022	8. Baumann Shield for Music
25/02/2022	9. Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music
25/02/2022	3. Inter Federation Cup for Art - Photography
04/03/2022	5. National Table Quiz
25/02/2022	13. Comórtas Gael Linn
25/02/2022	16. Breda McDonald Trophy
25/02/2022	17. Memorial Handcraft Trophy
25/02/2022	18. Contest Committee Award
11/03/2022	6. Patsy Lawlor Cup, Full Set
11/03/2022	7. Patsy Lawlor Shield, Half Set
11/03/2022	1. Gempack Baking Competition
25/03/2022	4. Baumann Cup for Art, Painting
25/03/2022	11. Guild Yearbook
31/03/2022	14. Inter Federation cup for Crafts
25/03/2022	15. Muriel Gahan Rosebowl
31/03/2022	19. Reporting
03/09/2022	20. Pitch & Putt

