

Painting the Landscape in Watercolor/Studio

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Class Description

Workshop emphasis will be on techniques and strategies for transforming ordinary scenes into extraordinary ones with watercolor; scenes that will reach out and connect with viewers. I teach simple methods that will appeal to beginners as well as seasoned artists looking for renewed inspiration and insights into new ways of thinking. You will learn from clear explanations about the reasoning behind artistic decisions and visually from step by step demonstrations. You will learn to distill and process a scene from inspiration to finished work of art becoming more comfortable with the medium in the process. Once technical aspects have been mastered you will begin to paint from that sacred place that resides within each of us. I bring my passion and love for teaching to inspire and motivate in a fun, fast-paced workshop.

Following are just a few of the topics to be covered during the workshop.

- atmospheric perspective in the landscape
- simplifying and streamlining scenes
- working towards personal style by developing a visual language
- steps for building strong compositions
- painting “relationships” instead of “things”
- seven important design principles for creating exciting paintings
- working with photographs, sketch books and color studies
- important planning strategies that will allow you to paint spontaneously and with confidence
- daily lectures and demonstrations
- one-on-one instruction as time permits
- all participants receive a workbook handout