**SPRING EVENTS**

**EVERYONE WELCOME  FREE ADMISSION**

**LUNCHTIMES & EVENINGS**

**COMING ON IN AND**

**DISCOVER ULSTER-SCOTS CENTRE**

OPEN DAILY 10AM-4PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS BY APPOINTMENT

**ALL AT CATHEDRAL QUARTER’S**

**DISCOVER ULSTER-SCOTS CENTRE**

CORN EXCHANGE, 1-9 VICTORIA STREET, BELFAST BT1 3GA

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The venue for this programme of events is Belfast’s Discover Ulster-Scots Centre. Purpose built and opened in late 2014, the Centre is open to the public and contains informative displays, free educational literature, and a book and gift shop. Individuals and groups are very welcome to call in for tea, coffee and a browse round our displays; or contact us to enquire about booking the venue for talks and events.

**DEMONSTRATIONS**

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**BELFAST CORN EXCHANGE**

Was built in 1852, using Scottish stone. In 1859, a major Robert Burns Centenary celebration was held here. Among the guests was Burns’ granddaughter Eliza, who lived in Belfast for around 25 years, at York Street and later on the Lisburn Road.

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CRAFT WEEK 19TH TO 24TH FEBRUARY

We are hosting a range of craft workshops across the week, offering an opportunity to learn about traditional crafts and to take part in workshops and hopefully learn a new skill. An opportunity to try your hand at something new.

Monday 19th February 12 noon - 2 pm WILLOW BASKET WORKSHOP
Bob Johnston, Basket Maker has been creating traditional and contemporary willow baskets, willow sculptures and living structures since 2000. His workshop will talk about his craft plus offer a hands on session. www.robjohnstonbaskets.co.uk

Tuesday 20th February 12 noon - 2 pm EMBROIDERY DEMONSTRATION
Whitework (Springing/Touring), a demonstration and workshop with Mary Wilson. Whitework applies to a variety of techniques ranging from the bold stitches of Mountmellick and Hardanger to the delicate work of Ayrshire and Fine White embroidery. Traditionally worked with white thread on white fabric and used for bridal and christening wear and ecclesiastical embroidery. The techniques adapt well to contemporary designs and the introduction of colour. Display of work in Discover Ulster-Scots Centre all day Tuesday with workshop from 12 noon - 2 pm.

Wednesday 21st February 12 noon - 2 pm NEEDLEPOINT WORKSHOP
Completed by the daughter of one of the Pilgrim Fathers who sailed on the Mayflower, it can be seen in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Skilled cross-stitchers, Laura Spence and Zornitsa Scott, will work in Discover Ulster-Scots Centre all day Tuesday with workshop from 12 noon - 2 pm. Cross-stitch is the oldest form of embroidery in the world. In Ulster, as elsewhere, young girls would prepare cross-stitch samplers to practice alphabets and numbers, often adding motifs such as flowers and initials. Ulster-Scots emigrants took their skills across the Atlantic with them. In the United States, the earliest known cross-stitch sampler dates from around 1653. Completed by the daughter of one of the Pilgrim Fathers who sailed on the Mayflower, it can be seen in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Skilled cross-stitchers, Laura Spence and Zornitsa Scott, will talk about their needlework and show an assortment of items they have made, including pictures, Christmas items, cards and small gifts. They will demonstrate different methods of cross-stitching, and all participants will create a personalised keyring to take home.

Thursday 22nd February 12.30pm FLAX TO FABRIC
Flax to Fabric outlines the processes of the Irish linen from flax growing to linen production. A spinning demonstration forms part of the session which uses photographs and linen objects to illustrate the linen story. Approximate duration 45mins - 1hr.

Friday 23rd February CRAFT SESSIONS GALORE
Morning from 10.00am - 12 noon Afternoon from 2.00pm - 4.00pm Craft sessions galore. Today will see 4 workshops delivered, with a selection of local and international arts and crafts delivered by artists based here in Ulster. You’ll have opportunities to try your hand at Bookbinding with Lucy Turner or Polish Paper Cutting with Kasia Kucharska in the morning, and Silk Painting with Pauline Matthew or Decoupage with Debbie Young in the afternoon. These sessions will be popular and are limited to 15 participants for each session, so booking is advisable.

Saturday 24th March 7.00pm - 9.00pm SCOTTISH COUNTRY CEILIDH
Scottish Country Ceilidh. Come along and join in with the Discover Ulster-Scots Centres Ceilidh on Saturday evening in the Corn Exchange Building. World Class musicians, alongside dancers and callers from the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society will provide a fun evening, with plenty of opportunities for enjoyment.