



Join practical and creative stone carving and dry stone walling workshops in Durrus, led by experienced craftspeople from across Ireland and beyond.

You'll learn by doing, picking up skills and ideas that have been passed down from generation to generation. Single and multi-day workshop tickets are available, but booking is essential for all workshops and events!

The West Cork Stone Symposium, supported by the local tourism cooperative and the Dry Stone Wall Association of Ireland, celebrates tradition and creativity, all against the backdrop of the stunning Sheep's Head peninsula on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way!



Learn Traditional Skills in a Stunning Setting

An intriguing mix of workshops, tastings, demonstrations, and talks makes up the programme of the West Cork Stone Symposium.

It's a celebration of craft, creativity and place on West Cork's beautiful Sheep's Head peninsula.

To Book or Contact Us:

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West Cork Stone Symposium

22-24 March 2019

Workshops | Talks | Events

Durrus
Sheep's Head peninsula

Co. Cork

Stone Symposium Programme

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

Dry Stone Walling Workshops –
9:30am - 4:30pm | €60 single day;
multiday prices vary |

Stone Carving Workshop – 9:30am –
4:30pm | €70 single day; multiday prices
vary |

Visit Durrus Cheese [FOOD EVENT]
10:30am -12pm | €10 | Visit Durrus
Dairy in Coomkeen to see cheese being
made. You'll learn about how place, sea
air, and a family business create
distinctive and award-winning flavours
here on the Sheep's Head peninsula.
And, of course, you'll get to taste Durrus
too!

**Uncovering the Past: Unearthing a
5,000-year-old Passage Tomb [TALK]**
5:30pm | €5 on the door (free to
workshop attendees) | Philips' Green
Centre, Durrus | Dr Clíodhna Ní Lionáin
of University College, Dublin, will talk
about the fascinating process of
uncovering a 5,500-year-old passage
tomb at Dowth Hall in the heart of the
Brú na Bóinne World Heritage site in Co
Meath.

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

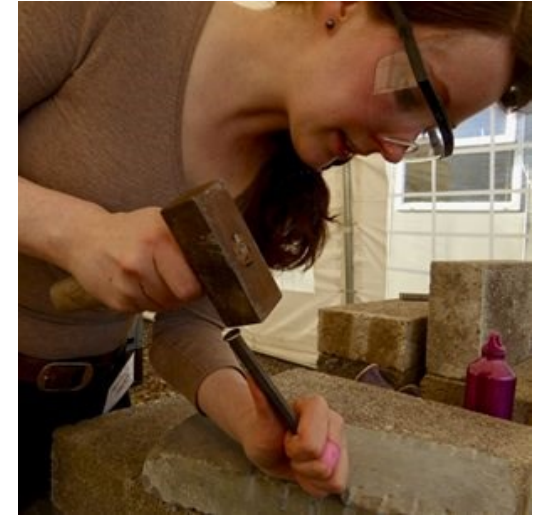
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**Watch a Blacksmith at Work
[DEMONSTRATION]** – 1pm - 3pm |
Philips' Green Centre, Durrus | The
acclaimed Sheep's Head blacksmith JJ
Bowen will show us how he makes
chisels and other items using traditional
blacksmithing skills.

Guided Walk (Sheep's Head Way) -
2pm- 4:30pm | €10 | Take a guided walk
on the Sheep's Head Way with an
experienced local guide and learn about
its fascinating geology and history. Call
086 3030991 for details.

**Sculpting the Sculptor: Creating a
Bust of Seamus Murphy [TALK]** –
5:30pm | Philips' Green Centre, Durrus |
€5 on the door (free to workshop
attendees) | The English sculptor Nigel
Baxter will talk about his project to
create a stone bust in tribute to the
sculptor Seamus Murphy – a homage to
the Cork craftsman and his legacy.



*Learn stone carving or dry stone walling
in craft workshops – open to all from
beginners to experts!*

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

Dry Stone Walling Workshops –
9:30am - 4:30pm | €60 single day;
multiday prices vary |

Stone Carving Workshop – 9:30am –
4:30pm | €70 single day; multiday prices
vary |

**Sacred Stones and the Cult of Sun
Worship [TALK]** - 3pm-5pm |
Ballycommane House, Durrus |
Professor William O'Brien will give an
open-air talk at Ballycommane, just
outside Durrus, where a new visitor
centre helps to tell the story of a
boulder-burial site and a pair of standing
stones.