

roscommon town



As part of the Lamb Festival a tour of Roscommon Castle was conducted by Albert Siggins on Sunday 2nd of May. Roscommon Heritage Office provided a booklet on the Castle and this was raffled the booklet going to Mr Leonard Gallagher.

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Tea morning

The Foróige staff and Mary Gleeson would like to thank everyone who supported them in their recent tea morning held in The Quad Youth Centre, Circular Rd, Roscommon. The sum of €317 raised on the day has gone to the Roscommon branch of The Western Alzheimer's.

Recent deaths

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the following people who died recently: Josephine Morrison, Belfast, mother of Mary McDermott, Hawthorn Drive; Tony Farrell, Ballinagard Road; Billy Burke, Celtic Avenue; Thomas Dolan, Dublin, son of Kathleen Dolan, Oaklawn Drive; James Ronayne, Claremorris, father of Carmel Walker, Ballinagard Road.

Recent baptisms

The following were recently welcomed into the Christian family at the Sacred Heart Church in Roscommon: Jessica Asante, Gabriel John McLoughlin; Clara Margaret King and Hannah Mae Casey.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all who celebrated Confirmation this weekend (83 children and seven adults). A special word of thanks to all the teachers from the four schools for their preparation of the children for the Ceremony and to the teachers and children from Scoil Mhuire involved in the Choir.

Heart Foundation

A street collection for the Irish Heart Foundation will be held on Friday, 14th May in Roscommon. Head-quarters based at Henchy's, Church Street. Volunteers urgently required. If you can help, please contact (087) 8251122 before 14th. Please support collection on the day.

Volunteers needed

Vita House is in need of volunteers. Volunteers come from all walks of life, they are ordinary people just like yourself. Training will be provided in accordance with your area of interest. The Book Club is ongoing. A Time to Grieve is a support group where bereaved persons come together in a supportive environment. Tuesdays at 8.30 pm. Weekly meditation from 1.30 to 2 pm every Thursday. A variety of counselling psychotherapy and bereavement services are available each day in Vita House by appointment. For information or to book for any of the above, please call Vita House on (090) 66 25898 or email vitahouse@eircom.net.

Daffodil Day

A total of €22,430 was forwarded to The Irish Cancer Society on 28th April for Daffodil Day in Roscommon town and surrounding areas. Again sincere thanks to the public for their generous contributions, the local community for their co-operation and assistance and the volunteers who are vital to the success of this annual event.

New challenge

Are you interested in becoming a trained facilitator with ACCORD, Roscommon delivering Marriage Preparation Courses. In return you will be awarded an Accredited Certificate from St. Patrick's College Maynooth. If you are interested there is an information evening in the Abbey Hotel Roscommon, on Monday 10th May at 8 pm email rosaccord@eircom.net. Website: www.accord.ie

First Holy Communion

Next Saturday 15th May pupils from the Abbey NS and Scoil Mhuire will make their First Holy Communion at 11 am in the Sacred Heart Church. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Mass change

On next two Saturdays 15th May and 22nd May morning Mass will be celebrated at the earlier time of 10 am to facilitate First Holy Communicants.

Thanks

The Irish Society for Autism wishes to thank most sincerely the kind people of Roscommon who donated €1,971.83 to their recent Church gate collection. Thanks also to all their faithful collectors who give of their time so willingly each year. God Bless all of you.

Recent weddings

Congratulations to the following who were married recently in the Sacred Heart Church: Edele Gilleran and David O'Rourke and Laura Farmer and Brian Daly.

Tidy Towns

Clean-up will continue every Tuesday for the coming months in different areas of the town. Tues. 18th May, Convent Road meeting at Convent Gym car park. Residents in these areas are invited to join the group at 7 pm. Gloves, bags and litter pickers will be provided. 'Think Tidy' Let's keep Roscommon clean! Youth 2000

Are you aged 16—35? Youth 2000 Connaught would like to invite you to a retreat in St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, Co. Galway on Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd May. So what can you expect? Why not consider joining other young people in exploring the important things in life. Time to chill out and meet other young people. This is a free event! You are asked to give what you can afford. Food and accommodation are provided. Just bring your sleeping bag! Check out www.youth2000.ie for more information.

Farm plastic

Farm plastic collection centres in County Roscommon, dates as follows: Thursday 13th May and James Fitzgerald's Yard, Carrowbehy, Castlereagh. Every Saturday 8 am to 5 pm.

Elena's bespoke jewellery

■ Pauline Scott

Local jeweller Elena Brennan creates bespoke designer jewellery and her work has recently become available in Timepieces, Main Street, Roscommon.

Elena grew up in Fuerty, attending school in Scardan and Athleague, where teacher Carmel Moran first inspired her to a career in art, encouraging lots of craft and drawing in class.

She attended secondary school in the Convent of Mercy in Roscommon, where once again she had a top class teacher in Maurice Harron. She went on to study fine craft design and jewellery in the University of Ulster, Belfast, for four years. After that she went to London, where she attended Sir John Cass College, completing a postgraduate in jewellery skills and design.

Elena has worked as a jewellery designer and master pattern maker for the jewellery trade in Dublin on and off for the last 18 years. She now lives in Lisreagh, Co. Cavan and has five children, Matthew (12), Jamie (10), Donna (9), Ciaran (7), Seanie (5). However, she can be found every second week in Fuerty, where her father still lives.

"I'm a jeweller, jewellery designer and wax modeller. Most of my pieces start out in wax first, so they are very three-dimensional. I love intricateness, delicacy and graceful flowing forms. My inspiration is drawn from my Celtic forebears who have left me in awe of their amazing skill and design, which I try and emulate in my jewellery. I also love to let my imagination run free and create exotic free flowing pieces."

The most important commission received by Elena to date was the creation of the successful "Children of Lir" collection of jewellery produced by T.J.H. in Dublin. Elena designed each of the pieces and created the master patterns. The collection was started in 1993 and is still selling well today. She also does a lot of commission work, both for private special



occasions, such as engagement and wedding rings, and corporate work.

Last autumn, Elena was asked by the National Museum in Kildare St, Dublin, to design a range of jewellery based on the beautiful Gold Brighter Boat, and also to make a tiny replica of the boat in silver and gold. All are now available in the Museum shop, Kildare Street. Elena's "Gossamer", "Mi Angel" and "Gossamer Children of Lir" collections are now available in Timepieces and she recently created sheep pieces to coincide with the Lamb Festival in Roscommon town.

Future plans include expanding her current collections and further work with the National Museum. She intends to create a range of wedding rings, starting with a Children of Lir wedding ring and some one-off exhibition pieces are also planned. Visit her website at www.elenabrennan.com to see more examples of her work.

Elena's jewellery is currently available from: Timepieces, Roscommon town; The Museum shop, National Museum, Kildare Street, Dublin and Kilkenny Design, Castle Yard Kilkenny.

