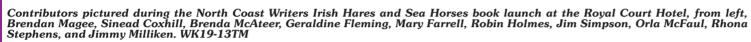
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Mary Farrell, holding the North Coast Writers, Irish Hares, and Sea Horses book during the launch at the Royal Court

Diversity is the word as North Coast Writers launch their first anthology

Event hosted by Causeway u3a

by Julie Magee

NORTH Coast Writers were delighted to launch their first Anthology Irish Hares and Seahorses' at the Royal Court Hotel, Portrush, on Wednesday (May 4).

Frank Sewell, Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing and Irish Literature in English at Ulster University, was the guest speaker, and the event was officially hosted by Causeway u3a.

read a piece of their work to an enthusiastic

North Coast Writers met for the first time on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, in Agherton Church Hall, Portstewart.

The number of writers involved proved to be so talented, prolific and enthusiastic that a second group was formed in September of that

Meeting weekly since then, initially face-to-face and more recently on Zoom, both diaries!

groups have been going from strength to

Four individual collections written by group members have already been published, and six more are in the planning stage.

The Anthology, published by Impspired Press, is for sale in No 6 Queen Street, Coleraine, in The Bookshop, Society Street, Coleraine and The Bookcase at 12 Dunluce Avenue, Portrush. It can also be purchased online from Amazon.

Mary Farrell, who edited 'Irish Hares and Seahorses," said: "The group wishes to thank With writing styles as distinctive as the Irish Hares of the title, each of the 12 contributors everyone in the North Coast community for their continued encouragement and assistance." continued encouragement and assistance.

Geraldine Fleming, Co-Leader of the Thursday Group, added: "On the surface writing appears to be a solitary pursuit. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"If it takes a village to raise a child it takes a community to foster a writer."

Irish Hares and Seahorses is North Coast Writers' first anthology, and it is their intention to launch one annually, in the first week of May in the Royal Court Hotel. A note for future



North Coast Writers

The stunning and atmospheric logo of North Coast Writers.



Overland and Borders by Diane Henshaw, is open at Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre until May 28th.

World renowned abstract artist opens new exhibition at Roe Valley arts centre

AN exhibition by an artist whose work Belfast for just under a decade, before moving to Drawing Box during lockdown. has been shown across the world is now open at the Roe Valley Arts and Cultural

'Overland and Borders' by Diane Henshaw, will be on display at the Limavady venue until May

Diane Henshaw is a founding member of Outland Arts and a member of Floating World Books. Her work is in many private collections both nationally and internationally.

The artist's abstract work is known for its paired down lines and formulated composition, and visitors to the exhibition can enjoy a series of works created during lockdown, along with a small selection of large drawings about people, place, memory, experience, and history.

Originally from Islandmagee in County Antrim, Diane Henshaw practised at Queen Street Studios, Tempo in Fermanagh where she has been based

throughout the world in Europe, North America, Art. Asia and Indonesia.

residencies in Antwerp, New York, Kerala, New Cork. Dehli and Orissa, South India, and has been The Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens artist-in-residence in Ireland at the Tyrone Borough Council, Councillor Richard Holmes, Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig, Monaghan, stated: "It is a real privilege to bring Diane's

Additional recent exhibitions include: Boyle opportunity to visit 'Overlands and Borders' for Arts Festival invited artist for King House 2021; themselves." the Fenderesky Gallery, Belfast Changing show. by

Most recently, she has curated online studio www.roevalleyarts.com/exhibitions visits and an international touring expo for the

Diane has also exhibited virtually with the Sasse Museum in California in a group show Over the past three decades, she has exhibited curated by Maurice Quillinan entitled, Irish

Diane is currently represented by Hambly and Diane has held numerous international artist Hambly in Enniskillen and I am of Ireland in

Ballinglen Arts Foundation, Mayo, and The fantastic work to one of our arts centres and I Model in Sligo.

hope as many people as possible enjoy the

44 The Quay Artforum Waterford invited artist The exhibition is free to visit during the for their annual exhibition in December 21; and centre's opening hours. You can find out more

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