

Connemara's Hidden Heritage



**THE MAY FLY MARKET
OUGHTERARD**

Friday 26th & Saturday 27th April 2013
Venue: Church of Ireland, Oughterard

Friday 26th April 2013

9.30am-10.00am	Registration
10.00am-10.15am	Official Opening by Cllr. Tomas Welby, Mayor of the County of Galway
10.15am-11.00am	“Exploring the Geological Heritage of Connemara” by Prof. Martin Feely
11.00am-11.15am	Coffee
11.15am-12.00 noon	“The Early History of Oughterard (A Hanoverian Fort on the Irish Frontier)” by Michael Gibbons
12.00 noon – 12.45pm	“The Engineering Heritage of Connemara” by Paul Duffy
12.45pm-1.00pm	Questions and Answers Session
1.00pm-2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm- 2.45pm	“300 Years of Connemara Gardening Heritage” by Breandan O Scanail
2.45pm-3.30pm	“Connemara Local History Sources available in Island House Library” by Maureen Moran
3.30pm-3.45pm	Questions and Answers
3.45pm-4.00pm	Coffee
4.00pm	Finish

Saturday 27th April 2013

9.30am-10.00am	Registration
10.00am-10.15am	Official Opening by Cllr. Tomas Welby, Mayor of the County of Galway
10.15am-11.00am	“Archival Sources in Galway County Council Archives” by Patria McWalter
11.00am-11.15am	Coffee
11.15am-12.00 noon	“Connemara Landed Estates: Evidence from the Irish Landed Estates Database” by Marie Boran
12.00 noon – 12.45pm	‘From Poverty to Prosperity: Emigration from Connemara in the Nineteenth century’ by Dr. Gerard Moran
12.45pm-1.00pm	Questions and Answers Session
1.00pm-2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm- 2.45pm	“Soupers and Jumpers, the Protestant missions in Connemara, 1848-193” by Dr. Miriam Moffitt
2.45pm-3.30pm	“Connemara emerging to modernity” by Kathleen Villiers- Tuthill
3.30pm-4.15pm	“Oughterard Heritage on the Web” by Dave Collins
4.15pm-4.30pm	Questions and Answers
4.30pm-4.45pm	Coffee
4.45pm	Finish

Bios

Marie Boran

Marie Boran is a Special Collections Librarian in the James Hardiman Library at NUI, Galway. Her research interests include the topographical and social history of nineteenth and twentieth century Ireland. In recent years she has worked as a researcher on the Irish Landed Estates project.

Paul Duffy

Paul Duffy is a Chartered Fellow of Engineers Ireland and has published, lectured and broadcast extensively on Ireland's Engineering and Industrial Heritage with particular emphasis on County Galway.

Professor Martin Feely

Martin Feely (BSc NUIG, MSc UCD, PhD NUIG) is a Professor of Earth and Ocean Sciences at NUIG and is also Adjunct Professor of Geological and Environmental Sciences at James Madison University, Virginia, USA. His main areas of research and teaching are linked to mineralogy, petrology and fluid inclusion studies. The focus of his investigations range from the granites of Connemara and Newfoundland to oil prospective basins in the North Sea, Colombia and China. He also has a keen teaching and research interest in gemmology and directs an evening diploma course on the subject in NUIG.

Michael Gibbons

Michael Gibbons is one of Ireland's leading Field Archaeologists. Michael specialises in Archaeological and Historical Tours for academic and student groups, as well as individuals seeking a deeper understanding of Ireland's rich cultural heritage. He has recently completed a preliminary survey of the intertidal zone archaeology of Galway Bay.

Dr. Gerard Moran

Gerard Moran is a lecturer in the Dept. of History at NUI Maynooth and Director of its MA in Irish History programme. He has published extensively on nineteenth-century Ireland and his research interests include Irish emigration and diaspora, agrarian agitation and social conditions in Ireland. He is the author of *Sending Out Ireland's Poor: Assisted Emigration from Ireland in the Nineteenth Century* (Dublin, 2004) and *Sir Robert Gore Booth and his Landed Estates in Co. Sligo: Land, Famine, Emigration and Politics, 1825-1876* (Dublin, 2006).

Maureen Moran

Maureen Moran is a Senior Executive Librarian based in Galway County Library Headquarters. She has an in-depth knowledge and interest in local history.

Patria McWalter

Patria McWalter, B.A., H. Dip. A.S., received her BA in history and sociology in UCD in 1996, and qualified as an Archivist the following year. Since then she has worked with local government, spending 3 years with Mayo County Council before joining Galway County Council in 2000.

Galway County Council, Archives hold local authority records, relating in particular to early local government, together with a small quantity of private estate records, acquired by the Library Service over the years. The lecture will be a brief introduction to the archive holdings, concentrating on those relevant to Connemara and local history.

Breandan O'Scanail

Breandan O'Scanail, was born in Clifden and has spent all his life in Connemara. A writer on history and gardening, he brings together these two passions in his own early 19th century garden just outside Clifden. On top of these interests, he has a great regard for the environment and the heritage of Connemara.

Kathleen Villiers-Tuthill

Kathleen Villiers-Tuthill is a native of Clifden and the author of six books, two booklets and numerous articles on the history of West County Galway. Her work is based principally on primary sources, from public archives and private collections. In recognition of her contribution to the heritage of the county, she has received two Heritage Awards from Galway County Council and an honorary Master of Arts degree from NUI Galway.

Kathleen lectures frequently to local history societies and other groups throughout the country.

Dr. Miriam Moffitt

Miriam Moffitt, a graduate of NUI Maynooth, University of Wales Lampeter and the University of Nottingham, has written extensively on the history of Irish Protestants and concentrates especially on those who lived west of the Shannon. She teaches Church History in St Patrick's College, Drumcondra.

David Collins

David Collins has been a member of the Oughterard Heritage Group for the last five years and has been responsible for digitising the stories, images and memories shared by the community.

David works closely with the Galway County Heritage office and the National Museum of Ireland-country Life to facilitate other communities, in digitising and and sharing on the internet, their local heritage. David also is administrator and editor of the award winning oughterardheritage.org website



Pat Healy {standing} and Mark Geoghegan pictured on the old Oughterard to Clifden road.

For Bookings for this free conference please contact:

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