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November 2016

MAKERS' FAIR CHRISTMAS 2016

10th and 11th December 2016 (12 – 6 pm)

St. Margaret's House, 151 London Road, Edinburgh EH7 6AE

The Makers Fair at St. Margaret's House will show work made by resident artists, a perfect opportunity to buy your Christmas presents with textile, ceramic and print exhibitions on display in the three gallery spaces.

I will show some of my new work: beautiful, unique and re-fashioned skirts made from charity shop finds, second hand jeans and scrap fabric pieces, often decorated with appliqué, buttons and removable pockets.

Please note that the Fair will only take place one weekend (unlike previously advertised). For more details go to www.edinburghpalette.co.uk/events/makers-fair-2016/



Above: Top row: Some of my re-fashioned skirts and a collection of my labels (aren't the buttons on the labels cute?)

Bottom row: Details: removable pocket, decorative buttons and a bird brooch on (men's) tie belt

LOOKING BACK

IONAD CULTÚRTHA AN PHIARSAIGH, CONAMARA

Permanent Exhibition from 10th November 2016

Rosmuc, Connemara, Co Galway, Ireland

The new cultural centre at Patrick Pearse's Cottage in Rosmuc, Connemara, provides an introduction to the Irish language, Gaeltacht culture and environment, focusing on 1916 leader Patrick Pearse and his relationship with the area.

I spent the entire summer working on ten 'Symbols of Connemara' for a permanent exhibition as part of the interpretive contents of the centre. The 10 symbols included a melodeon, Irish dance shoes, a Common Tern in flight, a replica of Mac Dara Church, a Currach oar and a lobster pot. The Visitor Experience was a project of Edinburgh design company Bright (www.we-are-bright.com) and opened on 10th November 2016 by the Taoiseach Enda Kenny.



Above:

Top row from left: 'Symbols of Connemara': a ram's skull, a fiddle and seaweed on a lobster pot

Bottom row, left: 'Symbols of Connemara': a sleán (turf spade), **Middle:** At the opening: View through display cabinet,

Right: At the opening: The finished 'Symbols' in their display cabinet (with one happy artist!)

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