

# Creative Journal Writing and Sketching Workshop

with Irene Brady



Columbus Day Weekend October 10-13, 2008  
Baker City, Oregon

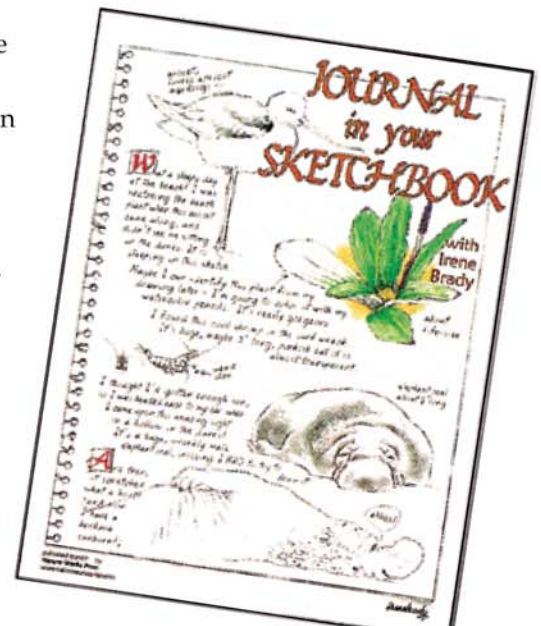
**O**REGON TRAIL INSTITUTE is hosting a 4 day workshop using the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center as a resource for learning sketching and journaling as the early travelers on the Oregon Trail might have done.

This class is taught by visiting artist Irene Brady. Irene is a writer and illustrator with numerous books to her credit. She has worked as a scientific illustrator for the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics lab in Ashland, Oregon. She also teaches workshops on nature sketching, landscape sketching and watercolor pencil techniques. Her workshops are tailored for nature loving, adventure minded folks and she loves showing people how to realize their dreams of being able to draw what they see, and write expressive prose and poetry to enhance their journals.

The workshop will have lots of useful tips and techniques for new journal-keepers, as well as inspiration and ideas for experienced long-time journalers.

As a life-long journal keeper, born and raised in close proximity to and steeped in the traditions of the old Oregon Trail, Irene Brady has lots of tips and energizing techniques to guide you through the mysteries of recording the wonders of the wild Oregon country and its wildlife inhabitants, with observations, reflections, and sketches.

Each day will include instruction to improve your sketching skills, and exercises to sharpen your creative writing. Using the high desert environment surrounding the Interpretive Center, historical artifacts from the collection, and some free time to practice, Irene will provide stimulating historically-oriented sessions on right-brain drawing, guided exercises in creative writing, and instruction on creating a "pioneer font" for titling and captions that will give your pages an old fashioned look. You'll try your hand at short 4- liner poems, plus other techniques to brighten and intensify your journal pages.





Emerge from the workshop with the strong beginnings of an illustrated journal, and continue on your own using techniques, tips, guidelines, and creative prompts from the workbooks you receive every day of the workshop. All materials are provided, although you are encouraged to bring your own watercolor pencils for use outside of class if you wish.

To see examples of journals created by students in Irene Brady's workshops, visit her website at [www.natureworkspress.com/workshops.html](http://www.natureworkspress.com/workshops.html).

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THIS WORKSHOP:**

Check latest information at [oregontrail.blm.gov](http://oregontrail.blm.gov)  
or call 1-800-523-1235 or 541-523-1843

Workshop fee for four days

plus materials: \$480

Participants must be age 12 or older.

**THE NATIONAL HISTORIC OREGON TRAIL**

**INTERPRETIVE CENTER** is a 500 acre site located just outside historic Baker City, Oregon. The Center includes original pioneer wagon ruts, exhibits and dioramas about wagon train life and the pioneer experience, hiking trails, a theater, and historic gold mining structures. The location is easily reached by Interstate Highway 84, about a two hour drive from Boise, Idaho, 90 minutes from Pendleton, Oregon, 5 hours from Portland, Oregon,

6 hours from Seattle, and 5 hours from Spokane, Washington.

Perched between the Blue Mountains, Wallowa Mountains, and Seven Devils Mountains, the scenic vistas in this part of eastern Oregon are an inspiration for artists and writers. Forests and rangeland offer plenty of opportunities for hiking and bird watching. The nearby town of Baker City has an historic 19th century downtown district and neighborhoods, with restaurants, gift shops, art galleries and antique stores.



Baker County has a large variety of lodging options, from economical motels and RV parks to sumptuous historic properties, B&Bs, and rental cabins. You may want to extend your workshop weekend with trips to Hells Canyon, historic Sumpter, or the town of Joseph in nearby Wallowa County, with its many galleries. Contact Baker County Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-523-1235 or [www.visitbaker.com](http://www.visitbaker.com) for information and assistance planning an inspiring and reinvigorating stay in eastern Oregon.