



Learn to Limewash at Sigginstown Castle!

Saturday & Sunday August 15-16, 2020 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Learn, Have Fun... We're Living History!

We are excited to offer the first traditional skills course at Sigginstown Castle, delivered by historic lime specialist Patrick Hickey. This course is an introduction to hot lime mixed lime wash.

Sigginstown Castle was a ruin, but is coming back to life – here is your opportunity to be part of it. The castle is being renovated in order to use it for living history, cultural and traditional skills events. The tower dates from the early 16th century and is a beautiful small example of an Anglo-Norman tower house in Wexford. The floors and roof have been installed during the past year, and now we will be using hot lime wash to sanitize the interior walls before continuing with other wall treatments. Come learn and help us turn these walls white. What a difference it will make!

Cost: 200 Euros per person for the weekend course. Payment in Advance via PayPal. Sorry, no refunds are possible unless course is cancelled (not expected). Class minimum is five people, maximum is ten. [Email us with your full name, and contact information to sign up!](#)

Venue: Sigginstown Castle, Tacumshane, Co. Wexford Y35 XK7D. Located in the sunny South East of Ireland, less than two hours from Dublin, and one hour from Waterford.

Programme:

Saturday, Day 1

- 9:30 Arrival and sign in; site safety briefing & outside tour.
- 10:00 Meet and greet by Patrick Hickey
- 10:15 Health and safety talk
- 10:00 Preparation of walls for lime wash
- 12:00 Participants will be shown original lime wash on internal and external walls.
- Lunch
- 2: 00 Check prepared walls for moisture suction rate
- 2:15 Application of lime wash on walls.
- 4:00 Questions and answers

Sunday, Day 2

- 9:45 Arrival and sign in
- 10:00 Check trying progress of previous days work.
- 10:30 Continue with application of lime wash.
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Demonstration of the process of making coloured lime wash.

- 3:00 Discussion on the importance of after care.
- 4:00 Questions and answers;
- *Disclaimer. Please note that this programme is for educational purposes only. It does not form the basis of a conservation management plan, conservation method statement or specification report.*

About the Instructor:

Historic Lime Specialist Patrick Hickey is a Wexford based stonemason, master craftsman and conservationist of stone works. Pat has been working with stone and mortars for the past 40+ years and is a generational stonemason. Pat has worked on many high profile heritage projects locally and internationally, including the Crimean War Memorial Tower in Ferrycarrig, Co.Wexford. Internationally, Pat is participating with the Guedelon Castle project in northern Burgundy, France, where a team of master builders are building a castle using medieval methods and materials. Pat is currently participating in a Professional Development Diploma in Historic Building Conservation with West Dean College, UK.

About the Owners:

Liz and Gordon Jones live part time at Sigginstown while they are renovating it, with the help of many people! They bought the castle in 2016 after researching and visiting Irish tower-houses for a few years. Sigginstown Castle will be the perfect place for living history, tours highlighting Wexford history and coastal culture, and a venue for performance, crafts and traditional skills. Since volunteering at a small castle in Germany many years ago, they imagine that others would also like to help bring a castle back to life.

What you should know and bring:

Participants will be required to sign a safety waiver. Some portion of the course may be filmed – if you don't want to be filmed for television or appear on social media, just tell us. **You need to be able to climb stairs in the tower** to work in various rooms. There will be an outside covered break area for tea/coffee and biscuits which will be provided at breaks. You will need to bring your own lunch, or go to Killinick (10 minutes away by car) to purchase food. The castle is under construction, and although no active works will be occurring over the weekend, you will need to adhere to site and instructor safety rules. **We ask you to bring and wear the following items if possible – [if you cannot bring them, please let us know in advance:](#)**

- Hard hat for entering under scaffolding and High Visibility safety vest or jacket
- Protective Eye wear (goggles or safety glasses) when working with lime mix or painting
- Facemask – to protect against lime dust and also when you are in close proximity indoors (COVID facemask of any type or a construction/painter mask is fine)
- Gloves with rubberized coating – lime is caustic
- Long sleeves and long pants – you can also purchase white coveralls, disposable. Inside could be cool or warm depending on the weather so bring layers and a rain jacket for outside.
- Boots or sneakers you don't mind getting covered with limewash or paint (NO sandals or open-toe shoes!)
- Ball cap (with a visor) if you want to attach a face shield. If you have a regular face shield this may be helpful in avoiding spatter. We also have some face shields that attach to a ball cap.
- Your lunch and enthusiasm! You will be recognized as a *Sigginstown Slogger* with a highly coveted, complementary T-Shirt for your efforts! 😊

COVID-19: If you are feeling unwell in any way you should not come. We will have an outdoor orientation and tour around the buildings, as well as a tent set up for tea-breaks and lunch area. This will be cleaned before and after each break. There will be access to toilet and sink – may be inside or outside (TBD) also cleaned twice daily. Mixing and working will take place inside the tower – it is not inhabited and has good ventilation. Participants will be working in up to four separate levels, and can/should maintain social distance in the rooms. You will need to wear personal protective equipment for working with lime and should keep your mask on inside or when close to others. Although a private site, we will be following the Fáilte Ireland [COVID-19 guidelines for re-opening tourism activities](#) as much as possible. Please do not shake hands with the instructor or other participants. Let's stay safe and enjoy the course!