

INSIDE [CRAFT]

A REGION OF CREATIVITY



Explore
the creative
talent of....

**CAVAN,
LEITRIM,
LONGFORD &
ROSCOMMON**

**CRAFT
TRAIL '17**

We welcome you
[INSIDE] the mind
of the maker,

[INSIDE] the region,
spanning a wide
geographic and creative
discipline base,

and **[INSIDE]** each of
the workshops, studios,
and places where the
alchemy happens.

www.insidecraft.ie



WELCOME

The **INSIDE [CRAFT]** trail is a new craft tourism experience positioning the area of Cavan, Leitrim, Longford and Roscommon as a region of creativity.

Through **INSIDE [CRAFT]** our region's craft and creative businesses become more visible to you, the visitor, to experience craft, to meet the maker, support our small enterprise owners and to purchase authentic, quality products for yourself or as a gift.

Why **INSIDE [CRAFT]**?

We want you to know more about our creative region from an 'insiders' perspective. We believe visitors don't just want to look at things; they want to experience them at a deeper level. And yes, we are on the inside of the country too, connected by the alluring River Shannon. This is a special place, a place that works harder to stand out.

How?

You can enjoy our craft trail to visit 24 creative places across the counties of Cavan, Leitrim, Longford and Roscommon by browsing through our printed map and information. We invite you to explore, experience and support our crafts people, artists and creative people.

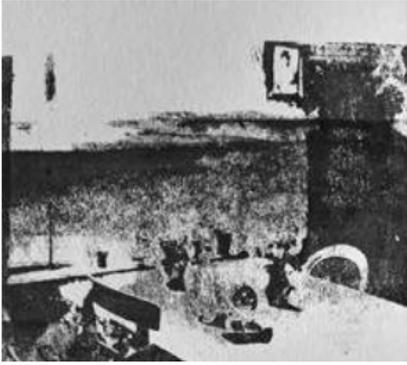


NO. 01

MARIA BAGNOLI ARTIST PRINTMAKER

24 Breffni Court, Blacklion, Co. Cavan

Artist and printmaker Maria creates works in print using relief, intaglio and silk screen to create texture in her work. She refers to nature as her starting point, with drawing as a foundation, although watercolour painting and using inks are a vital part of the processes she uses. As a new departure in Maria's creative practice she is incorporating video and texts into her new work. Maria is a graduate of Camberwell Art School, London with a BA Hons in painting and her work has been exhibited in U.K. Scotland, Italy & Portugal. Since moving to Ireland in 2001, she joined Leitrim Sculpture Centre exhibiting in group and solo shows and also runs wonderful printmaking workshops.



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📍 Eircode F91 R2H9
🕒 Hours Mon -Sat 10am-6pm

NO. 02

THE MARKET HOUSE

Blacklion, Co. Cavan

The Market House is a community-run Tourism and Information Office, Arts and Crafts Centre where local artists and craft makers display and sell their work. It is Blacklion's social hub for the community while also welcoming visitors for its various workshops and classes in creative skills such as crochet and creative writing. Visitors will enjoy The Market House interpretive room for the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark, and get insider information about the wealth of local attractions in the area including The Cavan Burren Park, The Shannon Pot and Cuilcagh Mountain Park. A warm welcome is guaranteed.



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📍 Eircode F91 PKV1
🕒 Hours Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
Sat 10am-4pm

NO. 03

BEAR ESSENTIALS

Tirnawannagh, Bawnboy, Co. Cavan

Bear Essentials & Silver Bear Centre share a magical setting with Bawnboy and Brackley Lake in County Cavan. The Bear Essentials Teddy Bear Shop houses the largest collection of Teddy Bears in Ireland. Here you will find famous brands like Steiff, Charlie and Bukowski Bears alongside Anke Morgenroth's own limited edition of Irish Made Teddy Bears and Baby Essentials. All Anke's bear collections show German craftsmanship but are inspired by the Irish country side around Bear Essentials. Anke also runs a Teddy Bear Hospital to restore precious old Teds. The build your bear workshops are very popular with visitors all year round.



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📍 Eircode H14N280

🕒 Hours: Tues- Sat 9am-6pm

NO. 04

SEAN CASSIDY ARTIST

Church Street, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan

Working in acrylic and watercolour, artist Sean Cassidy often uses Celtic imagery to express his ideas in his distinctive style. Children, music and the landscape of west Cavan are other sources of inspiration. The self-taught painter has exhibited in Ireland, New York and Finland and his work is in many private collections worldwide. He sells through his studio in Ballyconnell and in selected art galleries.



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📍 Eircode H14 VW61

🕒 Hours: Visitors welcome,
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No. 05

TRADITIONAL
IRISH BASKETS*Ballynamannan, Belturbet, Co. Cavan*

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📍 Eircode H14 YN20
🕒 Hours Mon-Sat 10.30am-5pm

Eddie McGrath is a basket weaver trained in Ireland and in Somerset in the UK. He uses natural Irish willow in a variety of shades at harvest time including Harrisons, Dicky Meadows, Packing Twine, Brittany Blue. Eddie's baskets are strong, durable and made with the highest quality traditional craftsmanship. His product range includes beautifully crafted shopping, log, and hamper baskets and a range of traditional Irish baskets such as scoibs and creels. Eddie also makes traditionally shaped willow coffins which are amongst the most environmentally friendly coffins available. Eddie provides tuition in the timeless craft of basketry through workshops designed to guide participants through each stage of the process. Each participant will take their own handcrafted basket with them at the end of the workshop.

No. 06

STUDIO EIGHT

Corraback, Belturbet, Co. Cavan

Studio Eight is a small handmade business set up by Kirsten O'Keeffe. With a background in Textile Design, Kirsten has always loved art, design and crafts. Studio Eight has been born out of a love to 'create and design' personalised keepsake gifts for all occasions. Everything Kirsten makes is lovingly cut, sewn, printed and packaged by her in her lakeside studio in Belturbet, County Cavan. Using colour, pattern, contemporary and vintage style interiors, her lakeside views are a true inspiration. She makes Keepsake Box Frames, Hoop Art, Mini Hoop Pendants and cards to order combining treasured names, dates and occasions as the celebratory feature of the gift. The ethos of Studio Eight is 'Happy Homes & Handmade'.



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📍 Eircode H14 XC78
🕒 Hours: Visitors welcome,
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NO. 07

JACKIE O'NEILL
TEXTILE ARTIST*Cavan Town, Co. Cavan*

Jackie has a degree in Textile Design from GMIT and has worked in fashion in London. Her printwork was part of Topshop's Oxford Street Neuroticas A/W 2010 collection. In 2012, Jackie returned home to Cavan to focus on textile art and illustration. The result is "Dotti Was A Deer", a limited edition collection of lighthearted and colourful fabric and paper prints suitable for children and adults alike. Her technique combines hand drawn illustration, digital manipulation, collage, embroidery and Appliqué. Jackie creates affordable art works that are sold through her studio, website, trade fairs, craft fairs & exhibitions. Her personal arts practice focuses more on playing with unusual concepts and media in her studio and therefore always challenging herself and growing as a visual artist.



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📍 Eircode H12 X3X8
🕒 Hours Thurs-Fri 10am-6pm
Sat 10am-5pm

NO. 08

ELENA BRENNAN
JEWELLERY*The Jewellery Studio,
Lisreagh, Co. Cavan*

Since childhood, Elena has been designing, making and mending jewellery and it is a great passion and pleasure in her life. She loves intricacy, detail, delicacy and graceful flowing forms. Her work is very figurative, sinuous and full of movement. Her work reflects the intricacies of Celtic metalsmiths, early illuminated Irish manuscripts, the art of ancient Rome, Art Nouveau & Art Deco periods which have all had a strong influence on her work. Growing up close to a river in the West of Ireland, swirls and flowing lines have always featured strongly in her work. Elena studied fine Craft Design Jewellery at the University of Ulster, Belfast, and at the Sir John Cass College, London. Her jewellery studio is two miles from Cavan town.



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📍 Eircode H12 HN76
🕒 Hours Mon-Sat 10.30am-5.30pm
Sun by appointment

NO. 09

HOMEBIRD DESIGN

Shannow, Cavan, Co. Cavan



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📍 Eircode H12 XC83
 🕒 Hours Mon-Fri 9.30am-6pm

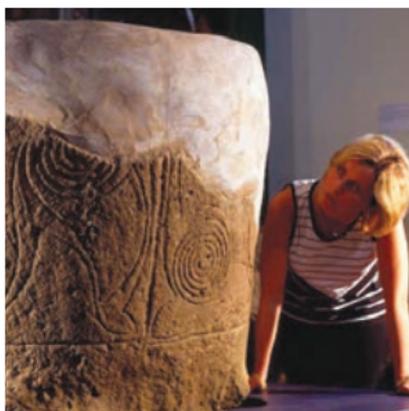
Homebird Design combines the skills of husband and wife team Ronan and Orla Ward to create beautifully designed artworks with an Irish twist. Perfect for the home, office and work space, homebird.ie draws on the couple's backgrounds in graphic design and visual art. They create some of the funniest, engaging and quirky artworks as well as truly unique greeting cards, demonstrating a real passion for what they do while providing excellent customer service. Themes include Irish slang, sporting legends, occasions and specific designs for every county in Ireland. Orla is also a visual artist and creates spectacular pieces of art using unique combinations of materials and colours.

NO. 10

CAVAN COUNTY MUSEUM

Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan

The Cavan County Museum exhibition galleries feature unique artefacts dating from the stone age up until the twentieth century; material spanning over 6000 years of occupation in Cavan. Displays of notable interest include the Killycluggin stone and the three-faced Corleck Head, two of the most recognisable examples of Celtic spirituality in the country. The museum also houses a medieval Dug-Out boat and a selection of medieval Sheelana-Gigs, as well as a Folk Life gallery depicting life in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Newly-opened galleries deal with topics as diverse as the Great Famine, Percy French and the Lords Farnham. As a key artistic venue, its exhibition space plays host to visiting exhibitions, whilst the Eden Gallery is home to regular art shows by local and national artists.



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📍 Eircode A82 YP70
 🕒 Hours Tues-Sat 10am-5pm
 Sun 2pm-5.30pm (June to 24th Sept)

NO. 11

MARINA MORONEY
CERAMICS*Mullahoran Lower, Kilcogy, Co. Cavan*

Marina creates functional / sculptural hand built ceramics, altered wheel-thrown stoneware and porcelain inspired by the historically rich and naturally diverse surroundings. A graduate of Limerick School of Art and Design and Crafts Council of Ireland's pottery skills course, Marina resumes her career in ceramic design after dedicating ten years to raising her family. Marina works from her studio in Mullahoran, Co. Cavan.

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 ⌚ Hours: Visitors welcome,
 please phone in advance

NO. 12

ST KILIANS,
HERITAGE CENTRE*Mullagh, Co. Cavan*

St Kilian's Heritage Centre was built by the local community in association with the Diocese of Würzburg in southern Germany. The centre features many relics and replicas of St Kilian. A beautifully stocked exhibition area opens onto a small video theatre and the centre houses a small craft shop where visitors can view and purchase locally produced craft and design, including books, cards, silver jewellery, candles and much more. Adjoining the craft shop is a comfortable dining area where one may relax over lunch or coffee. Just outside is a beautiful picnic area where, on a sunny day, you can enjoy your coffee whilst taking in the picturesque environment of Mullagh, Co. Cavan.



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📍 Eircode A82 HW77
 ⌚ Hours Tues-Fri 10am-6pm
 Sat-Sun 2pm-6pm

NO. 01

THE NEW
BALLAGH CENTRE*Tullyskearney, Rossinver, Co. Leitrim***t:** 071 985 4030**e:** rise@rcdc.ie**w:** www.rcdc.ie

🕒 Hours Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

The New Ballagh Centre is housed in an old Church of Ireland chapel which has been transformed into a multi-purpose community resource centre and home to Celtic Flame Candles. A range of locally produced craft products are available for sale in the centre and craft classes are available for visitors. The Celtic Flames Candles range come in a variety of scents inspired by local beauty spots and themes such as Glenaniff Mist, Melvin Sunrise and Leitrim Rose. The chapel was originally opened in 1851 and its beautifully restored stain glass windows were lovingly and carefully created by Sharon and Maureen Byrne. They feature the four seasons and depict Lough Melvin native wildlife including red squirrels, pheasants, otters, herons and kingfishers.

NO. 02

ARROWE CERAMICS

Leitrim Sculpture Centre, New Line, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim

Arrowe is a Ceramic Artist who works with porcelain and specialises in Crystalline glazes. This is a stunning technique which sees crystals grow under a glassy matrix on the ceramic body. Arrowe creates sculptural and functional ceramic forms inspired by nature, spirals and fractals. Based at the Leitrim Sculpture Centre, Manorhamilton, he uses glazes and forms to illustrate the presence of organised patterns within chaotic behaviour and within nature.

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📍 Eircode F91 EAW7

🕒 Hours: Visitors welcome,
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NO. 03

LEITRIM SCULPTURE CENTRE STUDIOS

New Line, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim

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📍 Eircode F91 EAW7
 🕒 Hours Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

Situated in the North Leitrim within a rich and diverse rural landscape, the Leitrim Sculpture Centre (LSC) provides one of the most comprehensive visual arts resources in Ireland. Its programme includes exhibitions, artists residencies, workshops, training, research, masterclasses, talks, symposia and additional projects that explore the local landscape and alternative and sustainable models of arts practice through trans-local networking and collaboration. LSC works with the wider community and increase training opportunities in art, design and communication for all. Here, space and technology are flexibly resourced at affordable rates for artists, local communities and international practitioners.

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 Catch me if you can?

NO. 04

LICHEN CERAMICS

*Leitrim Sculpture Centre,
Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim*

Lichen Ceramics is based at the Leitrim Sculpture Centre where Bairbre Kennedy creates unique hand thrown stoneware pottery, as well as more whimsical pieces designed to bring a smile to your face. Inspired by the dramatic serenity of the lush landscape of County Leitrim she creates colourful and light pottery bringing a hint of opulence to functional pottery. Bairbre moved home to her native Leitrim to start her own pottery business after gaining a wealth of experience in London and working for some of Ireland's most established potteries.



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📍 Eircode F91 EAW7
 🕒 Hours: Available Monday to Friday by appointment only

NO. 05

ARTWOOD

Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim

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🕒 Hours: Visitors welcome,
 please phone in advance

Artwood is a family business, with each piece hand-crafted at its workshop under the Sliabh an Iarainn mountain in County Leitrim. Giolla Liddy comes from a line of carpenters and craftsmen and has been working with wood since he was a young boy. His creative enterprise offers an expanding range of natural, hand-crafted interior and gift products. Artwood's Suncatchers are made from locally sourced woods such as Spalted Beech, Elm, Sycamore, Walnut, Oak and Yew. They use high quality Asfour and Swarovski crystals which, when in direct sunlight, scatter a dazzling array of rainbows on your walls.

NO. 06

THE BETTY STUDIO

Church Street, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim

The Betty Studio is based at 'the old bicycle shop' formerly 'Sonny Barrons' on Church Street, Drumshanbo County Leitrim. Drumshanbo is a super bustling heritage village, full of independent shops, tea rooms, cafes, start-up business and a vibrant community. Angi Dixon is the proprietor of The Betty Studio which offers customers design led gifts created by independent Irish makers from cards and books to prints, textiles and a range of beautiful products for the home. The Betty studio also offers a co-working cottage dedicated to supporting female rural start ups, use our space to book a co-working desk / digital skills workshop.



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🕒 Hours Tues-Fri 10am-3pm

NO. 07

THE SOAP BOX

*The Food Hub, Drumshanbo,
Co. Leitrim*



Majella McAuley is the creative entrepreneur behind Natural Ireland and The Soap Box. The business has grown out of Majella's interest in natural skincare & a belief that the more natural the product, the more beneficial it is to our skin. The skincare products include a full range of handcrafted cold process soaps and a range of handmade traditional shaving soaps. Featured here is the award winning* range of traditional luxury shaving soaps. This range is rich in natural oils and butters which protects, soothes and moisturises the skin before during and after shaving.



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📍 Eircode N41 NX23
🕒 Hours: Visitors welcome,
please phone in advance

*The Natural Shaving Soap won the Bronze Award in the Male Grooming category in the UK Freefrom SkinCare Awards 2017.

NO. 08

THE SOLAS
ART GALLERY

Main St., Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

The Solas Art Gallery is an artist-led, not for profit gallery space based in Ballinamore, County Leitrim. It is an initiative between Leitrim County Council Arts Office and the Ballinamore Community Arts Group. The Gallery promote the arts within the wider community, making exhibition space accessible to artists, both full time and part time. As a community-led gallery it is run on a membership basis giving member artists access to the group shows and the possibility of a solo show. The gallery space is an ideal opportunity for new artists to experience their first solo exhibition so visitors can enjoy the work of new and emerging artists.



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📍 Eircode N41 D2X3
🕒 Hours Mon-Sat 10am-6pm
Closed Monday's during winter

NO. 09

THE DOCK

Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim

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📍 Eircode N41 T2X2
 🕒 Hours Mon-Fri 10am to 6pm
 Sat 10am to 5pm

The Dock is housed in a beautiful 19th century Courthouse building, overlooking the majestic River Shannon in Carrick-on-Shannon. It offers the best of contemporary art, music, theatre in beautiful gallery spaces and a bespoke performance space. The Dock presents a year-round programme spanning visual art, theatre, music, dance, comedy and performance art and is augmented by an arts education and outreach programme. The Dock is part of the fabric of the wider arts and enterprise community of the North West region supporting local arts initiatives and local enterprise including the many superb festival events taking place in the area.

NO. 10

THE LEITRIM DESIGN HOUSE

The Dock, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim

The Leitrim Design House, Ireland's premier Craft Gallery, is housed in The Dock. Shortlisted on the Irish Times Best Shops awards, the gallery showcases a distinctive range of Irish made products; fine art, ceramics, glass, prints, metal, wood, jewellery, textiles, paper-craft & unique cards and the selection of work on display is carefully curated with a strong emphasis on quality, design and innovation. Considered a landmark visitor attraction in the region, the Leitrim Design House is a unique shopping experience catering for those who want something authentic of value and quality. A real gem!



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📍 Eircode N41T2X2
 🕒 Hours Mon-Fr 10am -6pm
 Sat 10:30am - 5:30pm



GRAHAM REID

Dromahair, Co. Leitrim



Graham Reid Design showcases the glass art and jewellery he makes in his studio near Dromahaire, County Leitrim. From minimal designs, to intricate beads, he is always exploring the incredible colours and qualities of glass. Graham uses borosilicate (pyrex) or Murano glass, and the 'flameworking' technique, to create unique glass objects. Visitors can enjoy Graham's beginners Flameworking classes which are 2.5 hours in duration and individually tailored for one up to six students. You will learn the basics of working with Murano glass rods and a specialist flame working torch to produce a number of your own unique glass beads. Graham's online shop features his range of glass beads and necklaces.

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Check website information for upcoming classes

ANNUAL FESTIVALS

INSIDE [CAVAN]



Experience and enjoy our events, visit www.thisiscavan.ie

Cavan Drama Festival - March

Taste of Cavan - August

Cavan Craft Fair - Hotel Kilmore, November

Virginia Pumpkin Festival - October

INSIDE [LEITRIM]

Experience and enjoy our events, visit www.enjoyleitrim.ie

Shannon Blueway Adventure Festival - April

Taste of Carrick - Carrick-on-Shannon, June

Carrick Carnival - Carrick-on-Shannon, June

Carrick Water Music Festival - Carrick-on-Shannon, July

Joe Mooney Summer School - Drumshanbo, July

An Tostal Festival - Drumshanbo, July

Ballinamore Fringe Festival - Ballinamore, July

Ballinamore Summer Festival - Ballinamore, August

Five Glens Arts Festival - Manorhamilton, August



NO. 01

WENDY LOUISE
DESIGNS*Cloonteach, Newtownforbes,
Co. Longford*

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📍 Eircode N39 XR81
 ⌚ Hours: Visitors welcome,
 please phone in advance

Bespoke Millinery in the heart of Ireland, experience the traditional craft of millinery, visit Wendy Louise in her rural Studio. Wendy has been creating hats since 2004 using vintage and modern hat blocks with skills handed down from her Grandparents. Book a visit, wonder at the process of millinery, see at first-hand the fabrics and the process of this special art form. Chat, browse and shop in this little hat lovers haven. Wendy Louise also stocks local crafts including Made in Lucy's soap kitchen, Shira Jewellery and is the contact point for a talented local bridal designer.

NO. 02

ARDAGH HERITAGE
& CREATIVITY CENTRE*Ardagh, Co. Longford*

Explore, be inspired, create with Creative Ardagh. Based in Ardagh Heritage and Creativity Centre, this enchanting craft shop stocks local arts, crafts and publications, including ceramics, handmade soaps, crochet and jewellery from around the region. It is also home to a fascinating heritage exhibition tracing history from the ancient legend of Midir and Etain through Early Christian period of King Maine and Saints Patrick, Mel and Brigid to Famine Times in the model estate village and beyond. Group art, craft, drama and creative writing workshops based on the history and natural heritage of the area are available. Check out the calendar of special family events throughout the year in addition to SFI accredited school programmes. Take the time to enjoy their garden & woodland walk.



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 ⌚ Hours: Visitors welcome,
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NO. 03

THE BALDY SHEEP

Ballycloghan, Carrickboy, Co. Longford

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📍 Eircode N39 RR70
 🕒 Hours Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm

Patricia Cox is an Irish Knitwear Designer living in Longford, where she enjoys experimenting with texture, pattern and repetition. Aran knitting and lace work are Patricia's passions, and often she will incorporate both into a design. Patricia designs contemporary pieces with a nostalgic and feminine feel. Her work is stylish, wearable and adaptable. She uses techniques learned from her mother and grandmother who were both very talented and creative, thus Patricia's techniques are traditional, but used in a modern way. Together with her husband Aron, Patricia owns and runs The Baldy Sheep Yarn Shop in Longford town and this provides an excellent outlet for her creativity. Patricia received the prestigious Eleanor de la Branchardière Award for excellence and innovation in a lace entry at the 2016 RDS Craft Awards.

NO. 04

THOMAS LYNAM
CERAMIC*The Pines, Ballymulvey,
Ballymahon, Co. Longford*

Thomas Lynam is a bespoke potter and ceramic artist who makes vivid pieces of functional and decorative ware. His gallery and shop feature an onsite working pottery so visitors can see the full range of pottery skills when they call. Thomas has developed a range of high fired stoneware glazes that enhance his carving. The forms he creates are complimented by decorative motifs and patterns. It is possible also to take day and weekend classes. The gallery is located beside Newcastlewood, which is popular for walking and pony trekking.



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🕒 Hours Mon-Sun 10am-5pm

No. 05

CASEY'S BOGWOOD
SCULPTURES

Barley Harbour, Newtowncashel
Co. Longford



Father and son Kevin and Michael Casey are master craftsmen in the art of bog oak sculpture. Their wood, often centuries old, is taken from local bogs, stored and naturally dried for several years, before it is ready to be worked. This wood is revived and transformed into beautiful abstract or symbolic shapes. The visitor studio and workshop is located in a rural Shannon-side setting just outside Newtowncashel Village near to the pretty limestone Barley Harbour on the banks of Lough Ree. Visitors to the studio can experience the transformation of the bog oak some over 5000 years old into unique works of art.

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📍 Eircode N39 DE03
🕒 Hours Mon-Sat 9am- 6pm
[lunch 13:30-14:30]

ANNUAL FESTIVALS

INSIDE [LONGFORD]

Experience and enjoy our events,
visit www.longfordtourism.ie

The Táin March Walking Festival - March

Goldsmith Literary Festival - May

Hype Music Festival - May

Cruthú Arts Festival - July

Still Voices Short Film Festival - August

Taste of the Lakelands Food Festival - October

Edgeworth Science Festival - November

INSIDE [ROSCOMMON]

Experience and enjoy our events,
visit www.visitroscommon.com

Roscommon Lamb Festival - May

Strokestown Poetry Festival - May

The Percy French Festival, Castlecoote - July

Boyle Arts Festival - July

Douglas Hyde Conference Ballaghaderreen - July

The Secret Village Ballaghaderreen - August

Castlerea Rose Festival - August

NO. 01

IRISH FELT FAIRY

Ballinameen, Boyle, Co. Roscommon

Franziska Lienberger was born in Switzerland and now lives in the heart of Roscommon where she runs her family business Irish Felt Fairies. Franziska completed an apprenticeship and worked with leather as a professional saddler for several years. After travelling extensively, she settled in Ireland in 1993 and began wet felting over 12 years ago. She creates enchanting 3D feltworks and wall hangings with free motion embroidery based on mystic Ireland and fairies, leprechauns, imaginary creatures, part of Ireland that is just waiting to be discovered again. Franziska's craftwork is handmade by design and she also runs courses for all ages offering a little bit of magic and wonder for all who take part.

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📍 Eircode F52TN53
 ⌚ Hours: Visitors welcome,
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NO. 02

UNA BHAN TOURISM
AND CRAFTS*King House, Boyle, Co. Roscommon*

Úna Bhán Tourism and Crafts invite you to explore this treasure trove of locally produced crafts, homeware, fashion, jewellery, artisan food products, local interest nooks, CDs, souvenirs, children's toys and games. The craft shop proudly supports over 100 local producers and artists and also sells works all over the world through its online shop. The shop pays special homage to the Emmy Award winning TV series, Moone Boy devised by Boyle native and Hollywood star Chris O'Dowd.



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📍 Eircode F52 FW01
 ⌚ Hours: Mon-Sat 9am - 5pm
 Bank Holiday 9am - 5pm

NO. 03

NAOMH PADRAIG
HANDCRAFT

*Cloonshee, Strokestown,
Co. Roscommon*



Naomh Padraig is in business over 20 years and specialises in the traditional craft of basket making from both rush and willow. It is a registered member of the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland. Naomh Padraig, translated from the Irish language, means St. Patrick. Patricia O'Flaherty is also a qualified craft teacher and trainer and teaches her skills to the wider public through her craft studio. Naomh Padraig also sells its products to craft shops and galleries in Ireland, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the USA.

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NO. 04

SIOBHAN COX-
CARLOS FINE ART

*Lisonuffy, Strokestown,
Co. Roscommon*

Siobhan Cox Carlos is a well known abstract painter and renowned colourist. Trained as a fine art painter, Siobhan started painting on silks two years ago in the United States. Siobhan has now developed a unique brand of hand painted silk scarves, inspired by Ireland's beautiful landscape and her love of Celtic mythology. Siobhan works from her gallery house and studio in Strokestown. SCC silks also take commissions; Siobhan can design a scarf to each individual client's personal details and colours. Siobhan holds a BA Fine Art from Limerick School of Art and Design and her work is represented in the OPW State Art Collection, Roscommon County Council Civic Collection, the National Cancer Screen Service, the National Maternity Hospital and Department of an Taoiseach.



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Frances Crowe is an artist, educator and tapestry weaver. At her studio close to Roscommon Town, she designs and weaves large and small scale wall hangings for exhibition and commission. Using the French Goblin method of discontinuous lines she spends several weeks in the production of one piece. Passionate about teaching Frances runs workshops and courses in her own studio and throughout the country. She has curated several shows at home and abroad and her work has been selected for many prestigious fibre art exhibitions, including "From Lausanne to Beijing" International Fibre Art Festival in China 2016. She recently developed a tapestry weaving kit and limited edition prints can be purchased from the studio.

NO. 06

MICHELLEMADETHIS

*An Teach Ban, Corbo,
Kilrooskey, Co. Roscommon*

As her business name suggests Michelle Fallon makes a range of home and fashion accessories in the form of personalised textile, cushions, dolls and teddy bears. She teaches creative workshops from her cottage for adults and runs very popular Children's Sewing Camps during school holidays. Michelle has a wealth of experience in all areas of craft. She has studied in disciplines such as ceramics, jewellery making, dress design, sculpture and bag making attending Central Saint Martin's College in London, the Students Art League in New York and Grafton Academy of Dress Design in Dublin. Michelle's tutorials and business featured in the Irish Interiors magazine House & Home and fashion magazine Prudence.

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SMYTH KNIVES

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Paddy Smyth, owner of Smyth Handmade Knives, worked for a number of years as a chef and a trained butcher. Having a keen interest in hunting, fishing and camping, he has used knives for most of his life. With this true understanding, Paddy has honed his skills as a knife maker through sheer interest and passion for the art. Each knife is uniquely crafted with meticulous attention to detail; the end user always in mind. Paddy can customise a piece to suit your needs, using your preferred materials to create the final bespoke piece. Smyth Knives are members of the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland and one of only a handful of knife makers in Ireland.



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NO. 08

THE CLAYPIPE
VISITOR CENTRE

Knockcroghery, Co. Roscommon

Ethel Kelly's workshop is located on the site of a famous Irish Claypipe factory in the village of Knockcroghery in County Roscommon. Knockcroghery is renowned for almost 300 years for the production of clay pipes or dúidíns. By the late 1800's virtually the entire village was involved in the manufacture of the pipes which were distributed extensively throughout the country. They have revived the craft of pipe making using the original moulds and tools. Each pipe is hand-made using the same skills employed by artisans centuries ago. Considering the historical and cultural significance of these unique pieces, this is a rare opportunity to acquire a genuine piece of Irish history at a very affordable price.



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