



The Venue

This exciting event takes place in the beautiful grounds of Rathfarnham Castle.

Rathfarnham Castle, which dates from the Elizabethan times, is probably the earliest example of what is termed a 'fortified house' built in Ireland. Erected by Adam Loftus, Archbishop of Dublin, the castle sports four battered flanker towers. In the late 18th century Henry Loftus, Earl of Ely, remodelled the castle on a splendid scale, employing two of the finest architects of the Georgian period: Sir William Chambers and James 'Athenian' Stuart.

Tours: Self-guided tours of Rathfarnham Castle € no admission charge. (W: www.heritageireland.ie/en/Dublin/RathfarnhamCastle/ T: 01 493 9462/E: rathfarnhamcastle@opw.ie)

Parking: Limited pay parking available. Public transport recommended. (Bus Routes: 16/16A from City Centre, 17 (Blackrock - Rialto), 75 (Dun Laoghaire - Tallaght))

Food: Enjoy good food at Rathfarnham Castle's Stuart and Chambers Tearooms.

Visit Rathfarnham Village

Take the opportunity to stroll around Rathfarnham Village and see why this historic location has been designated an Architectural Conservation Area. Join the Rathfarnham Historical Society for a guided tour of the village and its environs (free of charge) to understand more about its cultural heritage. Details available from SDCC's exhibition stand over the weekend.



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Irish Georgian Society & South Dublin County Council in association with the Office of Public Works presents the

Period Buildings Show 2013



A weekend of Traditional Building Skills Demonstrations & Conservation Talks
for anyone interested in period buildings, architectural conservation and traditional building skills!

Sat 13th & Sun 14th July 2013
Rathfarnham Castle, Dublin
10.00am - 5.00pm daily
Admission Free! All welcome
No booking required



Traditional Building Skills on Show

A weekend of traditional building skills demonstrations and conservation talks will take place at Rathfarnham Castle, Rathfarnham Village, Dublin 14.

Rathfarnham Castle will become a one-stop destination for owners in need of accurate, impartial and free advice on caring and repairing for their period buildings. Attendance will greatly benefit owners of all periods and types of buildings from modest Edwardian artisan dwellings to substantial red brick Victorian terraces and fine Georgian country houses.

A unique show which gives you the opportunity to:

- **Watch** over two dozen craftspeople demonstrate key traditional building skills needed for the conservation of old buildings to include: **sash window repairs; stained glass & fanlight conservation; stone carving; dry stonewall construction; use of lime based mortars; decorative plasterwork; ironwork; slate roofing; traditional wallpaper making; thatching; and furniture restoration** to name a few.
- **Listen** to informative and interactive talks on old buildings; their history, maintenance and repair.
- **Engage** one-to-one with your Council's Architectural Conservation Officer & Heritage Officer and ask about the management and care of your old home.
- **Obtain advice** from conservation architects, engineers, planners, craftsmen, heritage builders and materials suppliers.
- **Gather information** on old building planning law, insurance, finance, energy upgrading and more.
- **Talk to the representatives** at the information stands of the: Building Limes Forum Ireland; CIF Heritage Contractors; Dublin Civic Trust; Irish Antiques Dealers Association; Irish Georgian Society; Office of Public Works; South Dublin County Council; and The Heritage Council.



This is a Family Friendly Event.

Free face painting (12noon - 3pm). Live music. Enjoy Rathfarnham Castle playground & visit the Rathfarnham Castle's Berkeley Costume and Toy Collection (an exquisite display of 18th & 19th century toys, dolls and costumes).

Talks on Traditional Building Skills

The Saloon, Rathfarnham Castle

Saturday 13th July

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| 10am | Historic Buildings: the repair & conservation of Brick & Stone Elevations by Dermot Collier, ACOL Ltd & CIF Registered Heritage Contractor |
| 11am | Masonry Structures, their Care & Conservation: a stonemason's perspective by Patrick McAfee, stonemason and author of Irish Stone Walls & Stone Buildings |
| 12 noon | Minister Brian Hayes, OPW officially launches the show (in main exhibition area) |
| 1pm | Living in a Protected Structure or an Architectural Conservation Area-what you should know by Irenie McLoughlin, Architectural Conservation Officer, South Dublin County Council |
| 2pm | Keeping your Old Building Warm: energy efficiency in historic buildings by Jacqueline Donnelly, Architectural Heritage Advisory Unit, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht |
| 3pm | The Importance of Using Lime in Historic Buildings by Una Ni Mhearain, RIAI Conservation Architect & Building Limes Forum Ireland committee member |
| 4pm | Conservation Planning for the House – setting up repairs and improvements by Colm Murray, Architecture Officer, The Heritage Council |

Sunday 14th July

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| 10am | Hemp and Lime: A Practical Demonstration by Henry Thompson, Old Builders Company (in main exhibition area) |
| 11am | The Dos and Don'ts of Plasterwork Conservation by Andrew Smith, historic plasterwork consultant |
| 12noon | Peeling Back the Years: a look at Historic Wallpapers in Dublin Houses by David Skinner, historic wallpaper consultants |
| 1pm | Rathfarnham Castle's Designed Landscape: a history of four centuries & conservation challenges today (talk followed by walking tour of demesne) by Rebecca Jefferes, Honorary Secretary, Dublin Civic Trust |
| 2pm | The Conservation of Historic Windows by Marc Ritchie, Architectural Heritage Advisory Unit, DoAHG |
| 3pm | The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage & South Dublin County's Historic Buildings by Willie Cumming, Senior Architect, NIAH, DoAHG |
| 4pm | Conservation and Restoration of Old Slate and Tile Roofs by Jim O'Donoghue & Kieran Merriman, The Blue Bangor Company |

Attendance at the talks is recognised as structured CPD by the RIAI and CIF Heritage Contractors.

Sponsors

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The following conservation companies have kindly supported the exhibition:

Blue Bangor Company www.bluebangor.com

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Stoneware Studios www.stonewarestudios.com

The OldBuilders Company www.oldbuilders.com

South Dublin County Council

South Dublin County Council has a strong commitment to the conservation and promotion of the county's cultural and natural heritage. They employ a Heritage Officer, Dr Rosaleen Dwyer and an Architectural Conservation Officer, Irenie McLoughlin, whose work ensures that there is an enhanced level of understanding, conservation and preservation of the county's natural and built heritage.

Irish Georgian Society

The Irish Georgian Society works to promote and protect Ireland's built heritage & decorative arts. It is a charitable organisation founded in 1958 with 2,800 members. Everyone is welcome to join & by joining you support our education and conservation work. Members have the opportunity to avail of a first rate events programme, which includes access to significant historic buildings and gardens often closed to the public.

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