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# Elphinstone Institute Events at the May Festival

## 'The Fiddle at Sea: Exploring the Musical Traditions of Northern Sailors'

with Frances Wilkins

Friday 29 May, 4.30–5.30

Linklater Rooms

Free (booking required)



Dr Frances Wilkins, ethnomusicologist, will give a compelling account of the importance of music among Scottish sailors, and the impact of this music on those who came into contact with it.

## Boatbuilding:

### Portsoy Coble Project

Sunday 31 May, 12–4

Elphinstone Hall

Come and learn about the unique salmon cobbles of the Moray coast.



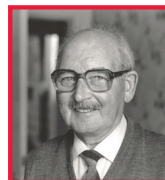
## Scottish Stepdance Taster

with Pat Ballantyne

Saturday 30 May, 4–5

Linklater Rooms, £3.00

Make some noise with your feet! Join in with exuberant jigs, reels and strathspeys. No experience necessary, but please wear hard-soled shoes.



## The Toulmin Celebration and Short Story Prize

with Sheena Blackhall and Paul Dukes

Sunday 31 May, 3–4

Linklater Rooms

Free (booking required)

The culmination of the annual short story competition commemorating David Toulmin's work, one of the finest exponents of written Doric.

## Straw-work

with Elaine Lindsay

Sunday 31 May, 12–4

Elphinstone Hall

Straw-work and corn dollies by Elaine Lindsay, whose work has featured on Channel 4's Kirstie Allsopp's *Crafty Christmas* and BBC One Drama *The Escape Artist*.



## Totem Pole Carving

with Kenny Grieve

Sat–Sun 30–31 May, 10–4

Lawn outside New King's

See totem poles being carved with Kenny Grieve, who established Brotus Rural Crafts in 1988 to further traditional woodland skills and a range of wood crafts including totem pole carving, which Grieve has done with school children around Scotland.



## Woodturning

with Alan Steele

Sunday 31 May, 12–4

Elphinstone Hall

Master woodturner

Alan Steele demonstrates the ancient craft. He was awarded the McDonald Prize for Aberdeen Wrights & Coopers by the Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen.



## Polish-Scottish Song

Performance

Sunday 31 May, 5–5.30

May Tent, King's Lawn

The Polish-Scottish Song and Story Group, co-ordinated by the Elphinstone Institute, will perform songs from both countries' traditions.

## New Pitsligo Lace

with Sheila Joss

Sunday 31 May, 12–4

Elphinstone Hall

Meet Sheila Joss, who will demonstrate and show samples of New Pitsligo's unique lacemaking tradition.



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