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Kingdom of Skills

**Traditional Building Skills
Demonstrations, Conservation Talks
& Children's Craft Workshops**

MUCKROSS TRADITIONAL FARMS - MUCKROSS HOUSE, KILLARNEY V93 CK73

**A weekend of Traditional Building Skills
Demonstrations & Conservation Talks for everyone
interested in period buildings, architectural
conservation and traditional building skills.**



**Fri 26th
& Sat 27th
September**
10am-5pm daily



**Demonstrations
of Traditional Ironwork,
Lime, Joinery,
Stone Carving,
Stone Walling, Roofing,
Thatching, Sign Writing,
Brick Pointing
& more**



**FREE
ADMISSION**

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FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER /

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| 10am | The Importance of Using Lime in Historic Buildings
<i>Tom McGimpsey, committee member of the Building Limes Forum Ireland & Grade I RIAI Conservation Architect.</i> |
| 11am | Maintaining Traditional Skills & Traditional Buildings
<i>Triona Byrne, Architecture Officer, The Heritage Council.</i> |
| 12 noon | Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings:
Planning Implications and Grant Aid
<i>Carl Raftery, Architectural Conservation Advisor, National Built Heritage Service,
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.</i> |
| 1pm | Launch of Kingdom of Skills by Virginia Teehan, CEO, The Heritage Council. |
| 2pm | Killarney National Park: Culture, Heritage & Biodiversity Skillsets
<i>Eammon Meskeel, Divisional Manager, National Parks and Wildlife Service.</i> |
| 3pm | The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) and the Buildings of Kerry
<i>Damian Murphy, Architectural Heritage Officer, NIAH, National Built Heritage Service,
Department Housing, Local Government and Heritage.</i> |
| 4pm | Nature Within Walls: Reconnecting the Built Environment with the Living World
<i>Eleanor Turner, Biodiversity Officer, Kerry County Council.</i> |



Left: 131 c settle bed stencilled red, Kerry restored 2009. Photo by Leo Suijkerbuijk (2009), courtesy Claudia Kinmonth

SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER /

- 10am Muckross and the Heritage Council's Museums Standards Programme Ireland**
Dr Patricia O'Hare, Research and Education Officer, Trustees of Muckross House (Killarney) CLG.
- 11am Valentia Slate: Understanding the History, Characteristics and Use of Valentia Slate in Historic Buildings**
Dr Aidan Forde, Director, Valentia Slate.
- 12 noon Recognising Apotropaic (protective) Symbols on our Irish Architecture & Artefacts: Work in Progress**
Dr Claudia Kinmonth, MRIA, FSA, MA(RCA) Furniture & Art Historian.
- 1pm An Exploration of Kerry's Designed Landscapes**
Victoria McCarthy, Heritage Officer and Architectural Conservation Officer, Kerry County Council.
- 2pm Historic Windows of Kerry: Their Significance, History & Conservation**
Dr Nessa Roche, Senior Architectural Advisor, National Built Heritage Service, Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.
- 3pm Understanding and Minding Kerry's Vernacular Buildings**
Dr Barry O'Reilly, Architectural Conservation Advisor, NIAH, National Built Heritage Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- 4pm Irish Thatched Houses: Kerry's Regional Styles & Materials with Case Studies of their Conservation**
Karol O'Mahony, Grade II RIAI Conservation Architect.

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FREE Craft Workshops

Delivered by Irish Georgian Society, Kerry County Council
and the Trustees of Muckross House, CLG

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Friday 26th September 2025

WILLOW BASKET MAKING WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS (CHILDREN WELCOME TOO)

WORKSHOP 1: 11.00am-12.30 noon | WORKSHOP 2: 3.00pm- 4.30pm

Join Kerry based traditional basket maker, Diane Southey of Saille Baskets to make bird feeders by weaving traditional saille (willow) rods. This workshop is suitable for both adults and children over 8. If children participating, then an adult needs to stay for the duration of the workshop as secateurs are used. All participants get to take their bird feeders home with them.

Saturday 27th September 2025

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1: PAINT A PANE

10.30am (1 ½ hour) | Age: 8-18 years

Join Kerry based stained-glass maker and conservator Glynn Palmer of Palmer Conservation as he sets out the tools and techniques employed in painting stained glass the traditional way. Each child will be provided with a pane of historic glass which they will paint and bring home with them at the end of the workshop. Old clothes essential as using indelible paint.

WORKSHOP 2: CREATE & CARVE

12 noon (1 hour duration) | Age: 8-18 years

Make your mark in stone with sculptor and master mason, Philip Quinn of Stonemad. Learn about the different types of stone (such as sandstone, limestone and slate) that are used to build and adorn Kerry's heritage buildings. In this workshop children will have the opportunity to inscribe their initials in stone using traditional methods and materials and bring their finished piece home with them.

WORKSHOP 3: BUILD A BRICK

1.00pm (1 hour) | Age: 8-18 years

Join master craftspersons from Nolans Group Conservation & Restoration to make your own brick. Using traditional techniques each child will make and model their own miniature brick which they can initial and take home with them (unfired). Old clothes advised as children will be working with wet clay.

WORKSHOP 4: WEAVING WILLOWS

2.00pm (2 ½ hour) | Age: 8-18 years

Join Irish basket maker Martin O'Flynn to hand weave willow rods into a boat basket. Sharing his 40 years of experience as a basket maker, Martin will teach the techniques of these weaves using his own heritage variety willow, grown and hand cut in West Cork. You'll take home your creation and the knowledge of basic willow weaving techniques. • Parental supervision essential as secateurs will be used for this workshop.

Please arrive at the Irish Georgian Society's stand in the Old School House at Muckross Traditional Farms 10 minutes prior to workshop start time. Places allocated on a first come first served basis. Please wear old clothes. • Please be advised that children's parents/guardians must remain with children for the duration of the workshop.



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