

Art show that's not too taxing

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

THE local tax office has become the unusual setting for the latest exhibition from Limerick art students.

The group of emerging artists based at the Limerick School of Art opened their well received painting ceramics exhibition at the offices of the Inspector of Taxes, River House, Charlotte Quay, last weekend, and were lauded on their enterprise by a variety of speakers.

It was the perfect start to Civic Week, made possible by the Revenue Commissioners, who were opening their offices to such an event anywhere in Ireland for the first time.

Final year students from the local college are showing exhibits of their work which include 16 paintings, seven pieces of ceramics and sculpture and a "time based" piece in the form of a live performance.

The official opening was performed by the Mayor O'Sullivan, and was attended by senior revenue officials, city councillors and representatives from the business and art community in Limerick.

The Mayor paid glowing tributes to the students, from all over Ireland, who had helped to put the Limerick School of Art on the map.

She described the location as ideal, one which was convenient to the public and which offered an appropriate setting in the heart of the city.

Commenting on the exhibition John Cunningham, from Limerick RTC said:



Artist, Monica White, shows her exhibit of ceramic vessels to John Quigley, Revenue Commissioner, and Ald Sean Griffin.

young professionals, they have the drive, the creative perception and business awareness to survive".

He thanked all those who made it possible, especially Allen Finnegan, Terry McInerney and Vivienne Dempsey of the Limerick Tax Office - "without their support, co-operation and patience this exhibition could not have taken place".

He also thanked Charlie Harper and the college for their constant support for the project, and Sam Walsh, who imparted some vital last minute advice, and their graphic designers who worked under the most trying circumstances.

Mr Finnegan, who gave every encouragement possible to the exhibitors, and anxious that other similar events should also be

North Circular Road, Limerick; Carol Shanahan, The Kerries, Tralee; Micheal McLoughlin, Palmerstown, Dublin; Rosie Kennedy, Garrydoolis, Limerick; Maire O'Connor, Rathkeale; Stephen Ryan, Killasculia, Newport; Brenna Sheehan, Kenmare, Kerry; Raquel Walsh, 4, Dun an Oir, Shannon, and Monica White, Borris in Ossory, Laois.

The offices of the Inspector of Taxes are directly opposite Barrington's Hospital.

This week pupils and staff of St. Gabriel's Centre visited the exhibition.

Death of Fr John



Mayor O'Sullivan at the opening with Allen Finnegan, inspector of taxes, left, John Cunningham, and Trevor Ahearn, Limerick School of Art and Design. (LL)



Charles Harper, head of art at Limerick College of Art and Design, with Kathleen Gordon and Theresa O'Gorman, Limerick Tax Office, at the opening in the tax offices. (LL)

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from Limerick RTC, said: "What we have here is a group of emerging artists, who had their creative instincts fostered throughout the past four years with the Limerick School of Art and Design.

"This process has allowed them to develop and nourish their own sense of self expression. It is therefore appropriate that these artists would choose to express themselves outside the confines of the college and show that, as

events should also be housed in their premises, described it as a unique opportunity for the people of Limerick to visit their office during what is usually a busy period, adding they were happy to play their part in this annual cultural event.

The exhibition, being staged in the spacious reception area and which runs until March 24, including St. Patrick's Day - another first for the Revenue Commissioners - attracted a lot of attention from art lovers.

Exhibitors are; Trevor Ahearn, 49, Ballinacurra Gardens, Limerick; Declan Chambers, 28, Parkview Drive, Greystones, Ennis Road; Sylvia Corcoran, Mullingar; John M Cunningham, Woodroad, Ardara, Donegal; Bridget Fahy, 26, Chestnut Grove, Caherdavin Lawn, Limerick; Neil Graham, 135, Lynwood Park, Limerick; Bairbre Geraghty, Caherdavin, Limerick; Irene Hegarty, Crossmolina, Mayo; Jane Leech, Belmullet, Mayo; Henry Morgan, Cappamore; Anne O'Connor, Nenagh; Angela O'Keeffe, Ashbrook Gardens, Ennis Road; Sinead O'Mahony, Mountmellick, Laois; Oona O'Reilly, Eden Terrace,

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