



Young Artists to compete for their place in Mayo Titanic Cultural Week

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The Addergoole Titanic Society, Lahardane, Co. Mayo are hosting The Mayo Titanic Cultural Week from the 8th to the 15th April 2012, commemorating the centenary of the sinking of the Titanic and the relevance to Mayo, its people and the emigration story. An Art Exhibition will take place as part of the Cultural week and all post-primary schools in Co. Mayo are invited to participate. Information has been distributed to all second level schools in Co. Mayo inviting one winning entry per school.

'We want to create awareness amongst Mayo's youth of the importance of the Addergoole Fourteen story in the context of the lives of Mayo families over the last century, right up to the current day,' said Michael Coleman, Addergoole Titanic Society. 'The winning entries will have the privilege of being included in The Mayo Titanic Cultural Week.'

The winning entries will be on exhibit during the cultural week and prizes will be presented to the three winners. Entries should use the theme of Irish emigration and/or the Addergoole Fourteen as their subject matter using any media including 3D art. Finished work should be at least A4 size (20cm x 28cm) and a maximum size of 2' x 3' (60 cm x 90cm). All work should be delivered to the Addergoole Titanic Society, Lahardane, by Monday the 19th March and will be accepted up to the 23rd March closing date. All art students (participant or not) and their teachers are welcome to attend the 'Leaving Day' exhibition on Tuesday, 10th April.

It is well-known that the Titanic was built in Belfast, that its point of Irish departure was Cobh - Queenstown where 113 steerage passengers boarded, but here in County Mayo we have the human side of the story which will be central to the centenary commemorations during Easter Week.

Fourteen of those passengers were from the Addergoole Parish, Lahardane. Out of that fourteen, eleven drowned and three survived. The three survivors went on to live out their days in America. Uniquely in Europe, Addergoole is the parish that suffered the largest proportionate loss of life when the Titanic sank. For further information on the fourteen visit our website www.mayo-titanic.com.

Emigration gave Addergoole its central place in this epic maritime disaster. The parish's special position in Titanic's passenger history is undeniable. Truly, Lahardane is 'Ireland's Titanic Village'.

On Tuesday, April 10th the Society will hold an event entitled 'Leaving Day' representing the exact day, 100 years ago, when the Addergoole Fourteen left Lahardane for Queenstown (Cobh) to board RMS Titanic. The evening will feature a lecture on emigration, a showing of a documentary by G Marsh Production, 'Waking the Titanic' which tells the story of the Addergoole Fourteen. There will be a display of 1912 era artifacts and photographs and the Student Art Exhibition.

Any queries regarding the Student Art Competition can be directed to Michael Coleman of Addergoole Titanic Society on 096 51320 or email whitethornstudio@yahoo.ie.

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MAYO TITANIC CULTURAL WEEK - 8TH TO 15TH APRIL 2012

Outline Programme of Events

Easter Sunday 8th April: 'The Journey'

Official Opening of Mayo Titanic Cultural Week; re-enactment in period costume of the departure of 'The Fourteen' by sidecar and pony from Lahardane and their journey to Castlebar Railway station

Easter Monday 9th April: 'Macra Monday'

This will be a 'fun' day, with a Titanic Treasure Hunt; a Vintage & Heritage Display; followed by a Titanic Quiz in the evening

Tuesday 10th April: 'Leaving Day'

Titanic Memorabilia Exhibition; Art Exhibition; Emigration & the Titanic Lecture followed by a viewing of the documentary 'Waking the Titanic' (produced by GMarsh TV Productions)

Wednesday 11th April: 'American Wake'

Re-enactment of the traditional Irish 'American Wake' by local schoolchildren

Thursday 12th April: 'Irish Night'

An open evening of Irish song and poetry in Lahardane – anyone can join in!

Friday 13th April: ‘Mayo Titanic Ball’

The Mayo Titanic Ball – this will be a ticket-only event held at the Pontoon Bridge Hotel, with music provided by the Brose Walsh Band.

Saturday 14th April: ‘Annual Bell Ringing Ceremony’

The focus of the day will be the Annual Bell Ringing; with evening events commencing in Lahardane, followed by the Annual Bell Ringing Ceremony at 02.20am on the 15th in the grounds of St Patrick’s Church, Lahardane

Sunday 15th April: ‘Memorial Day’

The Annual Titanic Mass will be followed by the dedication of the Memorial Windows in St Patrick’s Church and the Official Opening of Addergoole’s Titanic Memorial Park and burial of the Mayo Titanic Time Capsule.

For further information and updates on events please keep an eye on our website www.mayo-titanic.com