

# NEWSLETTER

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Due to shortage of space we regret that we cannot list the names of the 70 or so new members who joined since the last Newsletter. It is hoped to list them in our next issue.

## EVENTS IN RETROSPECT

The big event of the summer was our 75th Anniversary Exhibition. It received widespread favourable publicity, enhanced the standing of the Friends, brought our work to a wider public and encouraged many new members to join.

On June 26th 1999 Dr. Harman Murtagh showed us round the fine modern art collection at Athlone Regional Technical College.

### *September 30th 1999*

Lecture "Eileen Gray" by Raymund Ryan.

### *October 14th 1999*

Tour of Exhibition "Drawing Thinking" at RHA Gallagher Gallery.

### *November 4th 1999*

Lecture "4 Exceptional Irish Women Artists" by Antoinette Murphy.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

Our A.G.M. will be held next Spring in the Bank of Ireland's Arts Centre, Foster Place, Dublin. The lecture series has been so popular that we are going to continue, starting with one given by Brian Coyle, Director of James Adam & Sons.

## NEW ACQUISITION...

Portrait of Kathleen Goodfellow by Estella Solomons HRHA (1882 - 1968) reproduced overleaf and another to Co.Kildare

## NEW MEMBERSHIP RATES...

Portrait of Kathleen Goodfellow by Estella Solomons HRHA (1882 - 1968) reproduced overleaf.

We have had to introduce new membership rates with effect from 1st January 2000. They are:- *Student* £10; *Individual* £20; *Family* £30; *Life* £400 and *Corporate* £250. These are due from 1st January 2000 but members who joined after 1st August 1999 will be covered for the year 2000 and will receive their 2000 membership cards separately. Members who normally pay their subscriptions by bankers order should complete the enclosed amendment form and post it to their bank immediately.

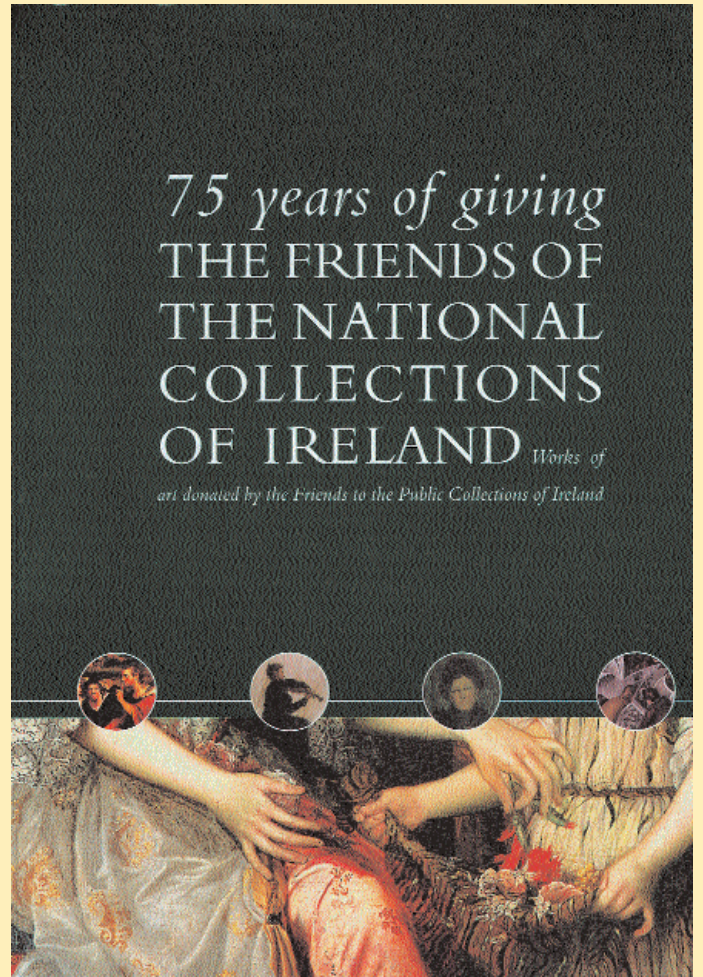
## CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTION...

The catalogue from our 75th Anniversary Exhibition is a very colourful and well produced record, not only of the exhibition itself but of the number and variety of the gifts made over that time. See overleaf for a reproduction. At £12 which includes postage and packing we feel that it would make an excellent and lasting Christmas present as well as an encouragement to potential members. Send your cheque, made out to F.N.C.I., to Hon. Treasurer at 28 Grosvenor Park, Rathmines, Dublin 6.

*The President, Officers and Council wish all the members*



**Estella Solomons HRHA (1882 - 1968)**  
**PORTRAIT OF KATHLEEN GOODFELLOW**  
Oil on canvas 31.75 x 25.30 cms  
To be presented



**Catalogue of "75 Years of Giving" exhibition**  
August 1999



**Aidan O'Flanagan, Honorary Treasurer FNCI; The President of Ireland Mary McAleese; Brian O'Connor, President FNCI and Carmel Kelly, Honorary Secretary FNCI at the opening of the "75 Years of Giving" exhibition in the RHA Gallagher Gallery, August 1999.**