



Come Along With Us.

Explore Color, Shape and Form.

Create. Play. Be Inspired.

## Floral Dreamscapes

### Workshop

in Northern Ireland with

Carol Simmons & Maureen Carlson

September 29—October 4, 2018



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## Floral Dreamscapes Class Description:

**Learn about** color, caning, and sculpting through playful exploration in this 6-day intermediate polymer workshop co-taught by **Carol Simmons (a colorist and caner)** and **Maureen Carlson (a sculptor)**.



### In the process of creating your own, unique floral dreamscape, you will learn how to:

- Mix luscious colors and blends
- Create stunning, coordinated color combinations
- Construct a wide variety of canes
- Craft many different types of floral elements
- Create nature-inspired sculptural forms (vessels, stems, bases, wall pockets and more)
- Use alcohol inks to complement polymer clay color blends
- Assemble the components to create finished pieces

**Taking our inspiration from the natural world**, we will use very thin slices of polymer clay canes to construct multi-layered, fantasy flowers with interchangeable parts. These components will be combined with sculptural forms designed to enhance the presentation of the flowers.

### Participants

should have had experience with polymer clay in creating Skinner Blends and making simple canes.

Polymer clay will be provided.

**At the end of the week** you will have an opportunity to combine your creations into a unique tabletop sculpture, piece of wall art, or wearable art. And then the play goes on and on. **This part just may be the most fun of all ...**

- ... Reassembling
- ... Rearranging
- ... Recombining



**Included in the class** will be an opportunity to look at some of the variety of shapes in nature that might serve as inspiration for work in the studio.



Time and interest allowing, class participants are invited to explore the walled garden and woodland paths that are part of the Tobar Mhuire Retreat and Conference Centre grounds.

**Inspiration is around every corner!**



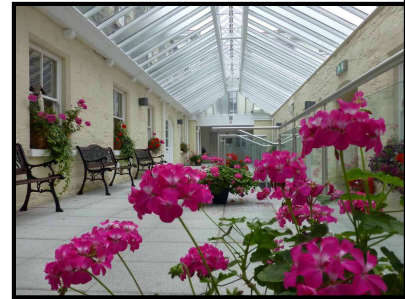
Pictured above is Tobar Mhuire retreat and Conference Centre

## Floral Dreamscapes Information

**WHEN:** Class begins on Saturday, September 29, at 9:30 AM and ends at 4:30 PM on Thursday, October 4, 2018. Evening studio times will be available. Most class days will run from 9:30 AM until 4:30 PM, but occasional changes will be made to accommodate short excursions or special events.

**CLASS FEE:** \$700 (US Dollars). A \$100 deposit at time of registration will hold your space. The remainder is due August 1, 2018. Payment via check or money order drawn on a US bank or via Paypal. Use of Paypal, other currencies and credit cards includes 5% handling fee.

**LOCATION:** Tobar Mhuire Retreat and Conference Centre in Crossgar, County Down, Northern Ireland. **Tobar Mhuire describes itself** as “A Sacred Space in the Heart of County Down”. It is a well equipped modern Retreat and Conference Centre, set in sixty acres of woodland. Maureen was invited there in 2017 to host a polymer clay “*Fantasy Week in Ireland*” class, which Carol also attended. They enjoyed the facility and the people, and look forward to returning in 2018. [MORE INFO](#)



**FULL ROOM AND BOARD at Tobar Mhuire** is available Thursday, Sept. 27 thru Saturday, October 6, 2018. This includes choice of a private or shared room plus 3 meals a day. Each room has it’s own bathroom, plus access to a group lounge that includes a small refrigerator and TV. Internet access is available.



**CHECK-IN and CHECK-OUT OPTIONS:** Choose check-in on Sept. 27, 28 or 29. Choose check-out on Oct. 4, Oct. 5 or Oct. 6, 2018

**ROOM and BOARD FEE:** Single Room [£55 (approx. \$76) per night], Double Room [£45 (approx. \$65) per night]. A \$100 deposit on the room is due with registration. The remainder of the room and board fee will be paid to Tobar Mhuire when you check in.

**TRAVEL:** It is suggested that those flying in from the USA come via the Dublin airport in the Republic of Ireland. Travel information will be shared among group participants in order to facilitate shared rides and/or excursions. Bus service is available to and from Crossgar, which is 103 miles (166 kilometers) from Dublin, 17 miles (27 kilometers) from Belfast and 5.5 miles (8.9 kilometers) from Downpatrick (home to some of the Game of Thrones scenes).

To Register for class, go to **REGISTRATION LINK:**

<http://carolsimmonsdesigns.com/floral-dreamscapes-in-ireland/>



#### **PAYMENT DETAILS:**

- Once your deposit is received you will receive a materials list and complete information.
- All cancellations will incur a \$100 administration fee.
- No cancellations will be accepted after August 1, 2018 unless you are able to personally find a replacement to take your spot or there is a waiting list with someone available to take your place.
- If it becomes necessary for us to cancel a class, all registered students will be notified immediately and will receive a full refund.



Pictured above is one of the paths that meanders through the woods around Tobar Mhuire. A path similar to this one takes you into Crossgar where you will find several coffee cafes and specialty shops.

**Carol and Maureen are on Facebook: CLSDesigns and MaureenPeckCarlson**