



Ellen Hutchins

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 pop-up 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. €50/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. €50/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 Moriarty (Deep Maps Projects, UCC) exploring human responses to marine resources through literary, historical, archaeological & visual sources from Bantry Bay.

Venue: Park Hotel, Glengarriff.



Tuesday 22nd August

17:00–18:00 ORGANICO CAFÉ - OFFICIAL OPENING OF ART EXHIBITION

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.

Thursday 24th August

10:00-12:00 AND 14:00-16:00 – GLENGARRIFF 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

EVENTS ARE FREE

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

Saturday 26th August

14:00-16:00 KEALKIL - 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.

Sunday 27th August

13:30-16:00 WHIDDY ISLAND – SEAWEED EVENT

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).



*Hypoglossum hypoglossoides
Image courtesy of The Herbarium, Botany Department, Trinity College, Dublin*

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.

Official opening 19:30 Tues 22nd Aug.

9:00-18:00 ORGANICO CAFÉ (CLOSED SUN)– ART EXHIBITION: DRAWING FROM NATURE

An exhibition of enlargements of exquisitely detailed 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.



FOR FULL EVENT DETAILS & BOOKING:

WWW.ELLENHUTCHINS.COM

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