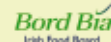




Féile na Tuaithe



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welcome!

Summer wouldn't be the same without Féile na Tuaithe at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Castlebar, County Mayo.

This free festival has something for all the family, and is fast becoming one of the West's premier summer attractions.

Free entry, children's activities, musical and dance entertainment, facepainting, workshops and more. Why not visit the tented markets and enjoy the best in local crafts and artisan foods? All stands are carefully selected to bring you the finest produce. Féile na Tuaithe is a natural extension of the Museum's purpose of bringing families together to enjoy quality time and learn the traditions of bygone days.

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Food

Artisan food and bakery area
Selection of Food Caterers
Meet the Maker Area

Craft

Handcrafted, locally-made items located in the Museum Shop
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Don't miss visiting our friends from Bord Bia, Mayo County Council and Teagasc during your time at Féile na Tuaithe!

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MAY 2014
SATURDAY 24
SUNDAY 25
12-5PM DAILY

Music
Demonstrations
Food and craft areas
Children's activities
Photo competition
Art installations
Beekeeping
Horticulture
Talks

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Saturday	Entertainment	Venue: Performance marquee, front lawn
12:30pm	Music Circle	Help kick-off Féile with a song! Bring along your instrument and join us in a traditional seisiún. All musicians welcome!
1:30pm	Rolling Waves	A fresh take on traditional music with this unique group of musicians between the ages of 10-15.
2:45pm	Sean Nós dancing	Step it out with Marian Ni Chonghaile.
3:45pm	Celtica	Mixing the best of traditional Irish music with rock, blues, pop and folk music.
Saturday	Talk & Film	Venue: Museum galleries (AV Room)
12pm-1pm	Pot Calling the Kettle Black	Join Museum curator Clodagh Doyle to explore traditional cooking methods and utensils.
2:00pm-4:00pm	The Quiet Man	Drop in for a viewing of the well-loved film, made right here in Cong, Co. Mayo! Compare the Hollywood version of country life with what you see on view in our exhibition.
Saturday	Visual art	Venue: Museum grounds
All Day	OnSight	Discover OnSight's art installations on the Museum's grounds. The theme is 'Traditional Farmhouse Fare.' This artist-led initiative takes inspiration from the Museum's collection and is a partnership project with Mayo County Council Arts Office and Mayo Artsquad.
	Bird House Installation	Keep an eye out for Brendan Murphy's colourful wooden birdhouses, tucked away in the trees.
Saturday	Horticulture area	Venue: Museum grounds
All Day	Mayo Abbey Organic Centre	Tips, demos and all you need to know to use organic techniques in your own garden. Microgreens demonstration.
	Birdwatch Mayo	Find out all about our feathered friends living here in Mayo.
	Beekeeping	Learn all about bees from the Westport, Ballyhaunis, Ballina and Connemara beekeeping clubs.
	Giorra Environmental & Frogswell	Learn about Wild Pollinators – How to encourage butterflies, bumblebees and other pollinators into your garden.
Saturday	Workshop	Venue: Museum grounds
12-4pm	Harvest Knots	Join Melanie Lorian for a drop-in harvest knots workshop, and take one of these love tokens home with you.
Saturday	Other	Venue: Museum grounds
All Day	Memory Book	Add to the Museum's collection by recording your own memories of country life.
	Hands-on Objects	Visit the Museum Education marquee and get up close with some of our objects.
	Barrel Top Wagon	Visit this striking barrel-top wagon which provided both shelter and a means of transport; it was a house on wheels.
	West of Ireland Spaniel Club	Puppy, Novice & Open Working Test for Springer and Cocker Spaniels (National Competition run under the rules of the Irish Kennel Club).
10am-5pm	Mayo Genealogy Group	Free practical tips for researching your ancestors.
Saturday	Fun	Venue: Museum grounds
All Day	Face painters	Add a splash of colour to your visit.
	Féile Quiz Fest	Win an €80 voucher for the Museum Shop! Search the Museum Galleries, Turlough Park House and grounds to find the answers to our Feile Quiz Quest! Pick up your entry form at the Reception Desk.
	Traditional Games (2:30pm to 3:00pm & 4:30pm-5:00pm)	Join Brendan McDonnell for Queenie-Eye-Oh! and a host of more traditional games.
	Dress-Up Competition	Come dressed in traditional clothing, visit our model cottage for a photo, and enter our dress up competition.

Sunday	Entertainment	Venue: Performance marquee, front lawn
12:30pm	Castlebar Concert Band	Verve and variety from Mayo's best loved band.
1.30pm	Belcarra Trad Group	Keeping the sounds of traditional music alive through the talent of children between the ages of 8-10.
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3:45pm	Westport Children's Choir	Contemporary, traditional and classical music from many different cultures and languages.
Sunday	Talks & Tours	Venue: Museum galleries
12:00pm-1:00pm	Hair Hurling Balls	Join Museum curator Clodagh Doyle for a tour of Hair Hurling Balls: Earliest Artefacts of our National Game. (Galleries)
1:00pm-2:00pm	Days and Dishes Gone by: Memories of Seaweed as Food in Ireland	Dr Prannie Rhatigan will rekindle your interest in seaweed as part of our forgotten heritage. Her book "Irish Seaweed Kitchen" sparked a revival in this nutritious and precious food from our shoreline. (AV Room)
2:00pm-3:00pm	The Economic Structure of Towns in Ireland	Join Teagasc's Professor Cathal O' Donoghue to hear about the findings of this important study about the rural economy. (AV Room)
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Both Days	Basketmaking	Watch basket-maker Niall Murphy weave his magic.
	Blacksmith	Watch Ray Munnelly practise the traditional craft of blacksmithing.
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	Bushcraft	Learn the skills our ancestors used to survive from Colm Mahon.
	Connacht Textile Crafters (12pm-4pm) Saturday only	Learn all about weaving, embroidery and other textile crafts.
	Hurling	See the Ballyvary Hurling Club in action, and give it a go yourself.
	Knitting Circle (12-5pm). Sunday only	Knitting is for everyone! Cast off with the Museum's Knitting Circle.
	Mayo North Old Engine & Tractor Club	Selection of vintage cars and tractors, as well as a threshing display.
	Pottery	Watch Henri Hedou spin the potter's wheel.
	Scarecrows	The Claremorris Men's Shed demonstrates scarecrow making and have a special Scarecrow Trail for you to follow.
	Stained Glass	Learn about this colourful art form with Gabrielle Bishop.
	Straw	See the amazing variety of work that can be done with straw with Pat Broderick.
	Thatching	Catch an interactive thatching demonstration from Dennis Wright.
	Tinsmith	Watch Ted Maughan create practical and beautiful objects using tin.
	Wood-turning	Try your hand at wood-turning under the expert eye of Ambrose O'Halloran.
	Wool-dying	Learn about using vegetables and other natural dying materials with June Bourke.

	Also:	
Saturday	Midwest Radio: Saturday May 24th between 10 and 1 (Michael Neary Show)	Keep up-to-date with all that's happening at Féile. Venue: Museum grounds.


Find us on Facebook and take part in our photographic competition.

This year's theme is **"Echoes of the Past"**. Open to all age-groups. Prizes sponsored by Angela Campbell and The Kodak Shop, Castlebar.



Parking available in Turlough village. A complimentary shuttle bus will run from Castlebar Library to the Museum gates every 30 minutes from 11.30am

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