

Walking in Margaret's Footsteps

Continuing on Margaret's work into the future by keeping her memory and remarkable achievements alive and donating all profits from the organisation to local charities.

Other Displays on the day

Anne Pollack

Jams & Preserves.

Veronica Kelly

Face Painting *Have your face painted for free!*

Crafty Ladies Arts crafts and baking

See their Gathering event "Gathering Stitches". On Facebook www.gatheringstitches.com

Killegar Crafts Stephen O'Brien hand crafted wood products.

www.killegarcrafts.com Mob: 086-2677196 On Facebook

J & B Hope Look at the range of products available on their stall and try out the Butter churning and flour mill.

We appreciate your participation and support on the day and enjoy all the activities. Entrance is Free—*all donations are welcome!*

Thank You.



This portrait of Margaret was painted by Jacques Amans, one of the foremost portrait artists in New Orleans in the mid-1800s. It hung in the waiting room of St Vincent's Orphanage. Roda White, a businesswoman visiting the orphanage at the time said of the painting: 'She is a woman whose countenance was brightened by an extraordinary expression of benevolence and spirituality.'

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A Brief History of Margaret of New Orleans

MARGARET GAFFNEY was born on December 25th 1813, the fifth child of William and Margaret Gaffney. ❤️ In 1817, following many years of extremely unfavourable weather, William along with his wife and three of their six children including Margaret (then aged five), her older brother Kevin, and her baby sister Kathleen, emigrated to America. ❤️ They arrived in Baltimore when a yellow fever epidemic struck and William, his wife Margaret and baby Kathleen died. The older brother Kevin disappeared. On 10th October 1835, Margaret married Charles Haughrey, a native of County Cork. Charles died shortly afterwards. Margaret's life was thrown into further turmoil by the loss of her baby daughter Frances. She was alone in the world at 23 years of age. ❤️ At that time, Sr Regis managed the Poydras Orphanage in New Orleans. Margaret was moved by the plight of the children and helped in the orphanage. She recommended the purchase of some cows and eventually turned this into a profitable business. ❤️ She was the main shareholder in the bakery business that she founded. This was also a source of food to feed the children and the poor. Her bakery flourished. ❤️ She was very charitable, kept little for herself, and invested the profits for the betterment of the poor of New Orleans. Margaret could not read or write, and she signed her will with an 'X'. ❤️ At the age of 69, Margaret became ill. During her confinement Pope Pius IX sent his blessing and a crucifix. She died on Tuesday 9th February 1882. New Orleans' newspapers were edged in black as a mark of respect. ❤️ She received a state funeral and was buried in St Louis cemetery beside her friend, Sr Regis. ❤️ A statue was erected in her honour, the first monument in the USA erected in honour of a woman.

Margaret of New Orleans Birthplace

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MARGARET OF NEW ORLEANS BIRTHPLACE



*“Walking in
Margaret's
Footsteps”*

HERITAGE DAY
BICENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION
1813-2013

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Admission FREE!
All donations welcome

When Margaret Haughey of New Orleans died she had a State Funeral...the first woman to have a statue erected to her in the USA

11.30 am

Official opening of Margaret's Birthplace by David Rawle from 'Moone Boy'.



Programme of Events

10.00 am

Craft and Artisan display.



11.00 am

Ecumenical Service led by Rev Hazel Hicks & Fr Denis Murray PP. Followed by the blessing of the house.

12.00 noon

Thomas O'Reilly—Blacksmith Reimur Forged Crafts. Watch and learn as Thomas takes you through the process of forging beautiful Celtic pokers.



☐ In the Cottage

McIntyre Florists—Carrigallen Sit and have a yarn with Mae McIntyre and learn how to knit. Starter kits available.



Spinning & Weaving Demonstration with Caroline Walshe Have a spin and listen to the local history of spinning and weaving with flax and wool. Try your hand at spinning on a drop spindle or weaving on a peg loom.



☐ On the Platform

Nature Studies at the Hedge School with Heather Bothwell. Join Heather as she leads you all on a path of discovery and learn about our local native fauna and flora—suitable for all the family.



1.00 pm

Baking & Churning with Maura Connolly & J & B Hope. Churn your own butter and try it on freshly baked bread. Pop your own popcorn on the open fire!



Bee Keeping with Aidan Brady—Get all a buzz with Aidan as he passes on his knowledge of bee-keeping and honey production.

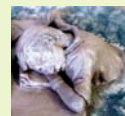


Spoon Carving with Greenwood Worker, Neil Foulkes. Watch and learn as Neil produces beautiful and functional spoons and forks out of nothing. Take away your own spoon from the day!



2.00 pm

Sculpting Join renowned Sculptor Martin Doyle for a sculpting taster-course and see your artistic side emerge!



☐ On the Platform

Another chance to go **Bug Hunting** with Heather in the water and fields—hope you have your wellies and your eyes eager to seek out the little critters!

☐ In the Cottage

Boxy Making with Paul Farrelly of Drummully Boxy. Come and see how a professional local Boxy producer makes one of the areas local culinary delights!



Sew and Tell with Julie Smith and Noelle Lockhart. Try your hand at sewing with the Creative Crafty Ladies and take away your own starter sewing kit.



3.00 pm

Slug Race—Place your bets everyone! Heather has rounded up the bugs and now she is going to unleash them in a nail-biting dash to the finish. (Disclaimer... the organisers of this event would like to stress that no animals will be harmed and all creatures will be returned to the wild!)



3.30 pm

Cock Fighting with a twist—in the meadow! Haycocks that is— watch local teams battle in a hay-tossing, rope-making battle of skill and...well... falling over probably! (Disclaimer...the organisers would like to admit that all participants will be harmed in this event!).



Musical Events

Musicians, dancers and other artistes performing throughout the day. Traditional, medieval and contemporary.



Fringe Event

Tell Margaret's Story Carrigallen librarian, Helen Corcoran, has engaged the local National School's pupils from 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th classes and their teachers, to participate in this wonderful occasion using their art forms to tell their version of Margaret's Story. Winner will be announced at 4:30pm.

Evening Entertainment

The culmination of Margaret's Bicentennial event in the Corn Mill theatre in Carrigallen on the 15th June at 8.30pm

Booking: Email: bookings@cornmilltheatre.com

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The night will include: especially commissioned pieces by Charlie McGettigan, John McCartin, Karl McCartin Dancers, Kevin Patrick, poet, Tony Fahy, songwriter, the Angel of the Delta choir, Maura Williamson's Hedge School Drama enactment, and excerpts from her play—*Our Story of Margaret of New Orleans* and many more performing artists!

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