



The Portmarnock Art Group was formed in 1976 with a poster campaign around Portmarnock and Malahide, John Dinan and the late Gay Power being among its founder members. Within three weeks, there were up to 20 people for each Monday evening class. The first venue was the White Sands Hotel (then the North Coast Hotel).

The group moved to the Grand Hotel Malahide where a small basement room provided the setting. At that stage, Nora Casey and the late Maeve Hurding were among our staunchest members. Today there are still members in the group that have shown their loyalty down through the years.

It has been an ongoing privilege to have artists and lecturers attend our meetings. They have given demonstrations and talks sharing both their knowledge and experience through their own art practice. In the past we were visited by the late Henry Healy R.H.A., John Nolan R.H.A., Harrie Mc Manus, Professor John Turpin and Thomas Ryan R.H.A. In recent years Una Sealy A.R.H.A., Ronan Goti and Richard Hearn are among our regular visitors. Speakers from the National Art Gallery and demonstrations from other local professional artists are included in the annual diary.

There is also the social aspect to the group where members share their own experience in the visual arts at paint together sessions. Visits to exhibitions and an outing to places of interest are planned every year. Group Exhibitions at Christmas and Easter are regular events along with summer bank holiday exhibitions on Malahide Tennis Club railings.

Contact details are below if interested in joining and check out Facebook page for up coming events.

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