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Welcome/Fáilte

It is my pleasure to introduce the new ICA National Competitions Booklet for 2026/2027.

My name is Irene O'Brien, and I hold the recently introduced role of Specialist Competitions Officer on the National Executive Board. It is my privilege to continue the ICA tradition of the National Competitions for you, the members.

It is my aim to encourage participation in competitions at all levels, record and act on feedback to ensure the development of competitions in line with the evolving demands of the members and continuously review the Competitions Programme to acknowledge the expectations, passions, and skills of our membership. Whilst we will continue to highlight traditional and heritage handcrafts, we are also cognisant of the importance of incorporating new and modern crafts, reflecting and meeting the shifting demands of our modern and multicultural organisation.

I take this opportunity to express my thanks to the former National Competitions Committee for all their work.

I look forward to connecting with you all, our members and working together to ensure continued interest and success of the Competitions. I can be contacted by email at specialistcompetitions@ica.ie or by contacting ICA Central Office at 01-6680002.

Thank you / Go raibh maith agat and Good Luck / Go n-éirí an t-ádh leat, to all who enter any of our competitions and looking forward to meeting you at the **Competition Weekend on 13th , 14th and 15th March 2027 in An Grianán College of Adult Education.**

Irene O'Brien,
National Competitions Chair
National Executive Board Specialist Competitions Officer

For queries email admin@ica.ie and specialistcompetitions@ica.ie, or call 01 6680002

Competition Entry Rules & Points to Note

IMPORTANT DATES

	Competition Area	Entry Closing Dates
1.	**Poetry & Creative Writing**	5 February 2027
2.	**Creative Writing Competition**	5 February 2027
3.	**Baumann Shield for Music**	26 February 2027
4.	**Eleanora Gibbon Cup for Drama**	26 February 2027
5. – 7.	**Irish Competitions (Part 1 & Part 2)**	6 March 2027
6.	**Gem Pack Baking Competition**	5 March 2027
8.	**National Table Quiz**	6 March 2027
9.	**Gearrscéal (Short Story)**	26 March 2027
10.	**ICA Trophy for Reporting**	26 March 2027
11.	**Photography (Black and White)**	2 April 2027
12.	**Inter Federation Cup for Photography (Colour)**	2 April 2027
13.	**Baumann Cup for Art Mixed Medium (Not Watercolours)**	2 April 2027
14.	**Art (Watercolours)**	2 April 2027
15.	**Guild Yearbook**	9 April 2027
16.	**Inter Federation Trophy for Crafts**	23 April 2027
17.	**Muriel Gahan Rosebowl**	23 April 2027
18.	**Lace Competition**	23 April 2027
19.	**Gardening Competition**	Date to be confirmed
20.	**Social Media Promotion**	23 April 2027
21.	**National Pitch & Putt Competition**	27 August 2027
22.	**Teachers' Memorial Handcraft Trophy**	19 March 2027
23.	**Breda McDonald Trophy / Hobby Section for Beginners**	19 March 2027
23.	**National Brown Bread Competition 2027**	Date to be confirmed - July 2027

Please read carefully the details of each of the competitions and below instructions:

1. It is **ESSENTIAL** to include contact details together with **a phone number** and **email address** for each entry. Please note that entries will be acknowledged by email only. The ICA will not accept responsibility for any entry submitted without the required information.

2. **Entry Fees must be sent as per below:**

PREFERRED: through Bank Transfer to the Competitions Bank Account ONLY:

IBAN: IE05BOFI90001739675531
Include in Message to Payee: [Name/ICA Membership Number Competition Number]
Example: [MMURPHYCWXXX No 1]

Alternatively, Cheques/Postal Orders made to the National Competitions Account, must be sent to to:

National Competitions,
ICA Accounts Department
An Grianán Adult Education College
Termonfeckin
Co. Louth
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Emails to: accounts@ica.ie

A) The National Competitions are open to paid-up ICA members only. A paid-up member for the purpose of entering the competition is a member for which the current full membership fee has been received and recorded in the central register of members at the Registered Office.

B) The National Competitions Committee reserves the right to confirm membership status for entrants. Please ensure that you have your membership proof with you when attending competitions.

C) It is an express requirement to adhere strictly to the criteria of each specific competition.

D) There must be at least two entries in any competition for it to be held.

E) The judges' decisions are final in all competitions.

F) No late entries will be accepted.

G) All work must have been completed in the 12-month period prior to the closing date.

H) 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 same winning entrant / team will not be allowed to participate in this competition again for a period of one year.

I) All cups, plaques, shields and trophies must be returned to the ICA National Contest Committee one month prior to that competition being run again or at an event in the first half of 2027 (if any).

J) Names and photographs of competition entrants/winners/audiences may be posted on our website www.ica.ie and on our Facebook page" ICA National Competitions". If you do not want your name/ photograph posted to these sites, please indicate this clearly to the competitions committee on your entry or at competitions events.

K) The entries awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be retained for display at the AGM, while all other entries will be returned.

By submitting an entry, you acknowledge and accept the National Competitions' Terms and Conditions and consent to your entry, name, image, and/or photograph being displayed, published, reproduced, or otherwise used by the ICA for promotional, publicity, and related purposes.

3. All booking for B&B for Competition Weekend on 13th , 14th and 15th March 2027, to include lunch/dinner bookings must be made directly to An Grianán College of Adult Education at 041 982 2119 or admin@an-grianan.ie, clearly referencing the **Competition Weekend.**

Please note Federation Heats must be held for the following
(a) Table Quiz;
(b) Gem Pack;
(c) Pitch & Putt;
(d) Brown Bread.

It is very important to read all criteria for each competition very carefully. Please note: this booklet covers all competitions for 2027.

1. New Competition Poetry

Closing Date: Friday 5th February 2027 **Entry Fee: €5.00**

Please made cheques payable to the Irish Countrywomen's Association only

A Poem "School Days"

6 Verses of 6 lines (not more than 700 words)

Entry must include

A) a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.

B) Entries must be typed on one side of paper only, using double line spacing and font-Times New Roman, size 12.

Please post entry marked **"Poetry"**

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Copy of entry must be submitted via email to competitions@ica.ie

2. Creative Writing Competition

Closing Date: Friday 5th February 2027 **Entry Fee: €10**

A Short Story titled "Standing in a Queue"

(maximum 2,000 words, word count must be stated)

Entry must include

A) a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.

B) Entries must be typed on one side of paper only, using double line spacing and font Times New Roman, size 12.

Please post entry marked **"Creative Writing"**

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Copy of entry must be submitted via email to competitions@ica.ie

Following the competition, a **Creative Writing Booklet** featuring all entries will be produced. We would be delighted to include your story, unless you choose to opt out when submitting your entry.

Six stories will be selected to progress to the National Final at **An Grianán**. Shortlisted participants will be invited to join us on **Sunday, 14 March 2027.**

On **Monday, 15 March 2027**, your story will be shared with the audience and read either by you or by someone you choose to represent you.

3. Baumann Shield for Music (Open Guild Competition)

Closing Date: Friday 26th February 2027

Entry Fee: €20/team

Ticketed event: €5 (performers excluded)

National Final: Sunday 14th March 2027

Two Songs:

(a) Any song from the 70's
(b) A humorous song sung in a round

Please Note: Each group must comprise at least four singers. Participation from members representing various Guilds within the same Federation is welcomed. While the accompanist is not required to be an ICA member, all singers must be current, paid-up members of the ICA.

No backing tracks are permitted. Please note that costumes will not be considered as part of the judging criteria.

Entry must include

A) a separate sheet with: title of chosen songs, name of performers, including Guilds and Federation; name, telephone number and email address for the main contact.

Please post entry marked **" Baumann Shield for Music "**

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4. Eleanora Gibbon Cup for Drama (Open Guild Competition)

Closing Date: Friday 26th February 2027

Entry Fee: €20/team

National Final: Sunday 14th March 2027

Theme – "The Outing"

Please note: 20-minute timeslot, empty stage to empty stage.

Tables/chairs/handheld props/musical instruments/ electronic device only.

Entry must include

a separate sheet with names of performers, including Guilds and Federation; telephone number, email address for the main contact.

Please post entry marked **"Eleanora Gibbon Cup"**

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5. Part 1 – Irish Competition

Closing Date: Thursday 6th March 2027

Entry Fee: €20/team

Ticketed event: €5 (performers excluded)

National Final: 15th March, 2027

Irish Dance/Irish Music/Irish Song/Irish Story- Solo or Group

A showcase of Irish Culture

Entry must include

A) a separate sheet with name of performer/performers, including Guilds and Federation; telephone number, email address for the main contact.

Please post entry marked **"Part 1 Irish Competition"**

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Please note: 15-minute timeslot, empty stage to empty stage.

6. Gem Pack Baking Competition

Closing Date: **Friday 5th March 2027**

National Final: **Monday 15th March 2027 in An Grianán**

The competition entry must be a **Light Fruit Cake** baked in a **20cm round tin**.

- Each Federation may submit **one cake only**.
- Proof of **Gem Pack purchases** must be provided at both Federation and National level.
- **National Final: The winning entrant from each Federation will be invited to attend the National Final at An Grianán on Sunday, 14 March 2027.**
- **High Tea, Bed & Breakfast, and Monday Lunch** will be provided, kindly sponsored by **Gem Pack**.
- Registration of entries will take place at **10.30a.m. on Monday, 15 March 2027**.
- **Submission of Federation Winner:** The name of the Federation winner must be submitted to the National Contest Secretary no later than **Friday, 5 March 2027**. Please ensure that the correct contact details for the Federation winner are included with the submission.

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7. Part 2 – Irish Competition

Closing Date: 5th March 2027 **Entry Fee:** €5

National Final: Saturday 14th March 2027, Starting from 10.30am

Comórtas Cainte Éifeachtúil

Prós ullmhaithe le léamh ***timpeall 3 nóim***

(Prepared Prose to be read)

Prós gan ullmhú le léamh

(Unprepared Prose to be read) ***timpeall 3 nóim***

Dán ullmhaithe le léamh

(Prepared Poem to be read) ***timpeall 3 nóim***

Dán gan ullmhú le léamh

(Unprepared Poem to be read) ***timpeall 3 nóim***

Óráid Ullmhaithe

(Speech prepared with questioning from the Judge)

Ceisteanna ón moltóir tar éis na h-óráid. ***timpeall 10 nóim***

Óráid ar ábhar, roghnaithe ag an iarrthóir le cabhair nótaí

(Speech chosen by the candidate with the help of notes – questions afterwards)

Ceisteanna ón moltóir tar éis na h-óráide ***timpeall 3 nóim***

8. National Table Quiz 2027, 14th March 2027

Closing Date: **Thursday 6th March 2027**

Entry Fee:

- The fee for teams staying overnight at An Grianán is **€285 per team**.
- The fee for teams not requiring overnight accommodation is **€25 per team**.

National Final: Saturday, 14th March 2027, An Grianán at 2pm

1. Team Composition

a. Each team must consist of **three participants**.

b. Teams may be made up of members from the same Guild or from different Guilds within the Federation.

c. Only **one team from each Federation** may progress to the National Final.

2. National Final

a. The winning team from each Federation will be invited to attend the National Final at **An Grianán**.

b. Teams should arrive on **Saturday 13th March 2027, for a 2pm start.**

c. Dinner, Bed & Breakfast will be available as part of the event.

d. Please note that a light lunch will be provided to the **teams.**

3. Quiz Format

a. The National Final will consist of **10 rounds**, with **10 questions in each round**.

b. Some questions will be presented in **basic Irish**.

4. Submission of Team Details

a. The names of the Federation team members must be submitted:

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b. Please include full contact details for all team members.

5. Optional Friday Night Stay (at additional cost).

a. Teams may choose to arrive and stay on **Friday, 12th March 2027**.

6. To arrange accommodation for Friday night, please contact directly An Grianán College of Adult Education at 041 982 2119 or admin@an-grianan.ie, clearly referencing the **Competition Table Quiz.**

9. Gearrscéal (Short Story), 26th March 2027

Closing Date: Friday 26th March 2027 **Entry Fee: €10**

"An Lá is Dodhearmadta Agam"

Suas go dti 700 focal/ Up to 700 words

Entry must include

A) a separate sheet with: name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.
B) Entries must be typed on one side of paper only and font-Times New Roman, size 12.

Please post entry marked **"ICA Gearrscéal"**

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10. ICA Trophy for Reporting

Closing Date: Friday 26th March **Entry Fee: €5**

Reporting Subject: The treatment of women when purchasing expensive items

The report must be a maximum of 700 words and may cover items such as appliances, cars, etc.

Entry must include

A) a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.

B) Entries must be typed on one side of paper only and font-Times New Roman, size 12.

C) If you would like us to return the original report, please include a stamped self- addressed envelope.

Please post entry marked **"ICA Reporting"**

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11. Photography (Black & White)

Closing Date: Friday 2nd April 2027 **Entry Fee: €5**

Unsigned, Unmounted and Unframed 5" x 7" / 13cm x 18cm

Black and White "Old Gate or Gate Way"

Entry must include:

A) a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.
B) If you would like us to return the original report, please include a stamped self- addressed envelope.
C) No detail must be included in the photo.

Please post entry marked **"ICA Photography (Black and White)"**

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Please note: All photographs will be returned. The prize-giving ceremony will take place at the **National AGM 2027**. Winners are invited to bring their winning photographs for the exhibition at the AGM.

12. Inter Federation Cup for Photography (Colour)

Closing Date: Friday 2nd April 2027 **Entry Fee: €5**

Unsigned, Unmounted and Unframed 5" x 7" / 13cm x 18cm
Colour 'Irish Nature" (Bird, Animal, Flower etc.)

Entry must include

A) a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.
B) If you would like us to return the original report, please include a stamped self- addressed envelope.
C) No detail must be included in the photo.

Please post entry marked **"ICA Photography (Colour)"**

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13. Baumann Cup for Art Mixed Medium (Not watercolours)

Closing Date: Friday 2nd April 2027 **Entry Fee: €10**

Unsigned, Unmounted and Unframed.

Painting "Irish Castle" or" Irish Castle Ruins"

Entry specifications: Size of painting 14 x18 inches (35.5cm x 46cm) on canvass mixed medium.

Entry must include:

A) a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.
B) If you would like us to return the original report, please include a stamped self- addressed envelope.
C) No detail must be included in the artwork.

Please post entry marked **"ICA Baumann Cup for Art"**

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Please note: All artwork will be returned. The prize-giving ceremony will take place at the **National AGM 2027**. Winners are invited to bring their winning artwork for the exhibition at the AGM.

14. Art (watercolours) 2nd April 2027

Closing Date: Friday 2nd April 2027 **Entry Fee: €10**

Unsigned, Unmounted and Unframed

Painting "Spring is Here"

Entry specifications: size of painting 14 x 18 inches (35.5cm X46cm) on Paper (watercolours**)**

Entry must include

A) a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.
B) If you would like us to return the original report, please include a stamped self- addressed envelope.
C) No detail must be included in the artwork.

Please post entry marked **"ICA Art (Watercolors)"**

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Please note: All artwork will be returned. The prize-giving ceremony will take place at the **National AGM 2027**. Winners are invited to bring their winning photographs for the exhibition at the AGM.

15. Guild Yearbook for the Betty Manning Trophy

Closing Date: **Friday 9th April 2027** **Entry Fee:** **€10**

Guild Yearbook Competition 2026-2027

- Produce a **Guild Yearbook** covering the period **April 2026 to March 2027**.
- The yearbook should record and celebrate Guild activities, events, achievements, and community involvement throughout the year.
- Include photographs, reports, and other material relevant to Guild life, such as meetings, outings, classes, workshops, crafts, drama, sports, and fundraising activities.
- Showcase the fun, friendship, and sense of community enjoyed by members, together with participation at Federation and National level.
- Yearbooks may be **handwritten** or **computer produced**. Presentation will form part of the judging criteria.
- Separate **1st and 2nd prizes** will be awarded in both the handwritten and printed categories.
- Entries must be the work of **at least three Guild members**, although involvement from as many members as possible is encouraged.

Entry must include: a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.

Please post entry marked **"ICA Guild Yearbook Competition"**

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16. Inter Federation Trophy for Crafts

Closing Date: Friday 23rd April 2027 **Entry Fee: €10**

Entry Specification: Embroidery Cushion Cover or Small Cloth to Include 6 stitches – 18" x 18".

Entry must include

A) a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.

B) If you would like us to return the item, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Please post entry marked **"ICA Inter Federation Trophy"**

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17. Muriel Gahan Rosebowl

Closing Date: Friday 23rd April 2027 **Entry Fee: €10**

Entry Specification: Table Center (Patchwork or Embroidery)

Entry must include

A) a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.

B) If you would like us to return the item, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Please post entry marked **"ICA Muriel Gahan"**

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18. Lace - 23rd April 2027

Closing Date: Friday 23rd April 2027 **Entry Fee: €10**

Entry specification: Crochet Lace minimum size 10” diameter

Entry must include

A) a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.

B) If you would like us to return the item, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Please post entry marked **"ICA Lace"**

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19. Competition (Gardening - Walled Garden An Grianán)

Closing Date: Date to be confirmed Garden Party 2027

An Grianán Walled Garden's competition celebrates the joy of growing, nurturing, and showcasing beautiful plants in the unique setting of **An Grianán Adult Education College's Walled Garden**.

The competition is open to all ICA Federations. This year's theme is **Pollinator Paradise,** creating a garden space that attracts and supports bees, butterflies, and other pollinators while adding colour and beauty to the Walled Garden.

Each Federation is invited to take responsibility for a garden plot, encouraging creativity, pride, teamwork, and community spirit. Every plot should display a plaque with the Federation name, creating a lasting record of members' contributions and helping to build a beautiful legacy for future visitors to enjoy.

- Judging will take place on the weekend before the Garden Party.
- **1st Prize** and **2nd Prize** will be awarded.
- Winners will receive a **Garden Centre voucher**.

20. Social Media Promotion of ICA

Closing Date: 23rd April 2027 **Entry Fee: €10**

"A Poster welcoming ICA member to an event marking International Women's Day"

Entry requirement: Poster – any format made digitally.

Select a platform that offers free templates and easy-to-use design tools, that is repeatable and incorporates the following essential information.

1. Host name: Clearly state who is hosting the event.
2. Invitation Phrase: Use a welcoming phrase like "you are cordially invited to" join us for.
3. Event Type/ Purpose.
4. Date and Time
5. Location
6. Contact information & RSVP: provide a clear way for new members to respond and mention any deadlines that apply.

Once your design is complete save it in a suitable digital format (e.g.PDF/ JPG or PNG for social media) and email entry to the *National Competitions to competitions@ica.ie*

Prizes:

- **1st Prize:** €100 value
- **2nd Prize:** €75 value
- **3rd Prize:** €50 value

Please note: By submitting an entry, you acknowledge and accept the National Competitions Terms and Conditions and consent to your entry being displayed, published, reproduced, or otherwise used by the ICA for promotional, publicity, and related purposes.

21. National Pitch and Putt Competition (Open Guild Competition)

Closing Date:	**Friday 27th August 2027**
Entry Fee:	**€150 for Team of 4, inclusive of lunch for 4 at An Grianán and Green Fees at Seapoint Pitch & Putt Club**
Competition Date:	**Saturday 11th September 2027, 10.00am**
Location:	**Seapoint and An Grianán**

The National Pitch & Putt Competition will take place at Seapoint Pitch & Putt Club, Termonfeckin, Co. Louth with a Fourball shotgun start at 11.00am.

Teams must be on the course for 10.00am to give everyone time to get to their allocated tee box.

The competition is open **to Teams of 4**

Entry forms on next page or on request from Central Office Contact office@ica.ie

Entry Form: Pitch and Putt 2027

Please complete the form below and send entry and fee to:

National Competitions, An Grianán Adult Education College, Termonfeckin, Co. Louth, A92 X9TF

All forms must include participants' names. Fees must be paid as per T&C.

The Closing date is Friday 27th August 2027

Pitch & Putt Entry Form 2027

ICA Federation:

_____

Participants' Names

1_____

2_____

3_____

4_____

Team Contact Name:

_____

Team Contact Email Address:

_____

Team Contact Phone Number.

_____

22. Teachers' Memorial Handcraft Trophy

Closing Date: **Friday 19th March 2027**

Entry Fee: **€10 – cheque payable to ICA Handcraft Committee to be included in the entry.**

Entry Specifications: An article in Redwork Embroidery – A4 size, approximately.

Entry must include:

A) a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.

B) If you would like us to return the item, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Please post entry marked **"ICA Teachers' Memorial Handcraft Trophy"**

For the attention of the Handcraft Committee

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Alternatively, entry may be brought to the **Spring Handcraft Week in An Grianán, scheduled for 5th – 9th April 2027**.

The Teachers Memorial Handcraft Trophy Competition will be judged during Spring Handcraft Week 2027.

Please note: The prize-giving ceremony will take place at the **National AGM 2027**.

This competition is not open to Handcraft Teachers.

23. Breda McDonald Trophy / Hobby Section for Beginners

Closing Date: **Friday 19th March 2027**

Entry Fee: **€10 – cheque payable to ICA Handcraft Committee to be included in the entry.**

Entry Specifications: Three items from the following list, with each to be a different craft.

- 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 another small item)
- Quilling
- Plastic Canvas (Small Item)
- Parchment Craft

The three items must be the work of one person.

Judging Criteria: Points 1 – 10 will be awarded for each item submitted. (Each to be a different craft)**.** The Trophy will be awarded to the individual with the most points.

Please note that items submitted must not exceed A4 size i.e. 30cm x 21cm.

Entry must include:

C) a separate sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation details.

D) If you would like us to return the item, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Please post entry marked **"ICA Breda McDonald Trophy"**

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Please note: The prize-giving ceremony will take place at the **National AGM 2027**.

This competition is not open to Handcraft Teachers.

The Entry Form for this competition is available at the end of this booklet or online from www.ica.ie – Competitions Section.

Entry Form: Breda McDonald Trophy 2027

Please complete the form below and send entry and fee to:

National Handcraft Committee, An Grianán Adult Education College, Termonfeckin, Co. Louth, A92 X9TF

All forms must include participants' names. Fees must be paid as per T&C.

The Closing date is Friday 19th March 2027

Name:_____

Address:_____

Guild: _____ **Federation:** _____

Team Contact Email Address:

_____

Team Contact Phone Number.

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Please list the 3 items being submitted:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

24. The National Brown Bread Baking Competition 2027

Details of the annual competition in collaboration with the National Ploughing Association will be circulated in the National Mailing by May 2027.

The ICA Final Heat will be held at An Grianán in July 2027, subject to confirmation.

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