



Dublin

IMPORTANT LINKS TO ENSURE YOU MAXIMISE YOUR VISIT TO DUBLIN

-
- Trinity College
- www.tcd.ie
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- Dublinia Viking Museum
(A Viking Experience)
- www.dublinia.ie
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- Marsh's Library (Circa 1730)
- www.marshlibrary.ie
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- The Chester Beatty Museum
- www.chesterbeatty.ie
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- Dublin Castle Museum
- www.dublincastle.ie
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- Guinness Brewery
- www.guinness-storehouse.com
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- The National Gallery of Ireland
- www.nationalgallery.ie
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- The Hugh Lane Gallery
- www.hughlane.ie
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- Abbey Theatre
the national theatre of Ireland
- www.abbeytheatre.ie
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- St Patrick's Cathedral
- www.stpatrickscathedral.ie
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- Christ Church Cathedral
- www.christchurchcathedral.ie

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- 26th SYMPOSIUM & EXHIBITION -

Our hosting of the 26th Symposium of The ECWS in Dublin will we trust, provide our guests with many cultural experiences - such as Georgian Architecture, Coffee Houses and Bars made famous by many artists, writers, poets and musicians, and much else besides.

We have designed a Symposium Program with our guests pleasure and artistic adventure foremost in our thoughts. The associated events include visits to the Annual Exhibition of The Watercolour Society of Ireland at Farmleigh*; Master Classes; an Art Materials Arcade; a Plein Air Challenge; Urban Sketching event; a Cultural Tour to Newgrange Megalithic Tomb*; and an evening of Celtic Charm.

There are many attractions all within the city's small footprint area. A list of links is shown which will satisfy most visitors adventurous spirits.

Do browse the list of links shown below to discover information on aspects of our major history and cultural heritage which you may avail of during your stay in Dublin.

Jayne Barry

Jayne Barry
President of the Water Colour Society of Ireland



- SYMPOSIUM VENUE -

The City Assembly House, 45 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.



The Irish Georgian Society, in partnership with Dublin City Council, has restored the City Assembly House, reinstating it as a cultural venue in the historic heart of the city. The immediate area was developed from 1671 by William Williams, a brewer, and is first illustrated in Rocque's map of Dublin from 1756. Despite some late twentieth century interventions, the Georgian street survives remarkably intact with its two great legacies comprising the City Assembly House and the adjoining Powerscourt Townhouse which are set alongside one of the most complete surviving groupings of eighteenth century merchants' houses in the city.

Cover image courtesy of John Short, member of the Watercolour Society of Ireland

- FARMLEIGH HOUSE & GARDENS -

Farmleigh* is an estate situated in Dublin's Phoenix Park, and provides accommodation for visiting dignitaries and guests of the nation. A historic house, it holds important collections, an art gallery, farm animals, and the official Irish State Guest House.

Home to the Guinness family for generations, Farmleigh remains a unique representation of the Edwardian period, and houses important artworks and furnishings, as well as the Benjamin Iveagh collection of rare books, bindings, and manuscripts.

The extensive grounds feature walled and sunken gardens and scenic lakeside walks. Join one of the knowledgeable guides for a tour of Farmleigh House that takes you from the eighteenth century right up to the present day.

*Farmleigh has been the home of the WCSI Annual Exhibition for some years and will provide opportunities for our guests to visit the Society's Annual Exhibition 2023, and provide the location for the Symposium Master Classes, Workshops, and Art Materials Arcade.

There will be twice-daily transport (and return) between the City Centre and Farmleigh. Here our visitors will enjoy the environment of the beautiful Grand House and Park, and it's herd of deer wandering freely through the landscape. A restaurant offers good fare for lunch, or coffee/ tea-break. There are picturesque views over the lake and throughout the Park

You may wish to linger awhile, so take your painting apparatus with you!

- PRESIDENTS' MEETING: THE IRISH ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVE -

The City Assembly House, 45 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

The Irish Architectural Archive was established in 1976 to collect and preserve material of every kind relating to the architecture of the entire island of Ireland, and make it available to the public.

As a cumulative body of material the holdings of the Archive represent the greatest single source of information on Ireland's buildings and those who designed them.

The Irish Architectural Archive Architecture Gallery and first floor rooms are open from 10 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday. Access is free.

MASTER CLASSES AT FARMLEIGH



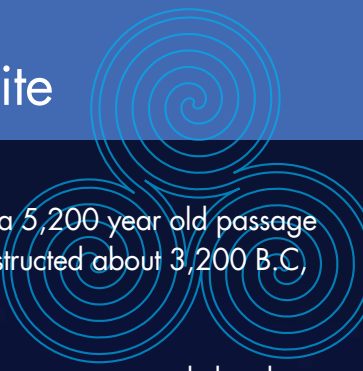
Our volunteer members are already much regarded by art lovers as much as by their colleagues in The Watercolour Society of Ireland for their exceptional skills and artistry. They will demonstrate their distinctive manner of creativity & provide insights into how their works hold the admiration of the public & artists alike.

MONDAY 9th Oct
MASTERCLASS
14.30 – 16.30
Mary Dillon
at Farmleigh.

WEDNESDAY 11th Oct
MASTERCLASS
10.00 – 13.00
Marc Reilly
at Farmleigh.

THURSDAY 12th Oct
URBAN SKETCHING
IN THE CITY
10.00 – 13.00
Róisín Curé

- CULTURAL TOUR - Newgrange Tumulus World Heritage Site



Newgrange is a Stone Age (Neolithic) monument in the Boyne Valley, County Meath, it is a 5,200 year old passage tomb located in the Boyne Valley it is the jewel in the crown in Ireland's Ancient East. Constructed about 3,200 B.C. it is older than Stonehenge and the Great Pyramids of Giza.

Newgrange is a large circular mound 85m in diameter and 13m high with a 19m stone passageway and chambers inside. The mound is ringed by 97 large kerbstones, some of which are engraved with symbols called megalithic art. The passage and chamber are aligned with the rising sun on the mornings around the Winter Solstice.

Archaeologists classified Newgrange as a Passage Tomb, however Newgrange is now recognised to be much more than that. 'Ancient Temple' is a more fitting classification, a place of astrological, spiritual, religious and ceremonial importance, much as present day cathedrals are places of prestige and worship where dignitaries may be laid to rest.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES

Numbers allowed access to the Monument are strictly limited. We are fortunate to have been granted access on **Monday 9th** and **Tuesday 10th October 2023**, 9.45am depart. Arrival at Bru Na Boinne: 11.00am. Duration of visit: 3 Hours. Lunch locally at 14.20 approx. Expected return time to Dublin city: 15.30.

A coach will take our guests from the city centre to the site of our guided tour. After our site visit we will have lunch locally, before returning to Dublin for approximately 1.30pm.



Because of the limited number of visitors, it is imperative that those wishing to avail of the Tour apply to wcsijd@gmail.com at the earliest possible opportunity in order to avoid disappointment. We will advise intending visitors once the Booking Dates are confirmed to us.



GALA BUFFET – ARLINGTON HOTEL DUBLIN

The Gala Buffet at The Arlington Hotel (close to O'Connell Bridge) will allow visitors a stroll to the venue from their arrival in the city. We will meet informally at the venue for 7.00 - 7.30pm where we will dine buffet-style at 8pm in an ambiance with the focus on our Irish traditions.

The music will be as Irish as the meal and will feature some essential tunes from our traditions. The Uilleann Pipes are just one of a variety of native instruments played by the resident quartet of musicians. A staging of some Irish Dancing might prompt you to join the dancers.