



John MacKenna

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John MacKenna is the author of sixteen books, including the memoir "Things You Should Know" and the biography of Ernest Shackleton "Shackleton - an Irishman in Antarctica." His current novel is "The Space Between Us." His new collection of poems will be published in May (Salmon Poetry) and his latest collection of short-stories, "We Sang Once Like Other Men" is due in 2012. He is currently working on a new novel. He is a winner of the Irish Times First Fiction Award; the Hennessy Award and the Cecil Day Lewis Award. He is also a winner of a Jacobs Radio Award for his documentary on Leonard Cohen.

Inniskeen - How to get here

M1 Dublin to South Dundalk
Follow the Carrickmacross R178
For approximately 5 miles. At Channonrock Junction (The Rock Inn) turn right for Inniskeen.

N2 from Dublin
Exit Carrickmacross. Left along R178 to Essexford.
Left at Kelly's pub for Inniskeen.

From Belfast to Dundalk bypass via Newry
Exit from Dundalk town centre. Follow the Carrickmacross R178 for approximately 5 miles.
At Channonrock (The Rock Inn) turn right for Inniskeen LP1140

Accommodation

Accommodation available in a variety of hotels and guest-houses in the Inniskeen and Carrickmacross areas.

Please note the new dates for the Annual Patrick Kavanagh Weekend - Friday 30th September - Sunday 2nd October 2011.



Special thanks to:



The Patrick Kavanagh Rural and Literary Resource Centre,
Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan.

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Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan

Writers' Weekend

'In one frozen moment'

A course in short story writing

Sat 30th – Sun 31st July 2011



Workshop Director:
John MacKenna

...Till Homer's ghost came
whispering to my mind
He said: I made the Iliad from such a local row.
Gods make their own importance'.
From Epic by Patrick Kavanagh (1904 - 1967)

BOOKING FORM & INFORMATION

Writer's Weekend 2011

Course Fee €100

- The price includes all tuition, lunch and refreshments.
- Accommodation can be arranged in quality local B & B's.
- A separate charge will apply.
- All payments should be made in Euro.
- A non-refundable deposit of €50 applies to all bookings accompanied by the booking form below.

Name

Full address

Phone/Fax

Email

Please enclose €50 deposit.

Bookings will be acknowledged.

FRIENDS OF THE PATRICK KAVANAGH CENTRE

We have established an organisation for the Friends of Patrick Kavanagh.

Benefits of membership include:

Free admission to the Centre during your year of membership including the annual Patrick Kavanagh Weekend and a quarterly newsletter. (Please note the new dates for the Annual Patrick Kavanagh Weekend - Friday 30th September - Sunday 2nd October 2011).

Membership costs €110 per person per annum.

If you wish to register for membership please indicate by ticking the box below and return to the Patrick Kavanagh Centre together with your cheque for €110 euros.

I wish to become a member of the Friends of Patrick Kavanagh

THE ANNUAL

WRITERS' WEEKEND 2011

Introduction:

The Patrick Kavanagh Centre is the venue for this weekend of creative writing workshops in which acclaimed poet and author, John MacKenna will direct participants.

The Centre which is dedicated to Patrick Kavanagh, one of Ireland's best loved poets, is located in the picturesque and tranquil village of Inniskeen which nestles among the Monaghan drumlins. Over the centuries, this ancient landscape has been an inspiration for legends and a home to poets and proved to be such a rich source of inspiration for Patrick Kavanagh, prompting him to 'dabble in verse'.

The locale hasn't changed since Kavanagh's time, providing the perfect backdrop for this weekend of literary activity.

Course:

This course is suitable for complete beginners but also for those who have written or published some creative work.

In *One Frozen Moment* - Over the three sessions we'll look at the idea of one frozen moment as the basis for a short-story. Landscape, character, dialogue and narrative will be examined but the emphasis will be on doing. Over the three sessions on Saturday and Sunday, participants will find a moment on which a story might pivot and work backwards and forwards from there to complete the first draft of a piece of short fiction.

Saturday 30th July

10am Workshop 1

12.30pm Lunch

2pm-5pm Workshop 2

Sunday 31st July

11am Workshop 3

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Depart Inniskeen

