



**THE CREATIVE WRITER'S WORKSHOP:  
FICTION WRITING**

**on the**

**MARKREE CASTLE ESTATE**

**in**

**COLLOONEY  
COUNTY SLIGO  
IRELAND**

**with  
Irene Graham**

**Mon 23 May to Thurs 26 May 2011  
Workshop Code: W114**

**Description of Writing Retreat**  
**Workshop Leader: Irene Graham**  
**Programme and Registration Details**

**The Creative Writer's Workshop: Fiction Writing**  
**in the Markree Castle Estate, Collooney, Co. Sligo, Ireland**

**Description of Writing  
Retreat  
Fiction Writing  
in Markree Castle  
Collooney, Co. Sligo**

Mon 23 to Thurs 26  
May 2011

Throughout this four day writing retreat in Markree Castle you will enjoy the magic of times gone by as you evoke your inner creativity through the medium of writing.

This is an exclusive residential Writer's Retreat limited to ten writers. The workshop is open to new and established writers.

**Limited to 10 Participants**

The ideal participant will be committed to the writing process and is seeking an experience and in-depth understanding of fiction writing, story creation and personal creativity.

The writing workshop will evoke your imagination and enhance creativity as you draw upon your own abilities to satisfy your creative expression.

The writing workshop is fun, it is a time to laugh, share and explore creativity and story both individually and collectively - as we experience all that Castle living has to offer!

The Creative Writer's Workshop guides you through simple and fun right-brain/left-brain exercises which draw upon your imagination as you learn the principles of story and express your creativity through writing fiction, personal memoir and poetry. The workshop will focus upon Characterisation, POV (Point of View), Theme, Plot, Setting and Structure.

You will understand how characters are created, how to develop them and learn techniques to imaginatively incorporate your character into the structure of story. You will also concentrate upon Theme within story and learn how to weave and integrate life experiences into premise for story development.

This workshop is a proven success with new and established writers and will inspire you to *think* like a writer as you develop your abilities to write creatively.

You will be invigorated as you relax, walk and write in this haven of old world charm...and good company.

Visit Markree Castle Website: [www.markreecastle.ie](http://www.markreecastle.ie)

**Irene Graham: Tutor**



**Irene Graham**, founder of **The Creative Writer's Workshop (1991)** studied many genres of writing (Screenwriting, Fiction Writing, Writing for Children, Autobiographical Writing) in the UCLA extension programme in Los Angeles in the late 1980's. Throughout this same period on the west coast Irene studied and trained in complementary methods of learning – particularly cognitive learning skills (Howard Gardner – Multi-Intelligences) and Psycho-synthesis in Education (Roberto Assagioli). Following this study period Irene founded The Creative Writer's Workshop, which is now an internationally renowned writing method and retreat for new and established writers.

In December 2009 Irene launched The Creative Writer's Workshop – Online Writing Classes – LIVE interactive writing classes which includes Story Consultancy for advanced writers. Her Online Writing Classes facilitate and enable international writers to engage in the writing process on an ongoing basis, from start to completed works of writing, in fiction and creative non-fiction.

Irene is the Author of *The Memoir Writing Workbook* and is currently writing a novel.

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**PROGRAMME**

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**Monday 23**

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1pm to 2:30pm

2:30pm to 5:30pm

7pm

**Arrive & Settle in**

**Introductions & Lunch at Castle**

**Writing Workshop – Part 1**

**Dinner at Castle**

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| <b>Tuesday 24</b>   | <b>9:45am to 10:45am</b>  | <b>Walk Castle Grounds</b>               |
|                     | <b>11am to 1pm</b>        | <b>Writing Workshop – Part 2</b>         |
|                     | <b>1pm to 2:30pm</b>      | <b>Lunch at Castle</b>                   |
|                     | <b>2:30 to 5:30pm</b>     | <b>Writing Workshop – Part 3</b>         |
|                     | <b>pm</b>                 | <b>Free to Explore</b>                   |
| <b>Wednesday 25</b> | <b>9:30am to 11:30am</b>  | <b>Writing Workshop – Part 4</b>         |
|                     | <b>11:30am to 12:30pm</b> | <b>Walk Castle Grounds</b>               |
|                     | <b>12:30am to 2:00pm</b>  | <b>Lunch at Castle</b>                   |
|                     | <b>2pm to 4pm</b>         | <b>Writing Workshop – Part 5</b>         |
|                     | <b>4pm to 8pm</b>         | <b>Free to Write &amp; Explore</b>       |
|                     | <b>8pm</b>                | <b>Celebration Dinner at Castle</b>      |
| <b>Thursday 26</b>  | <b>9:30 to 11am</b>       | <b>Writing Discussion &amp; Readings</b> |
|                     | <b>11am</b>               | <b>Departures</b>                        |

### **Registration Details**

#### **The Creative Writer’s Workshop: Fiction Writing in Markree Castle, Collooney, Co. Sligo, Ireland**

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**Accommodation:** Accommodation is provided in Markree Castle, a 14<sup>th</sup> Century Castle set in the heart of W.B. Yeats countryside amidst 500 acres of secluded woodlands and gardens. Lovingly restored by its owners Markree Castle is the perfect writer’s haven offering peace, relaxation and good food. All rooms are en-suite. Each participant will have a single room.

**Costs Include:** \*The Creative Writer’s Workshop with Irene Graham  
\*Single Room en Suite for each participant  
\*3 x Lunches  
\*2 x Dinners  
\*Writing Journal

**Cost:** €725 euros including Single Room

**Note:** **Participant Partners are welcome to share the Markree Castle experience – without partaking in the Writing Workshop.**

ie: Accommodation (sharing room with partner)  
Meals as outlined

**At a rate of:** €255 euros extra for 2<sup>nd</sup> person

**To Register:** Click on the “Application Form” link on the website – under 2011 Residential Writing Retreats

[www.TheCreativeWritersWorkshop.com](http://www.TheCreativeWritersWorkshop.com)

or Email: [creativewriting@ireland.com](mailto:creativewriting@ireland.com)

or Telephone: +353 (0)86 2523428

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**Date: Mon 23 May to Thurs 26 May 2010**

**Payment Terms:** Deposit: €350 Euros due upon your receipt of Confirmation of Workshop Availability  
Deposit: €450 Euros if Participant is bringing Partner  
Payment Balance due by 1 April 2011  
Payment in Euros  
Confirmation/Payment Details furnished upon Receipt of Application Form  
Workshop Booking Guaranteed upon Receipt of Workshop Deposit

**Costs do not include:** \*Airlines & Insurance  
\*Transport to and from Markree Castle  
\*Other meals as required

**Transport:** Transport Options & Timetables for Coach etc from Dublin/Galway & Shannon Airport to Markree Castle will be supplied upon booking. Markree Castle is easily accessible by road and airport from Dublin, Galway and Shannon.

**Workshop** €350 Euros Handling Fee will be retained  
**Cancellation:** 60 Days Notice – 60% refundable of paid amount, less handling fee  
59-30 Days Notice – 45% refundable of paid amount, less handling fee  
29-21 Days Notice – 40% refundable of paid amount, less handling fee

**Insurance:** No liability whatsoever is accepted for injury, illness or loss of personal effects or property. Please obtain your own personal insurance appropriate to your requirements prior to travel and workshop commencement.

## **The Creative Writer's Workshop**

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