

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**6pm EXHIBITION OF WORK BY Alasdair & Andrew McMorris** at the **Old Waiting Room Gallery**. Come for a drink and a catch up with some of the Spring Festival tutors

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**9am to late COLONSAY MACPHEES** Join Kevin (for some or all) of his annual sponsored expedition to climb the 22 hills in Colonsay over 300 ft - climbed in one connected walk Total distance approx 20 miles. All proceeds to **Kilchattan primary school**  
**Meet: An Crossan** (start of Balnahard track)

**10.30am – 1pm FELT WORKSHOP**  
Amazingly it is possible to make small bowls out of felt! **Lotta Leahy** will show you how to manipulate wool and water together to form a piece of felt that can shaped into a bowl.  
**Tickets £12 –Inc materials**  
**Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.**

**3pm – 6pm WALK TO ORONSAY PRIORY**  
A guided expedition with **Andrew McMorris** – a walk specifically selected to look at the extraordinary history & carvings of the Augustinian priory.  
**Tickets £5**  
**Route: Oronsay**  
**Meet: Strand Road**  
**End WEAR WELLIES & NO DOGS PLEASE.**

**8pm THE BIRDS OF COLONSAY & ORONSAY**  
An Illustrated Talk by **David Jardine**. Hear about the flora & fauna of Colonsay & Oronsay.  
**Tickets £5**  
**Venue: Church of Scotland – opposite the hotel**

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**10am - 1pm NATURE WALK**  
David Jardine has being coming to Colonsay and studying its flora & fauna for over 50 years.....join him on this walk and share in the knowledge he has accumulated.  
**Tickets £5**  
**Route: Southern Colonsay**  
**Meet: Strand Road end**  
**NO DOGS PLEASE.**

**2.30pm - 5pm COLONSAY CURIOSITY BOXES**  
A lovely way to save and display found treasure and memories of the island. Join **Alasdair McMorris** and compile a box frame with a variety of mementoes -from pebbles to sketches, nature notes to sea glass. Bring your own finds, or choose from Alasdair's collection.  
**Tickets £12 - Box frame, art materials & a selection of treasure all included!**  
**Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan**

**8pm SPRING FEST SUPPER CLUB** hosted & cooked by our own Grace Johnston. Booking essential. Please bring your own beverages of choice!  
**Menu details from Old Waiting Room £30 p/p**

**NOW FULL**

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**TBC**

**1pm - 4pm OFF THE BEATEN TRACK**  
Some parts of our amazing island are much less frequently visited - join **Andrew McMorris** to discover the lesser known areas of Garvard, including the Heronry.  
**Tickets £5**  
**Route: Garvard**  
**Meet: The Pier....lifts to starting point available**  
**DOGS ON LEADS**

**2.30pm – 4.30pm COLONSAY COLLAGE**  
Paper collaging is a simple and fun way to capture your surrounding land & sea-scapes. Join **Carol Paterson** to get inspired & make a small set of collages using just lovely scraps of paper & glue!  
**Tickets £12 -Includes a box frame for your favourite piece, and all other materials needed.**  
**Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.**

**Have the evening off for a well-earned rest!**

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.30am - 1pm SIMPLE BOOK-BINDING**  
Make a small range of simple notebooks and journals using basic folding and stitching techniques.  
**Morag Tweedie**  
**Tickets £12 -Includes a selection of fab papers, and all other materials needed.**  
**Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.**

**2.30pm – 5.30pm A PRINT OF NATURE**  
Great designs can be achieved using simple block printing.  
**Alasdair McMorris** will guide you through the process of making a design on a foam block & then show you how to use it to print a small picture and some cards  
**Tickets £12 – includes printing block, printing paper, a box frame for your favourite piece and a selection of blank cards.**  
**Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.**

**2.45pm - 5pm FERN SPOTTING WALK**  
Ferns are unique among plants – they live in habitats from the tropics to polar latitudes, and unlike seed plants, ferns reproduce by minute spores.  
**Kevin Byrne** has been studying the many species of fern present on Colonsay, and on this walk will introduce you to a dozen or so of his favourite varieties.  
**Tickets £5**  
**Route: Woodland Gardens**  
**Meet: OLD Village Hall, Kiloran**  
**DOGS ON LEADS**

**9pm QUIZ NIGHT IN THE HOTEL**  
general knowledge & all things SpringFest.  
**£1 in prize kitty**  
**Venue: Hotel**

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**9am – 10.30am MOTH TRAPPING**  
Colonsay boasts a good range of moths. Alan & Margaret will set up the 'light trap' the night before. Join them this morning in the fascinating task of identifying the moths which have come in overnight.  
**There is no charge for this event**  
**Venue: The Pantry**  
**This event will not run if it is wet and/or windy, or if it has been so thru the previous night!**

**10.30am - 1pm PLANT & NATURAL DYEING WORKSHOP**  
What could be more satisfying than dyeing Colonsay Wool with Colonsay plants? **Anne Ferguson & Morag Tweedie** will guide you through preparing the wool & plants for dyeing, and show you some colours that can be achieved from plants collected on our hills. They will also show you dyes from store cupboard ingredients.  
**Tickets £12 –including a selection of small hanks of dyed wool to take away.**  
**Venue: Colonsay House**  
**Meet: gardens entrance**

**2.30pm - 5pm FARM WALK** with **David Hobhouse**. For a long time Balnahard has farmed beef and sheep in an environmentally sensitive way, with the emphasis on managing the land for endangered bird species. Meat production for the Colonsay shop has also become an important part of the farming, as has the breeding of sheep to produce the Colonsay Wool Growers yarns. Come on the walk, see the calves & lambs, and find out more.....  
**Tickets £5**  
**Route: Balnahard**  
**Meet: An Crossan** (start of Balnahard track) you will be driven to Balnahard farm, walk for 2 hours and then be returned by vehicle to An Crossan.  
**NO DOGS PLEASE.**

**From 9pm onwards LOCAL MUSIC IN THE PUB** - Colonsay's local musicians get together to sing and play.  
**Venue: Hotel**

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May**10.00am – 12.00**  
**BEACH CLEAN**  
**WALK**

Have you noticed how clean our beaches are? This is thanks to a huge amount of work by Kevin Byrne and his loyal team. Be part of it and give a hand!

**There is no charge for this event...& no excuses either!**

**Meet: Strand Road end**

**10.30am - 1pm**  
**DRYSTONE WALL**  
**WORKSHOP**

Colonsay has plenty of traditional dry stone walls, many of which would have been built as part of the process of clearing and establishing the in-bye fields. Join **Lotta Leahy & Dave Binnie** & help repair a section of tumbled down wall.

**Tickets £8**

**Meet: The Pantry**

**2.30pm - 5pm**  
**KNITTING**  
**WORKSHOP**

A chance to knit or crochet a pair of Wrist Warmers using a Colonsay wool knitting kit, with expert tuition and assistance from **Carol, Anne & Morag** Suitable for beginners and improvers!

**Tickets £12** -Includes a kit with pattern, needles & Hebridean/Lleyn blend wool.

**Venue: Colonsay Hse**

**Meet: Garden Ent**

**7.30pm HAVE**  
**SUPPER IN THE**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY**

Author **Fi Martynoga** spent a whole year living the 1790s lifestyle of her rural ancestors. Come and hear a bit about her experiences & have a C18 supper of bannocks, stovies, nettle soup and other delicacies. Get a tiny taste of what it might have been like to live in C18 Scotland.

**Tickets £10.00 – inc supper, please bring your own beverage of choice**

**Venue: Village Hall**

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May**11am - 1pm**  
**HISTORICAL**  
**WALK**

Walk with **Andrew McMorris** to the Port of the Hanged Man, the McPhee Stone and the Temple of the Glen and hear about the history and folklore of these Southern Colonsay landmarks.

**Tickets £5**

**Route: South**

**Eastern Colonsay**

**Meet: Strand Road**

**End - DOGS ON LEADS**

**2.30pm - 5pm**  
**LANDSCAPE**  
**PAINTING**  
**WORKSHOP**

Colonsay continues to be an inspirational island for artists, including **Julienne Braham**, who will welcome you to these informal & relaxed painting & sketching sessions in the beautiful surroundings of Colonsay House gardens. No experience necessary beginners & improvers welcome!

**Tickets £12 – inc basic materials - please bring your own kit if desired.**

**Venue: Colonsay House**

**Meet: Garden Ent**

**6pm**  
**EXHIBITION OF**  
**WORK BY**  
**Morag Tweedie,**  
**Anne Ferguson &**  
**Carol Paterson**  
at the **Old Waiting Room Gallery**.

Come for a drink and a catch up with some of the Spring Festival tutors.

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May**10am – 12.30pm**  
**DYEING FOR A**  
**SILK CUSHION**

Create a unique hand dyed fabric to make into a cushion cover. By folding, clamping and binding heavy weight Noile silk and dyeing it using a single colour, you will create a fabric with a bold, striking pattern that can easily be sewn, when dry, into a simple envelope style cushion.

**Morag Tweedie / Anne Ferguson**

**Tickets £12** -Includes all materials to make cover- cushion pads can be purchased for a small extra charge

**Venue: Colonsay House**

**Meet: Garden Entrance**

**12.30 – 2.30pm**  
**FORAGE FOR**  
**YOUR LUNCH!**

The ultimate 'no food miles' meal with **Fi Martynoga**.

Forage the abundance of wild foods available on Colonsay, then cook & eat a delicious lunch with the freshest of ingredients. Expect to savour sorrel soup & nettle pest.

**Tickets £10 inc lunch**

**Venue: Colonsay House**

**Meet: Gardens entrance**

**2.30pm - 5pm**  
**COLONSAY**  
**CURIOSITY**  
**BOXES**

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**MOTH TRAPPING**

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**10.30am -1pm**  
**OFF THE BEATEN**  
**TRACK**

Some parts of our amazing island are much less frequently visited - join **Andrew McMorris** to walk from Uragaig to Kiloran, using the ancient hill footpath, & passing the deserted homesteads above Loch Sgoltaire.

**Tickets £5**

**Route: Uragaig**

**Meet: Kiloran Bay**

**carpark –**

**DOGS ON LEADS**

**2.30pm - 5pm**  
**LANDSCAPE**  
**PAINTING SESSION**

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**Tickets £12 – inc basic materials - bring your own kit if desired.**

**Venue: Colonsay House**

**Meet: Garden Entrance**

**7pm UNIVERSALLY**  
**CHALLENGED -**  
**WITH PIES!**

Come to the village hall & enjoy a 2 course sit down supper of delicious pies. Witness the clash of two handpicked quiz teams, as they battle it out on stage. Not to be missed (or taken too seriously)!

**Tickets £15 – inc supper & drink on arrival**

**Venue: Village Hall also Silent Auction with loads of tempting lots to bid for!**

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May**10.30am – 12.30pm**  
**COLONSAY**  
**COLLAGE**

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**Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.**

**10.30am – 2.30pm**  
**OFF THE BEATEN**  
**TRACK - ORONSAY**

Some parts of our amazing island are much less frequently visited - join **Andrew McMorris** to cross the Strand to Oronsay, and explore Shell Bay, Seal Cottage and the ancient shell middens.

**Tickets £5**

**Route: Oronsay**

**Meet: at the pier at**

**11.30am - lifts available -or at Stand Road end at 11.45am**

**WEAR WELLIES & NO**

**DOGS PLEASE.**

**BRING A PACKED LUNCH**

**2.30pm - 5pm**  
**SIMPLE BOOK-**  
**BINDING**

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**Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.**

**8pm**  
**AN EVENING WITH**  
**THE COLONSAY &**  
**ORONSAY**  
**HERITAGE TRUST**

**'The Last Hundred'** Songs and pictures of the past.

**Tickets £5**

**All proceeds to COHT**

**Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.**



Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> May**10.30am - 1pm  
LANDSCAPE  
PAINTING  
WORKSHOP**

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**Tickets £12** – inc basic materials - bring your own kit if desired.  
Venue: Colonsay House  
**Meet: Garden Entrance**

**11am -12.00  
COLONSAY HOUSE  
GARDENS TOUR**

These gardens are renowned for their collection of Rhododendrons... take a guided tour with **Jane Howard**

**Tickets £5**  
**Meet: Gardens ent.**

**1pm – 3pm  
SEAWEED  
FORAGING**

Take advantage of the low tide and go with **Fi Martynoga** to identify and collect different seaweeds. Fi will also give advice on preparing & cooking with seaweed.

**Tickets £8**  
**Route: Ardskenish**  
**Meet: Airport gates**

**2.45pm - 5pm  
FERN SPOTTING  
WALK**

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**Route: Woodlands**  
**Meet: OLD Village Hall, Kiloran** **DOGS ON LEADS**

**9pm QUIZ NIGHT IN THE  
HOTEL**

general knowledge & all things SpringFest.  
**£1 in kitty**

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May**10.30pm - 1pm  
PLANT & NATURAL  
DYEING WORKSHOP**

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**Tickets £5**  
**Route: Balnahard**  
**Meet: An Crossan** (start of Balnahard track) you will be driven to Balnahard farm, walk for 2 hours and then be returned by vehicle to An Crossan.  
**NO DOGS PLEASE**

**2.30pm – 5pm  
JEWELLERY FROM  
THE SEA**

with **Morag Halligan**. Wrap treasures from the sea in silver wire, to make pendants and sun catchers. Bring your own finds, or choose from Morag's collection.

Seaglass, china, pebbles & shells can all be used  
**Tickets £12** -Includes wire, basic jewellery findings & treasure!

Venue: Colonsay House  
**Meet: Garden Entrance**

**From 9pm onwards  
LOCAL MUSIC IN  
THE PUB**

- Colonsay's local musicians get together to sing and play.  
Venue: Hotel

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May**10.00am – 12.00  
BEACH CLEAN  
WALK & BEACH  
BBQ**

Have you noticed how clean our beaches are? This is thanks to a huge amount of work by **Kevin Byrne** and his loyal team.

Not only is this ascetically pleasing but the removable of all this washed up litter has a massively positive effect on our Marine Wildlife. Be part of it and give a hand!

**This beach clean will be following by a lunch BBQ on the beach.....everyone is welcome to come and help and then stay on for lunch.**

**There is no charge for this event...& no excuses either!**  
**Meet: Machrins Bay, airport entrance gate**

**2pm - 5pm  
A PRINT OF  
NATURE**

with **Jane Smith**  
Great designs can be achieved using simple block printing. Make printing plates by cutting away the surface of a print block. Then ink up the raised surface to produce a small picture and some cards

**Tickets £12** – includes printing block, printing paper, a box frame for your favourite piece and a selection of blank cards.

Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

**8pm  
BLACK-HOUSES,  
LIGHTHOUSES &  
PRIMROSES ON  
THE UISKEN  
ROAD**

**Jan Sutch Pickard** will read some of her poems - serious, light-hearted, lively & lyrical  
**Tickets £5**  
Venue: Church of Scotland – opposite the hotel

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> May**10.30am – 1pm  
KNITTING  
WORKSHOP**

A chance to knit or crochet a pair of Wrist Warmers using a Colonsay wool knitting kit, with expert tuition and assistance from **Carol, Anne & Morag** Suitable for beginners and improvers!

**Tickets £12** -Includes a kit with pattern, needles & Hebridean/Lleyn blend wool.

Venue: Colonsay House  
**Meet: Garden Entrance**

**1.30pm – 4.30pm  
RSPB ORONSAY  
WALK**

Oronsay is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest & Special Protection Area for **chough** and **corncrake**. It is farmed by the RSPB with cattle and sheep. Other important species on the island include lapwing, redshank, twite, skylark, linnet & wintering geese. Learn more on this walk guided by one of the RSPB Oronsay Reserve's staff.

**Tickets £5**  
**Route: Oronsay**  
**Meet: Strand Road End**  
**WEAR WELLIES & NO DOGS PLEASE**

**2.30pm – 5pm  
JEWELLERY  
FROM THE SEA**

with **Morag Halligan**. Wrap treasures from the sea in silver wire, to make pendants and sun catchers. Bring your own finds, or choose from Morag's collection. Seaglass, china, pebbles & shells can all be used

**Tickets £12** -Includes wire, basic jewellery findings & treasure!

Venue: Colonsay House  
**Meet: Garden Entrance**

**6pm EXHIBITION  
OF WORK BY**

**Jane Smith** at the **Old Waiting Room Gallery**. Come for a drink and a catch up with some of the Spring Festival tutors.

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May**10am – 1pm  
SCREEN PRINT  
WORKSHOP**

with **Jane Smith**. Many of you may be familiar with Jane's work from her book 'Wild Island' which describes the natural year on Oronsay in words & pictures. In this workshop she will guide you through the basic principles of screen-printing, resulting in a simple but effective two colour screen-print to take home. Suitable for beginners and improvers!

**Tickets £12** – inc all materials  
Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

**10am – 1pm  
BIRD WALK –**

**Kiloran to Balnahard**  
This guided walk with **Jonathon Lingard** will take you across Kiloran Bay and the sand dune area, all the way up the track to Balnahard, taking in many different bird habitats, with the chance to see Snipe, Artic Terns, Chough and perhaps even the Balnahard Golden Eagles.

**Tickets £5**  
**Route: North Colonsay**  
**Meet: An Crossan** (start of Balnahard track)  
**NO DOGS PLEASE**

**2.30pm – 5pm  
WILLOW WEAVING**

**Jane Allan** makes willow baskets which are traditional, functional, durable and entirely made by hand, using willow grown at her home in Lochgilphead. In this fun workshop she will teach you some of the basic skills, whilst producing your own small collection of **willow hearts, fish & stars**.

**Tickets £12** – inc all materials  
Venue: Colonsay House  
**Meet: Garden Entrance**

**Have the evening  
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rest**

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May

10.30am - 1pm

**SIMPLE BOOK-BINDING**

Make a small range of simple notebooks and journals using basic folding and stitching techniques.

**Morag Tweedie**

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**Venue:** Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

11am -12.00

**COLONSAY HOUSE GARDENS TOUR**

These gardens are renowned for their collection of Rhododendrons...

take a guided tour with **Jane Howard**

**Tickets £5**

**Meet:** Gardens ent.

2.30pm – 5pm

**FOCUSING ON NATURE - PHOTOGRAPHY WALK**

**Brian Hindmarch** compiled his island photographs into a book.

'Colonsay - Elements of an Island' . It showcases Brian's ability to find an unusual angle or subject for his pictures. Join him for an afternoon walk to some of his favourite haunts. Take a camera & get your eyes trained to look for those less obvious shots.

**Tickets £5****Route:** Machrins**Meet:** Golf Course parking

2.30pm - 5pm

**FLAX WEAVING**

New Zealand Flax *Phormium Tenax* - grows abundantly in the West of Scotland, including in Colonsay House Gardens and has long been used for weaving. Join **Pip Weaser** & learn how to harvest, prepare and weave **simple flower decorations**.

**Tickets £12** inc all materials**Venue:** Colonsay House**Meet:** Garden Entrance

8pm 'WILD ISLANDS'

An Illustrated Talk by **Jane Smith**. Jane's incarnations as a wildlife film-maker, artist and author have taken her to islands all over the world, from the Arctic to the Tropics. She explores why islands are so important for wildlife, with clips from documentaries she has worked on. She also talks about her book *Wild Island*, which is about Oronsay

**Tickets £5**

**Venue:** Church of Scotland – opposite hotel.

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May

10.30am - 1pm

**PRINT MAKING WITHOUT A PRESS**

**Brian Hindmarch** has been making Colonsay themed etchings & prints since he first came to the island over 15 years ago. In this hands on session you will explore the methods of making a print without a press, and produce a selection of small prints & cards.

**Tickets £12** -Includes all materials needed, papers, a box frame for your favourite piece & blank cards

**Venue:** Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

1pm - 4pm

**HISTORICAL WALK**

Explore the deserted fishing village of Rhusbuigh on the East Coast of Colonsay with the **Colonsay & Oronsay Heritage Trust**.

**Tickets £5****Route:** Rhusbuigh

**Meet:** Scalasaig Pier – lifts available  
**DOGS ON LEADS**

2.30pm – 5pm

**GET HOOKED - HOOKING WORKSHOP USING CARPET WOOL.**

For many years **Carole Rennison** has been using the technique of wool hooking to create beautiful & functional items for the home. She will be bringing along wool in lovely muted shades, hessian backing, frames, hooks & lots of made up pictures & cushions samples to inspire your design – everything you need for a taster of this craft.

**Tickets £12** - Hessian and wool inc - hooking frames and hooks provided for the session.

**Venue:** Colonsay House**Meet:** Garden Entrance

6pm – 8pm EVENING

**BIRD WALK****Kiloran to Uragaig**

This guided walk with **Jonathon Lingard** will take you from Kiloran to Uragaig, listening & looking for Corncrake, Rock Dove & all manner of Seabirds.

**Tickets £5****Route:** Uragaig

**Meet:** Kiloran Bay carpark  
**NO DOGS PLEASE**

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May

10am – 1pm

**BIRD WALK**

This guided walk with **Jonathon Lingard** will take you from the airstrip to Ardskenish, across the mixed habitat of south west Colonsay. Look out for Eagles, Chough & the elusive Hen Harrier.

**Tickets £5****Route:** Ardskenish

**Meet:** Airport gate  
**NO DOGS PLEASE**

10.30am – 1pm

**WILLOW WEAVING**

**Jane Allan** makes traditional, functional & durable items using willow grown at her home in Lochgilphead.

In this workshop she will teach you some of the basic skills, whilst producing your own **simple basket**.

**Tickets £12** – inc all materials**Venue:** Colonsay House**Meet:** Garden Entrance

2.30pm – 5pm

**CROCHET WORKSHOP**

**Carole Rennison** makes colourful, decorative and functional items using **CROCHET**. Come along to this session where she will teach you the techniques needed to make simple & effective wares. She will be bringing along lovely wool in muted shades & samples to inspire you. Beginners & improvers welcome.

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**Tickets £5****Route:** Woodland Gardens

**Meet:** OLD Village Hall, Kiloran

**DOGS ON LEADS**

6pm – 8pm EVENING

**BIRD WALK - Cemetery to An Rubha**

This guided walk with **Jonathon Lingard** will give you the chance to see & hear Corncrake, Hen Harrier & all manner of Seabirds.

**Tickets £5****Route:** Lower Kilchattan

**Meet:** Cemetery  
**NO DOGS PLEASE**

From 9pm on LOCAL MUSIC IN THE PUB -

Colonsay's local musicians get together to sing and play.  
**Venue:** Hotel

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May**10.00am – 12.00  
BEACH CLEAN**

Have you noticed how clean our beaches are? This is thanks to a huge amount of work by Kevin Byrne and his loyal team. Be part of it. **There is no charge for this event... & no excuses either!**

**Meet: Kiloran Bay carpark**

**10.30am - 1pm  
DRYSTONE WALL  
WORKSHOP**

Colonsay has plenty of traditional dry stone walls, many of which would have been built as part of the process of clearing and establishing the in-bye fields. Join **Lotta Leahy & Dave Binnie** & help repair a section of tumbled down wall.

**Tickets £8**

**Meet: The Pantry**

**2.30pm – 5pm  
WILLOW WEAVING**

**Jane Allan** makes traditional, functional & durable items using willow grown at her home in Lochgilphead. In this workshop she will teach you some of the basic skills, whilst producing your own **willow plant supports**.

**Tickets £12 – inc all materials**

**Venue: Colonsay House**

**Meet: Garden Entrance**

**8pm  
SPRING FEST  
SUPPER CLUB**

hosted & cooked by our own Grace Johnston. Please bring your own beverage of choice!

**Menu from Old Waiting Room**

**Tickets £30.00**

**Venue: Village Hall**  
Booking essential

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May**10.30am - 1pm  
GET HOOKED - HOOKING  
WORKSHOP USING CARPET  
WOOL.**

For many years **Carole Rennison** has been using the technique of wool hooking to create beautiful & functional items for the home. She will be bringing along wool in lovely muted shades, hessian backing, frames, hooks & lots of made up pictures & cushions samples to inspire your design – everything needed for a taster of this craft.

**Tickets £12** - Hessian and wool included - hooking frames and hooks provided for the session.

**Venue: Colonsay House**

**Meet: Garden Entrance**

**2.30pm - 5pm  
FARM WALK**

with **David Hobhouse**. For a long time Balnahard has farmed beef and sheep in an environmentally sensitive way, with emphasis on managing the land for endangered bird species. Meat production for the Colonsay shop has also become an important part of the farming, as has the breeding of sheep to produce the Colonsay Wool Growers yarns. Come on the walk, see the calves & lambs, and find out more.....

**Tickets £5**

**Route: Balnahard**

**Meet: An Crossan** (start of Balnahard track) you will be driven to Balnahard farm, walk for 2 hours and then be returned by vehicle to An Crossan.

**NO DOGS PLEASE.**

**2.30pm - 5pm  
FLAX WEAVING**

New Zealand Flax *Phormium Tenax* - grows abundantly in the West of Scotland, including in Colonsay House Gardens and has long been used for weaving. Join **Pip Weaser** & learn how to harvest, prepare and **weave Birds, Bangles and Bags**.

**Tickets £12 inc all materials**

**Venue: Colonsay House**

**Meet: Garden Entrance**

**6pm OPEN EVENING  
IN THE OLD WAITING  
ROOM GALLERY**

Come down & join us for a drink...

**Ticket Office**...in the **Old Waiting Room Gallery** down at the harbour

For the duration of the Festival the Opening hours are as follows:

Mondays	9.30am - 2pm
Tuesdays	9.30am – 2pm
Wednesdays	9.30am – 1pm & 4.30pm - 6pm
Thursdays	9.30am – 2pm
Fridays	9.30am -1pm & 5pm - 7pm
Saturdays	9.30am - 2pm
Sundays	5pm – 7pm

**Come to the Old Waiting Room to get more info, reserve places & collect your tickets.**

**Out with these hours please ring Sarah on 07850 230000.**

Please note that some workshops & events will be number restricted.

To book a place email

[springfest@isleofcolonsay.org.uk](mailto:springfest@isleofcolonsay.org.uk) or visit

the ticket office at THE OLD WAITING ROOM down at the harbour.

For all walking and outdoor activities, please wear stout footwear, waterproofs, and bring your own food & water as required.

For walks to Oronsay please wear wellingtons - it will be wet underfoot!!!

There is a NO DOGS policy on some nature walks & the Farm walk to Balnahard (see programme).

Please note, the programme may be subject to some minor alterations in the run up to the event, so all visitors will be supplied with the latest edition of the timetable as they disembark the ferry in Colonsay.