

**Registration Information**

Reservations are held on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Registration fee: \$2,300.00 US per person based on single occupancy

(Price for the retreat/workshop may change based on fluctuation in currency.)

Deposit: \$650.00 due December 1, 2009

Balance: \$1,650.00 due May 1, 2010

Unless a replacement registration can be found payments are non-refundable unless the event is cancelled by g.a. and Damian due to insufficient registration.

Make checks payable to: **g.a. Sheller Workshops**  
**106 Overbrook Road**  
**Rochester, NY 14618**

**Registration fee Includes:**

- 11:00 AM pick up from Shannon Airport on September 8, 2010.
- Delivery to Shannon Airport or The Court Yard Bed and Breakfast in Bunratty on September 15, 2010.
- Tour day on the final day
- Accommodations at Anam Cara and nearby Bed & Breakfasts (except for departure day from Beara)  
All breakfasts, lunches and dinners including breakfast and lunch on departure day.

**Registration fee does not include:**

- Airfare (Make return reservations for Thursday, September 16, 2010.)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Transportation from the Court Yard B&B in Bunratty to Shannon (ten minute ride)
- Accommodations on September 15, 2010

Travel insurance is highly recommended. If you would like more information regarding travel insurance contact: Kathleen Dutton - kdutton@brobertstravel.com.

Neither g.a. Sheller or Damian Zynda will be liable or held responsible in any way connected with transportation, accommodation or other services due to loss or injury, however caused.

**Questions:** g.a. Sheller at ga0620@aol.com or Damian at dzynda@dor.org or 248-2427 ext. 235

**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

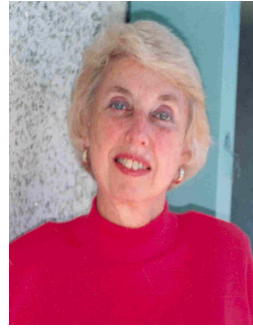
Please identify the medium you typically work in: \_\_\_\_\_



# Encountering the Sacred in the Landscape of Ireland

**An Art Retreat/Workshop on  
the  
Beara Peninsula, Ireland  
September 8—15, 2010  
Conducted by  
g.a. Sheller  
Dr. Damian Zynda**

**g.a. Sheller** is recognized as one of the country's leading artists in the synthesis of watercolor and photography. She is a renowned colorist whose paintings highlight landscapes and plant forms. Her work is featured in the 1997 Winter issue of *Watercolor* with an article written by M. Steven Doherty, Editor of *American Artist Magazine*. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the College of New Rochelle and has done additional graduate study at Pennsylvania State University and with Robert Reed at Yale University. g.a. is a member of Who's Who in American Art and is profiled in the Who's Who of the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England, and has been named to *The 2000 Outstanding Artists and Designers of the 20th Century* by I.B.C. g.a. is an Advanced Merit Member of the Atlanta Artists Center and was a finalist for the New York State Artists Awards. In 2005, g.a. was awarded 2nd place in acrylic painting in New York State. She is an associate member of the American Watercolor Society.



g.a. has completed over 100 commissions and her works are found in corporate and private collections in the U.S. and overseas. She has received numerous awards in national exhibitions and has shown her work throughout the U.S. and England. For over 25 years, g.a. has conducted painting workshops in the U.S., Ireland, Scotland, France, Italy and Greece. g.a. teaches ongoing painting and drawing classes at the Creative Workshop of the Memorial Art Gallery, University of Rochester NY, where she has been on faculty since 1983. She is also on faculty at St. John Fischer College, Rochester, NY.

**Damian Zynda** is Director of Formation at the Church of the Transfiguration in Pittsford, NY, where she designed and directs an adult formation program based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Damian holds a Doctorate in Systematic Theology and Christian Spirituality from the University of St. Michael's College, at the University of Toronto, a Masters in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, Chicago and a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Religious Studies from Canisius College, Buffalo, NY. Damian has taught at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Rochester, NY and is currently on faculty in the Christian Spirituality Program, a graduate program for the formation of spiritual directors in the Ignatian tradition at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. She is a member of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality. Damian is active in the Jesuit Collaborative on the East Coast and has presented at conferences at Canisius College, Fordham University and Creighton University on various topics in Ignatian Spirituality. As an experienced spiritual director and retreat facilitator Damian has lead retreats in the U.S. and Canada. She has published in the area of mystical spirituality and Thomas Merton and her first book, *Archbishop Romero: A Man who revealed the Glory of God* is scheduled for publication in Fall 2010 by the University of Scranton Press.



## About the Art Retreat/Workshop



Creation Spirituality gifts us by eliciting and welcoming the artist in every person. Pilgrimage is one of the best ways to enter into Creation Spirituality. For that reason we travel to the beautiful Beara Peninsula, Ireland, home of the Celts who understood that all creation, air, earth, fire, water and spirit were ensouled. Each sacred place in the landscape was linked to one of these spirits. The sacredness of the land holds a tangible sanctity that transcends time and space, inviting one to encounter the divine. For the Celts land was sacred. And they knew there is a deep relationship between the land and Irish Celtic history.

This week is an opportunity to encounter the sacred in the landscape of Ireland. Time and space will be provided to saunter through and linger on the land—allowing the sacred to unleash the vital creative energy alive in our interconnected cosmic community. Whether it be painting, photography, poetry or writing that will help you encounter and communicate with the sacred cosmic community, you are encouraged to express your experience through art. Our art retreat will be at Anam Cara located on 5 acres with gardens which overlook Coulagh Bay and the mountains and farmlands of the Beara Peninsula.

Each morning Damian will help us explore the inner landscape of our own souls and histories, awakening a deeper, richer appreciation for the fullness of life we are called to live. Each evening before dinner we will gather with g.a. to review artistic expression.

During the retreat Damian will be available for one-on-one spiritual direction and g.a. will be available for individual artistic consultation.

The final day of the week, on our way to the Shannon Airport area, we will enjoy a tour day. We will visit some interesting sites between Beara and Bunratty (Shannon).

