

## OF THE FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL COLLECTIONS OF IRELAND

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Our thanks to Brian O'Connor who completed his hard working term of office at our AGM in May and we extend a sincere welcome to our new President, Hilary Carey who succeeded to the post.

### EVENTS IN RETROSPECT

- ✿ On Saturday afternoon 27th January 2001 Declan McGonagle, Director IMMA guided a group of Friends through the Exhibition "Shifting Ground - selected work of Irish Art 1950 - 2000". We next went to the Chester Beatty Library where Charles Horton introduced us to the Exhibition "The Word and its Beginning". We finally went to the beautifully restored City Hall.
- ✿ The 2001 George Furlong lecture was given on the 9th February by the Director of the National Portrait Gallery Dr. Charles Saumarez Smith and was entitled "Irish Portraits at the NPG".
- ✿ The exhibition "Acquisitions 2001" was held in the Bank of Ireland Arts Centre and culminated in our AGM with a lecture by Brian Kennedy on Paul Henry.
- ✿ On the 31st May Minister Síle de Valera unveiled the Imogen Stuart sculpture of St. Kevin commissioned by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Purser for donation through FNCCI. Dúchas co-operated in the choice of a perfect site by Glendalough lake.
- ✿ The Tipperary Lakelands trip on June 23rd was a huge success; almost twice as many members as could be accommodated wished to come. The Foley, Tierney and Ramsden collections were a joy for our members and the hospitality in each case was so generous.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS....

*Sunday 21st October* - "At Home" The Molesworth Gallery plus Stella Steyn exhibition.

*Saturday 3rd November* - Art collections of Maurice Foley and Michael Burns/Frank Buckley.

*December* - Christmas Party - full details later.

### NEW ACQUISITIONS

see illustrations overleaf.

### MEMBERSHIP

There has been an unprecedented number of non-renewals of annual subscriptions (due 1st January) this year. If **you** are one of these you may repair your omission by sending a cheque to the Hon. Treasurer, Aidan O'Flanagan, 28 Grosvenor Park, Rathmines, Dublin 6.

Our current rates are:- Individual - £20; Family - £30 or Life - £400.

#### IDA DOVER (1915 - 2001)

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Ida Dover who died recently. Ida was, for over forty years, a committed member of Council and a long serving Hon. Secretary whose vivid and entertaining accounts of our outings served to enliven each A.G.M. during her long term in office. May she rest in peace.



**CLARE MARSH (1875-1923)**  
*Head and Shoulders of a Woman*  
Oil on card  
29.5 x 19 cms  
Gift of Miss Mary Tullo, Oxford  
NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND



**IMOGEN STUART**  
*St. Kevin*  
Granite  
1.2 m. high  
Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Purser  
DUCHAS - GLENDALOUGH



**RALPH CUSACK (1912-1965)**  
*The Smoke Room*  
Oil on canvas  
71 x 53.2 cms  
DUN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN  
CO. COUNCIL



**MARY SWANZY (attrib.) (1882-1978)**  
*Trees and Church with sheep*  
Crayon and watercolour  
21 x 26 cms  
Gift of Miss Mary Tullo, Oxford  
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*Presented by Mr and Mrs Michael Purser through the Friends of the National  
Collection of Ireland  
2000*

**MARGARET STOKES (1915-1996)**  
*Untitled [Fethard]*  
Wood engraving  
26.3 x 40.5 cms  
Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Purser  
TIPPERARY S.R. CO. MUSEUM, CLONMEL



**MARGARET CLARKE (1888-1961)**  
*Self-Portrait*  
Oil on canvas  
86 x 62.8 cms  
NATIONAL SELF-PORTRAIT COLLECTION  
UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK



**ERNEST HAYES (1914-1978)**  
*Storm Seas: Irish Coast*  
Oil on canvas  
76 x 101 cms  
FNCI grant  
ULSTER MUSEUM, BELFAST



**MARY SWANZY (attrib.) (1882-1978)**  
*Trees against a cottage*  
Ink and watercolour  
22.5 x 13.5 cms  
Gift of Miss Mary Tullo, Oxford  
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