

# 13th Annual Lady Gregory Autumn Gathering

*This literary meeting is held every year in Coole Park and Gort, County Galway and honours the memory of Lady Gregory of Coole Park and her unique contribution to the Irish Literary Revival and the cultural life of twentieth century Ireland.*

## **2007 Programme 28, 29 and 30 September 2007**

Friday 28th September at The Lady Gregory Hotel, Gort

- 2:00 pm            **Visit** to Lough Cutra Castle  
(by kind permission of Mrs. S. Gwyn-Jones)  
and special exhibition in the Gort Library.  
(courtesy of County Librarian Michael MacMahon).
- 6.30 – 7.15 pm    **Registration**  
7:30 pm            **Reception**
- 8:00 pm            Welcome and Progress Report, by the Director  
Ronnie O' Gorman.  
Formal Opening by Ted Kennedy (great-grandson of Lady  
Gregory) from Moora, West Australia; followed by the cutting  
of the Gort Barm Brack.
- 8.45 pm            **Address** by **Michael D. Higgins**, politician, philosopher and  
poet..

Saturday 29th September at Coole Park

**Lecture Session chaired by chaired by Dr. Anne Kelly, Dublin.**

- 10.00 am            **Lady Gregory, Hidden Playwright**  
**Professor Murray Biggs,**  
Yale University, U.S.A.
- 11.15 am            Coffee
- 11.45 am            **History as Literature in the Age of Yeats**  
**Professor Nicholas Canny,**  
Director of the Moore Institute at NUI, Galway
- 1.00 pm            Lunch
- 2.15 pm            **Revisiting the Gregorian World**  
**Professor Ann Saddlemyer,**  
Professor Emeritus of the University of Toronto, Canada.

- 3.30 pm Forum: Discussion with our speakers
- 4.00 pm Walk in the Woods of Coole with a guide from the National Parks and Wildlife Service.  
or  
View the fine exhibition and documentary film about Lady Gregory and Coole Park.
- 7.00 pm Reception at Coole Park
- 7.30 pm Candlelit Dinner  
Followed by **An Entertainment**

### Sunday 30th September at Coole Park

- 10:30 am **Lelia Doolan** introduces  
film-maker and author **Bob Quinn**  
who will speak on **The Education of the Urbanite**
- 1.00 pm Lunch at Coole.
- 2.15 pm **Transform Myth, Interpret History:**  
A Practical Exploration of Themes in Lady Gregory's plays  
Conducted by Cecily O'Neill (London).
- 4:30 pm (approx.) Return to Lady Gregory Hotel for Tea and Brack, then Goodbye and Slán abhaile!

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**Due to limited seating capacity early booking is essential to avoid disappointment**

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The Friends of Coole is a voluntary group dedicated to celebrating and continuing the creative and imaginative influence of Lady Gregory and her contribution to Irish cultural life.

Our Mission Statement is:

*'To re-establish the national and international reputation of Augusta, Lady Gregory moving spirit of the Celtic Revival while retaining Coole as a place apart, recognising its unique silence and beauty and its powerful historical associations with art and literature.'*

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