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**Comórtaisí Náisiúnta  
Bantracht na Tuaithe  
Clár 2024**

**National ICA  
Competitions  
2024 Programme**





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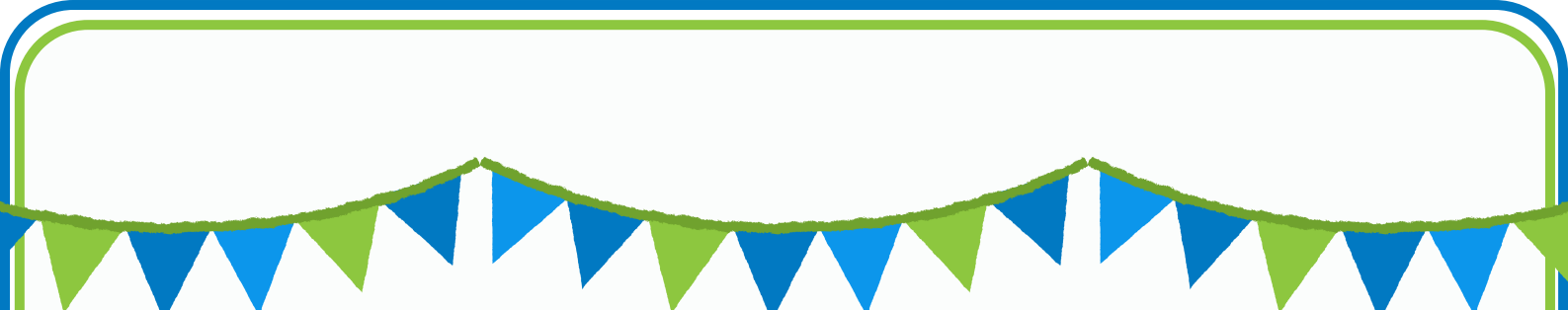
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## Points of Note to all competitors in National ICA Competitions:



1. The National ICA Competitions are open to ICA members only.
2. A paid-up member for the purpose of entering the competition is a member for which current membership fee has been received and recorded in the Central Register of members at the Registered Office of the Association.
3. The National Contests Committee reserves the right to confirm membership status for entrants.
3. Please adhere strictly to the criteria of each specific competition.
4. There must be at least two entries in any competition for it to be held.
5. Judges' decisions are final in all competitions.
6. No late entries will be accepted.
7. 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.
8. All Cups, Plaques, Shields and Trophies must be returned to the ICA National Contests Committee one month prior to that competition being run again or at an event in the first half of 2024 (if any).
9. Names and photographs of competition entrants/winners/audiences may be posted on our website [www.ica.ie](http://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.
10. Entering any of the National ICA Competitions is deemed acceptance of the terms of entry, points of note and the rules as directed by the ICA National Contests Committee.



The National Contests Committee wish to thank all ICA members who took part in the 2023 National Competitions, and we also look forward to great participation in our 2024 programme.

We would also like to thank the Manager and all the staff in An Grianán for their cooperation in running Contests Weekend and the staff in Central Office for their contribution in proofing and printing.

Entries for 2023 Competitions greatly increased in some areas eg. Eleanora Cup for Drama saw a record entry. We hope that this trend will continue for 2024.

We are disappointed that Task Community Care have not renewed their sponsorship for 2024. This is a big loss. We are however very grateful to Gempack Foods who, once again, lend their support to our competitions and we thank them sincerely for that.

We as a committee intend to do our best to deliver a good programme even with the decreased resources. Due to reduction in sponsorship, we felt we had no option, but to increase entry fees to some competitions.

We hope you understand.

Míle Buíochas as ucht bhur dtacaíocht

Thanks for your support.

Cathaoirleach/Rúnaí

Chairperson/Secretary



## National Contests Weekend 2024

**Date:** Saturday 9th and Sunday March 10th 2024

**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 for Drama, Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music, The Baumann Shield for Music and the National Table Quiz Final.

## Gempack Baking & Creative Writing Final



**Date:** Monday March 11th 2024

**Location:** An Grianán.

**PLEASE NOTE FEDERATION HEATS MUST BE HELD FOR THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIONS:  
1, 5, 18.**

## Gempack Baking Competition



Closing Date: Friday February 23rd 2024

National Final Monday March 11th 2024

The GEMPACK Baking Competition Final will be held in An Grianán on Monday, March 11th.

The competition is for a Carrot & Walnut cake with cream cheese frosting. 20cm round tin.

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

The Federation Winners will be invited to come to An Grianán on Sunday March 10th 2024. High tea, B&B and Monday lunch will be provided (sponsored by Gempack) Registration of the entries will take place at 10.30am on Monday March 11th. Cookery Demonstration 11am- 1pm.

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 February 23rd 2024.**

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# 1. Creative Writing Competition



**Closing Date:** Friday 26th January 2024.

**National Final:** Monday 11th March 2024 in An Grianán.

A short story titled **“The Inheritance”**.

(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 New Roman, size 12. Send a hard copy to Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin with your entry fee of €10 no later than 26th January 2024 and email a copy to [homuineachain@gmail.com](mailto: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 11th March 2024 and will be read by the writer or a person of their choosing on Monday afternoon. The shortlisted writers will be treated to dinner on Sunday evening with B&B and lunch on Monday.

## 2. Inter Federation Cup for Art - Photography



**Closing Date:** March 1st 2024.

**Entry Fee:** €5.00 per photograph. Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

**Titles:**

**Colour Photograph:** Nature "Trees"

**Black and White Photograph:** "A favourite pet."

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**. 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.**

## 3. Baumann Cup for Art



**Closing Date:** Friday, March 1st 2024

**Painting:** "Featuring Fruit"

**Entry Fee:** €10.00 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

Unsigned, unmounted and unframed (Acrylics only – mixed medium will be disqualified) on canvas - not larger than 14 " X 18" (35.5 cm x 46cm).

Please send entry marked "**Baumann Art**" 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. Please include stamped self-addressed envelope for return. No details of entrant on painting.



## 4. National Table Quiz



**Closing date:** Friday, February 23rd 2024

**Final:** Saturday March 9th 2024

**Entry Fee:** €240 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

- Teams 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.
- 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 9th March at 2pm. Teams must make their own arrangements for lunch.
- Total cost €240 payable to National Contest Secretary before 23rd February 2024.
- There will be ten rounds with ten questions in each round at the National Final. There will be some questions in very basic Irish.

Please send names of winning team (printed in Block Capitals) to National Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, D13PF97** marked “**National Table Quiz**”. Please include contact numbers and email addresses.

## 5. Patsy Lawlor Cup for Set Dancing - Full Set (open Guild competition)

**Closing date:** Friday, February 23rd 2024

**National Final:** Sunday 10th March 2024

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



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.

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.**

## 6. Patsy Lawlor Shield for Set Dancing - Half Set (open Guild competition)

**Closing Date for entry:** 23rd February 2024.

**Final:** Sunday March 10th 2024

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



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.

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 Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, D13PF97.**

## 7. Baumann Shield for Music (open Guild competition)



**Closing date for entry:** 23rd February 2024

**National Final:** Sunday 10th March 2024.

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

Two Songs:

1. Beatles Song
2. Song from a Musical

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.

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.**

## 8. Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music (open Guild competition)

**Closing date for entries:** 23rd February 2024

**National Final:** Sunday 10th March 2024.

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



Dhá amhrán as Gaeilge (two songs in Irish):

1. Mo Ghile Mear
2. Amhrán ó do laethanta scoile

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.

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 Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, D13PF97** no later than 23rd February 2024.

## 9. Eleanora Gibbon Cup for Drama (open Guild competition)

**Closing date:** 23rd February 2024

**National Final:** Sunday 10th March 2024 in An Grianán.

**Theme:** Our Guild day out

**Entry Fee:** €5pp at the door at the Final.



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 Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, D13PF97.**

## 10. Comórtas Gael Linn

**Closing date:** Friday 23rd February 2024

**Scéal:** “An taitneamh agus an brú a bhaineann le saol Seantuismitheoirí”

**Entry Fee:** €10 with cheques payable to ICA Contests.



Suas go dtí 700 focal (up to 700 words).

Please send entry marked “**Comórtas Gael Linn**” with your entry fee to National Contests Secretary, **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, D13PF97** with a stamped addressed envelope for return, if required.

## 11. Guild Year Book for the Betty Manning Trophy

**Closing Date:** Friday April 5th 2024.

**Entry Fee:** €10 with cheques payable to ICA Contests.



The competition for 2023-2024 is to produce a Guild Yearbook, which will give details of all Guild activities for the year. The Yearbook will be from April 2023 to March 2024. It 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 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.

Entries to be sent marked **“Guild Book of the Year”** to 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. Alternative delivery arrangements can be made by contacting **Helen at 086 607 7200**.

## 12. Inter Federation Trophy for Crafts



**Closing Date:** Friday April 5th 2024

**Craft:** “A Fabric Tote Bag”

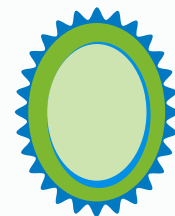
**Entry Fee:** €10.00 – Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

Minimum size 14” width X 16” height.

Please send entry marked “**Craft**” with your entry fee 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 8th – 12th April 2024**

## 13. Muriel Gahan Rosebowl.



**Closing Date:** Friday April 5th 2024

**Item:** Beaded Jewellery Item – Pendant/Brooch

**Entry Fee:** €10.00 with cheques payable to ICA Contests.

Please send entry marked “**Muriel Gahan**” with your entry fee on or before 5th April 2024 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** include a large stamped self-addressed padded envelope for return of entry. No details of entrant on item.



## 14. Memorial Handcraft Trophy

**Closing date:** April 5th 2024

**2024 Craft:** Stained Glass Appliqué

**Entry Fee:** €10.00 with cheques payable to ICA Contests



This competition is not open to Handcraft Teachers.

Minimum design area 16" x 16"

### Points to note:

- Small invisible stitching, good use of colour and design.
- Making up may be machine sewn.

Please send entry marked "**Memorial Handcraft**" with your entry fee on or before 5th April 2024 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 include a large stamped addressed padded envelope for return of entry. No details of entrant on item.

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 8th – 12th April 2024**.

## 15. Breda McDonald Trophy / Hobby section for beginners

**Closing Date:** Friday April 5th 2024

**Entry Fee:** €10 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests



The competition is not open to Handcraft Teachers.

Three of any of the following items

- Pressed Flower Picture
- Decoupage – flat (includes serviette art / deco patch)
- Knitting (small items minimum size 6 inches/15 cm)
- Glass Etching
- Glass Painting
- Needle Felting
- Pin Flair
- 3D Decoupage
- Button Art
- Cane Edge Tray
- Ribbon Work (not Ribbon Embroidery)
- Wool Crochet (Pin Cushion, Pot Holder, Toilet Roll Cover)
- Cross Stitch (Bookmark, Card or other small item)
- Quilling
- Plastic Canvas (Small Item)
- Parchment

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 form at end of this booklet and online from [www.ica.ie](http://www.ica.ie) (Competitions Section).

Please forward completed entry form and cheque with items to **Helen Uí Mhuíneacháin, 5 Parkview, Carrickhill, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, D13PF97.**

Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of items if so wished.

All entries will be judged during **Handcraft Week April 8th – 12th April 2024.**

Trophy will be presented at the National AGM in 2024.

## 16. ICA Trophy for Reporting



**Closing Date:** Friday 23rd February 2024.

**Write a report on:** "Climate Change"

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

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 February 23rd 2024. 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.

## 17. Pitch and Putt 2024



**Closing Date for Entry:** 30th August 2024.

**Competition Date:** Saturday 14th September 2024.

**Location:** Seapoint and An Grianán.

**Entry Fee:** €130 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

The National Pitch and Putt Competition will take place 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 €130 which includes lunch for 4 at An Grianán and Green Fees at Seapoint Pitch and Putt Club.

Entry form at end of this booklet and online from [www.ica.ie](http://www.ica.ie) (competitions section).

## NATIONAL PITCH AND PUTT COMPETITION 2024

The National Pitch and Putt Competition will take place on Saturday, 14th September 2024 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 €130 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 30th 2024.

### Pitch and Putt Entry Form 2024

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NAME OF FEDERATION: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANTS NAMES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guild: \_\_\_\_\_

Federation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Pressed Flower Picture
- Decoupage – flat [includes serviette art / deco patch]
- Knitting (small items minimum size 6 inches/15 cm)
- Glass Etching
- Glass Painting
- Needle Felting
- Pin Flair
- 3D Decoupage
- Button Art
- Cane Edge Tray
- Ribbon Work (not Ribbon Embroidery)
- Wool Crochet (Pin Cushion, Pot Holder, Toilet Roll Cover)
- Cross Stitch (Bookmark, Card or other small item)
- Quilling
- Plastic Canvas (Small Item)
- Parchment

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.

Alternatively, members attending Handcraft Week can bring their entries together with their entry fee to An Grianán. 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.

# Closing dates for Competitions 2024

1. Gempack Baking Competition.....23/02/2024
2. Creative Writing.....26/01/2024
3. Inter Federation Cup for Art - Photography.....01/03/2024
4. Baumann Cup for Art, Painting.....01/03/2024
5. National Table Quiz.....23/02/2024
6. Patsy Lawlor Cup, Full Set.....23/02/2024
7. Patsy Lawlor Shield, Half Set.....23/02/2024
8. Baumann Shield for Music..... 23/02/2024
9. Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music.....23/02/2024
10. Eleanora Gibbon Cup for Drama.....23/02/2024
11. Comórtas Gael Linn.....23/02/2024
12. Guild Yearbook.....05/04/2024
13. Inter Federation Trophy for Crafts.....05/04/2024
14. Muriel Gahan Rosebowl.....05/04/2024
15. Memorial Handcraft Trophy.....05/04/2024
16. Breda McDonald Trophy.....05/04/2024
17. Reporting.....23/02/2024
18. Pitch & Putt.....30/08/2024