

IRELAND'S FIRST FEMALE BOTANIST

# FESTIVAL

19 - 27 AUGUST 2017

BANTRY % WHIDDY % GLENGARRIFF % BALLYLICKEY % COOMHOLA WALKS % TALKS % WORKSHOPS % EXHIBITIONS

Walking in the Footsteps of Ellen Hutchins (1785-1815)

This award winning annual festival, now in its 3rd year, provides a great opportunity to find out more about Bantry Bay's nature, heritage, culture and landscape through the story of Ellen Hutchins.

Programme of events







## Saturday 19th August

## 10:00-12:30 GLENGARRIFF WOODS - MOSSES & LIVERWORTS

An engaging & informative introduction to our smallest plants with Dr Joanne Denyer (Irish Conservation Officer British Bryological Society).

Meet: main car park.

#### 14:00-16:30 ARDNAGASHEL WALK

Explore the arboretum at Ardnagashel, established by the Hutchins family and hear their story. See lichens & seaweeds with Howard Fox, State Botanist (National Botanic Gardens/OPW) & Maria Cullen.

Meet: Rent an Irish Cottage, Ardnagashel.

#### 17:00-18:00 BALLYLICKEY -BOTANICAL ART DEMONSTRATION

Award-winning botanical artist Shevaun Doherty will be demonstrating and explaining the techniques she uses to produce her beautifully detailed paintings.

Venue: Manning's Emporium.

## Sunday 20th August

## 10:30-12:30 & 14:00-16:00 BANTRY HOUSE - BOTANISTS IN THE GARDENS

Botanists, including Howard Fox, State Botanist (National Botanic Gardens/OPW), with microscopes and hand lenses will show you close-up the wonderful world of small plants, including lichens and mosses. During the afternoon session, there will also be a popup exhibition in Bantry House Stables. Access to the gardens is free this day as part of Heritage Week.

#### 10:00-16:00 BANTRY HOUSE STABLES-BOTANICAL ART WORKSHOP 1

Learn how to bring leaves to life using watercolours with award-winning botanical artist Shevaun Doherty. 650/person, paper & paints supplied.

 $BOOKING\ REQUIRED:\ shevaun.doherty@gmail.com$ 

Mobile: 087 1656948

## Monday 21st August

## 10:00-16:00 BANTRY HOUSE STABLES - BOTANICAL ART WORKSHOP 2

Learn how to capture vibrant plants using watercolours with award-winning botanical artist Shevaun Doherty. 650/person, paper & paints supplied.

BOOKING REQUIRED: shevaun.doherty@gmail.com Mobile: 087 1656948

## 10:00-12:30 COOMHOLA - COORYCOMMANE LOOP WALK

Walk in the footsteps of Ellen Hutchins with local Conservation Ranger Clare Heardman (NPWS) on a 5km walk overlooking Ballylickey & Bantry Bay.

Meet: Coomhola Bridge, walking boots required.

## 14:00-16:00 GARNISH ISLAND - POP-UP EXHIBITION

A special open session at the week-long Ellen Hutchins Exhibition in the Casita (see overleaf) with Ellen Hutchins memorabilia and relatives of Ellen Hutchins on hand.

Ferry €10 & ticket to island €5.

## 20:00-21:30 GLENGARRIFF - DEEP MAPS: WEST CORK COASTAL CULTURES

A talk by Breda Moriaty (Deep Maps Projects, UCC) exploring human responses to marine resources through literary, historical, archaeological & visual sources from Bantry Bay.

Venue: Park Hotel, Glengarriff.



## 22nd August

#### 17:00-18:00 ORGANICO CAFÉ -OFFICIAL OPENING OF ART EXHIBTION

Sally McKenna opens the exhibition of enlarged seaweed drawings by Ellen Hutchins and paintings by contemporary botanical artist Shevaun Doherty (see overleaf for more information).

#### 19:30-21:30 BANTRY LIBRARY -**ELLEN HUTCHINS: SEAWEED STORIES**

Official opening of Library Exhibition by Eileen O'Shea (19:30) followed by Madeline Hutchins (Ellen's great great grand niece) & Sean Moffatt (scriptwriter for RTÉ) telling the intriguing stories behind Ellen's 200 year-old seaweed specimens & letters in Trinity College Dublin.

## 24th August

#### 10:00-12:00 AND 14:00-16:00 -GLENGARRIEF WOODS: CHILDREN'S NATURE ART EVENTS

Two art-based events for children e.g. creating flower impressions on cloth, making wooden identification discs and a scavenger hunt. Suitable 5-12 year olds. BOOKING REQUIRED: 087-6781613

## 26th August

#### 14:00-16:00 KFALKII - BOTANICAL ART DEMO, MUSIC & MEMORABILIA

Award-winning botanical artist Shevaun Doherty will be demonstrating her exquisite art live at Future Forests, Kealkil, Well known musicians, Mick O'Brien (uilleann pipes) & Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh (fiddle), from the Masters of Tradition Festival in Bantry, will be playing some tunes and members of the Hutchins family will be present with a pop-up exhibition of Ellen Hutchins memorabilia.

## 27th August

#### 13:30-16:00 WHIDDY ISLAND - SEAWEED **FVFNT**

An exciting chance to explore the seaweeds along the shore of Whiddy Island with Dr Susan Steele (SFPA). Participants will get a chance to identify and preserve specimens 1800's style.

Meet at Bank House, Whiddy Island.

Ferries leave Railway Pier at 11:00am & 1pm (€6.50).



## **EVENTS** ARE FREE

except for the botanical art workshops, ferry to Whiddy and ferry & entrance to Garnish Island.

### **Exhibitions**

### Saturday 19th -Sunday 27th August

#### 9:30-17:30 BANTRY LIBRARY (CLOSED SUN/MON) – SEAWEED SPECIMENS & LETTERS

In the reference section: a special exhibition of Ellen's Trinity College Dublin seaweed specimens & letters returning to Bantry for the first time since Ellen sent them to Dublin over 200 years ago. In the foyer: prints of Ellen's drawings of seaweeds and photos of plants she found together with their science and history.

(CLOSED SUN) – ART EXHIBTION: DRAWING FROM NATURE An exhibition of enlargements of exquisitely detailed

9:00-18:00 ORGANICO CAFÉ

seaweed drawings by Ellen Hutchins alongside paintings by contemporary botanical artist Shevaun Doherty.

Official opening 17:00 Tues 22nd Aug by Sally McKenna.

#### 9:30-17:30 THE CASITA, GARNISH ISLAND – ELLEN HUTCHINS: HER LIFE AND WORK

The story of Ellen Hutchins' life & work told in words & pictures through a series of large exhibition panels. Special open session 14:00 Mon 21st Aug (see above). Ferry €10, ticket to island €5.

Official opening 19:30 Tues 22nd Aug.



FOR FULL EVENT DETAILS & BOOKING:

### WWW.ELLENHUTCHINS.COM

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