

# ART & CRAFT TRAIL



# EXPLORE INISHOWEN

As you explore the Inishowen Arts & Crafts Trail, you'll discover one of Ireland's most beautiful scenic regions. Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and inspiring heritage.

This stunning peninsula couldn't help but inspire artists to create wonderful pieces of fine art, traditional crafts, design, tweed and textiles, pottery or bog-wood sculptures; each piece infused with the beauty of the surroundings and exclusive to our small part of the world. Visit the artists in their workshops and studios, hear their creative stories and learn more about the local craft traditions and techniques that have been adapted to create bespoke items.

Here you can see their work and perhaps make a purchase. If there's no room in your case, don't worry, some items can be shipped directly to your address, simply enquire with the artist and take a little bit of Inishowen home with you.



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## 01 INISHOWEN BOGWOOD SCULPTURES



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appointment

**GPS:** - 55.27774642 - 7.15278625

Mary Doherty has been sculpting bog wood for over 17 years and is the owner of Inishowen Bogwood Sculptures Gallery located at Bocan Culdaff. The bogwood is sourced in local bogs surrounding her homeland and has been dated to be as much as six thousand years old. Once found the bogwood is sculpted and sanded into a desired shape. The sculpture is then coated with beeswax which gives it a natural sheen. Mary has produced a large range of "Stand Alone" sculptures which are on display in her purpose built gallery. Other products in her range include candle sticks, leather openers and necklaces. Mary's work is has reached as far as Europe, Great Britain, USA and of course Ireland. Her pieces have been exhibited in the USA and in the RDS Dublin. Mary enjoys her work and gets great satisfaction when she has an end product.



## 02 BEN HOLMES ART



**The Diamond, Carndonagh,  
Co. Donegal**

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**Open:** Winter; Oct 1st – Apr 30th:  
Tuesday – Friday 10am –  
5pm, Saturday 12 – 5pm.  
Summer; May 1st – Sept 30th:  
Monday – Friday 10am – 5pm,  
Saturday 12 – 5pm

**GPS:** - 55.251307, -7.261635

Working mostly in oils, Ben's paintings embrace the land and sea and life of his surroundings, taking on the Wild Atlantic coastline and the rural setting within. His work often combines abstract elements within detailed figurative scenes. Ben says: "Every piece is a journey and an exploration. I am humbled by the very nature of painting, that an arrangement of colours on flat surface has the potential to become something much more." Visit Ben in his Studio/Gallery located on the Diamond in Carndonagh where you can view his original paintings and watch the artist as he works.



## 03 SILVER BIRCH GALLERY



**Silver Birch Gallery, Kinnaglug,  
Malin Road, Carndonagh,  
Co. Donegal**

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10.30am – 6pm  
High Season: Mon - Sat  
10.30am - 6pm

**GPS:** 55.260778 -7.255002

Accepts credit cards.  
Commissions can be arranged.

Creating and painting from her studio/gallery outside Carndonagh, artist Sharon McDaid is largely inspired by her ever-changing surroundings in the beautiful Inishowen Peninsula. Sharon, who works primarily on canvas with oil, produces contemporary and distinctive artworks. Suggestive mark-making and illustrative storytelling enables her to create artworks that leave something to the viewer's imagination. Sharon's work can be found in many leading galleries across Ireland & UK where her collections are widely sought after.



## 04 ADAM RORY PORTER NORTHERN LIGHT GALLERY



**Fort Dunree Museum, Inishowen &  
12A Lower Main Street, Buncrana,  
Co. Donegal**

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**Open:** Mon-Sun 10.30am – 6pm.

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7.457603213671291

Accepts credit cards.  
Commissions & Workshops can be  
arranged.

I've always loved the creative arts. From entering the Texaco School art competition as a child, to studying Art, Design, Photography and Animation at third level. But it's only in recent years when I became a husband and a father that I rediscovered working with and experiencing photography and fine art printing. My greatest inspiration comes from the Irish landscape, the ever changing light, the night sky, our ancient archaeological history and the sea that shapes our dramatic coastlines. There is a permanent exhibition at the Saldanha Suite in Fort Dunree and the main gallery is at 12A Lower Main Street in Buncrana.



## 05 GLENDOWEN CRAFT SHOP AND STUDIO



**Glendowen Craft Shop, Meentagh Glen, Clonmany, Co. Donegal**

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**Open:** Mon-Sat 10.30am - 5.30pm or by appointment

**GPS:** 55.234826, -7.398236

Accepts credit cards. Commissions can be arranged.

Glendowen Craft Shop and studio is a custom built workshop and retail outlet for hand crafted Donegal Tweed garments and accessories, created by Ann McGonigle. Ann has been involved in craft design for over 15 years and specializes in a beautiful range of original ladies garments with a hand crochet finish. Using only the finest Donegal Tweed and yarns, each garment is a unique investment. Also available is a selection of local craft for sale including pottery, knitwear, candles, art, handmade soap, Donegal pens and much more.



## 06 BALLAGH STUDIO



**Ballagh, Malin, Inishowen, Co. Donegal**

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www.timstampton.com

**Open:** By appointment only.

**GPS:** 55.31446, -7.28984

Accepts credit cards. Commissions & Workshops can be arranged

Ros Harvey was brought up in Malin. Her favourite medium is soft pastels although she uses watercolour, oils and makes mono-prints, etchings on copperplate and linocuts. She has held major one-man shows, been selected and nominated for awards in many juried exhibitions and has illustrated 7 books.

Tim Stampton left Canada to study Art in the UK. He joined Ros Harvey in 1988 and together they set up Ballagh Studios. Over the years they have re-built and redesigned the studio to accommodate Tim's collection of antique printing presses, their gallery, and working studios. Tim has written and illustrated, with wood engravings, many Limited Edition books based on Irish stories and mythology.







## 07 MOVILLE POTTERY



**Moville Business Park, Glencrow,  
Moville, Co. Donegal**

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**Open:** 9.30am – 5pm

**GPS:** 55.19159985104965, 7.049693  
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Accepts credit cards. Commissions & Workshops can be arranged.

Moville Pottery was founded in 1976 by Lowry Wasson who previously trained at the Belfast College of Art & subsequently worked as an apprentice to the Finnish potter Agi Fiel, one of the most highly skilled hand throwers in Europe. The backdrop of Donegal's Inishowen Peninsula provides a ready stock of shapes, colours & textures to draw inspiration from. The ranges of bright, colourful, intriguing glazes used are truly stunning high quality & also very hardwearing. The pottery employs between 3 & 5 people in the workshop.

It is now possible to throw your very own pot to take home with you. Please contact for more details.



## 08 ROCKWELL ORNAMENTS LTD.



**Drumfries, Clonmany, Co. Donegal**

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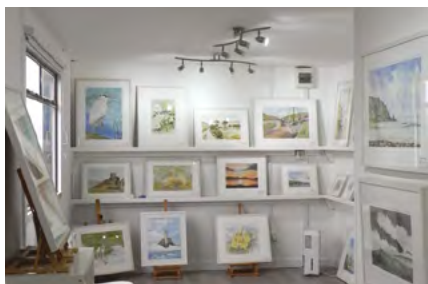
**Open:** Monday – Sunday: 9am – 9pm

**GPS:** 55.208190, -7.389738

Rockwell Ornaments, located in Donegal's picturesque Inishowen Peninsula, specializes in moulded interior & exterior ornamental features. A wide selection of planters, water features & figurines are available in various finishes: Stonewash White, Gold, Antique Gold, Silver and Copper.

With the Northwest's largest selection of ornamental garden statuary, there is always something new for your garden and home at Rockwell.





## 09 MARY CROWLEY'S ARTIST STUDIO AND GALLERY



**The Anchorage, Tiernasligo,  
Clonmany, Co. Donegal, F93H9C8**  
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**Open:** Low Season: 10am - 5.30pm  
Monday - Saturday  
High Season: 10am - 5.30pm  
Monday - Sunday or by  
appointment

**GPS:** 55.269602, -7.496101

This is a working studio, where you can see Mary's latest watercolour on the easel. The gallery houses both Original and Limited Edition Prints. The inspiration for her work is drawn mainly from Inishowen's ever changing colours, rugged beauty and atmosphere.

"Full of light, texture and mood each of my paintings tell a story - capturing the soft light and vibrant hues that make watercolour come alive. I'm drawn to quiet, intimate, secluded places within my immediate landscape. I enjoy painting buildings and seascapes.

My work is now available in Glendowen Craft Shop & Studio, Clonmany; Moville Pottery Shop, Moville and Derry Designer's Shop in the Craft Village, Derry.



## 10 CLONMANY FABRICS AND CRAFTS



**Clonmany Community Centre,  
Clonmany, Co. Donegal.**  
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**Open:** Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm,  
Saturday 10am - 4pm

**GPS:** 55.263112, -7.415367

We have a huge selection of high quality cotton fabrics for sale by the metre, fat quarters and jelly rolls. Along with our haberdashery you will find cutting tools, mats, rulers, scissors, pins, quilting threads and buttons galore. We also have in stock the increasingly popular 505 temporary adhesive. Let us know what you need, if we don't have it we'll do our very best to get it for you.





## 11 OLD SCHOOLHOUSE QUILTS



**Sleadrin, Buncrana, Co. Donegal.**  
**M:** 0877666045

**Open:** Thurs - Sat 11am – 4pm, any other time by appointment only.

**GPS:** 55.176507, -7.447530

At the Old Schoolhouse, we have over twenty years of quilting experience under our roof.

Our workshops use state-of-the-art long-arm quilting technology where participants have a wide selection of fabrics and wide widths to choose from. Set in the heart of rural Inishowen, Old Schoolhouse has a relaxed and peaceful atmosphere where one can come to learn the art of quilt making under the professional guidance of our facilitator Nicola Roe. All are welcome.



## 12 BERNIE MURPHY IRISH DESIGNER



**'Elmhurst', Porthaw Glen, Buncrana, Co. Donegal**

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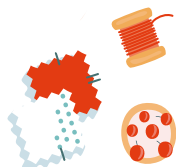
**Open:** By appointment only.

**GPS:** 55.1425891, -7.4751914

Bernie Murphy is from Inishowen, Co. Donegal. She grew up in a family in which traditional sewing and knitting skills were valued and at a time when the textile industry was still a major provider of employment throughout the North West.

Bernie trained in pattern-making and cutting and worked as a garment technologist for a major manufacturer; this experience has given her an in-depth understanding of fabrics and garment structure.

Bernie is passionate about traditional Irish fabrics and interprets them in a unique, individual way. Living in the dramatic landscape of the Wild Atlantic Way, Bernie is influenced by the colours and textures which surround her, and translates these influences into her garments, which combine drama and sophistication.







## 13 PHOTOS FROM IRELAND



**Riverside, Mindoran, Clonmany,  
Co. Donegal**

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**Open:** Monday to Friday 8.30am  
to 6.00pm and Saturdays  
9.30am to 6.00pm

**GPS:** 55.240086, -7.3844194

PhotosfromIreland have a photography gallery based at Riverside, Mindoran, Clonmany and are located inside Inishowen Computer Systems Ltd.

"Céad Mile Fáilte - A Hundred Thousand Welcomes from Photos from Ireland.

Here at Photos From Ireland we run landscape and portrait photography workshops and photo tours in the wild rugged and beautiful location of Co. Donegal. We also create beautiful amazing photo shoots for you and your family in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. We promise you will love the whole experience from start to finish. Plenty of genuine laughs and smiles, totally relaxed and not staged. Photography that can be displayed in your home or business for many years to come."



## 14 EILIS GALBRAITH (HOMEWARES & INTERIORS)



**Lower Main Street, Millbrae,  
Buncrana, Co. Donegal**

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Irish Designer Eilis Galbraith is based in rural Donegal, taking inspiration from her country life and idyllic northern surroundings. Using mixed imagery and detailed illustration, Eilis experiments with colour, texture and the unexplored motifs, which depict country living and rural life through juxtaposition creating homeware and interior products.



# LISTINGS

## **Glashedy Art Gallery**

Ballyliffin

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## **Johnny Shiels Spinning Wheel**

Carndonagh

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**e:** [johnny@spinningwheels.ie](mailto:johnny@spinningwheels.ie)

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## **Carol Anne McDaid**

### **Art Work and Glassware**

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**e:** [carolannemcdaid@gmail.com](mailto:carolannemcdaid@gmail.com)

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## **Marjorie McDaid MMD**

### **Embroidery**

Clonmany

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**w:** [www.mmdembroidery.ie](http://www.mmdembroidery.ie)

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## **Fifi Soaps by Fiona Doherty**

Carndonagh

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## **Geraldine Timlin Artist**

Buncrana

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## **Shivon Natural Handmade Soap**

Inch Island

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**e:** [shivonsoap@gmail.com](mailto:shivonsoap@gmail.com)

**w:** [www.shivonsoap.com](http://www.shivonsoap.com)

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## **Molly Boyd Handmade Pens**

Buncrana

**t:** 086 858 2366

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## **Pollan Pebbles**

Ballyliffin

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## **Gerry Bradley Art Tutor**

### **Painting Holidays**

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## **Peninsula Pottery**

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## **Brendan Farren**

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### **Ogham Stones**

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### **Jewel Casket**

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### **Inishowen Maritime Museum**

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### **Woolen Purse**

Moville

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### **Rose Craft Shop**

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### **John Quigley Artist & Illustrator**

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### **Arnouk Jewellery by Joanne**

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### **Luke Barber Apparel**

Buncrana

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### **Art of Inishowen**

**by Tanya McColgan - Painter**

Redcastle

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### **Maiden Rock Arts & Crafts**

Redcastle

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### **By Clare Marie**

Burnfoot

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### **Elsie Tweed by Leona Cregan**

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