

GHOST RANCH



Education & Retreat Center

WELCOME LETTER

Botanical Portraits: Plants of the High Desert

Instructor: Helen Byers

Start Date: 6/23/19

End Date: 6/29/19

Check-In Begins at 3:00pm at the Welcome Center on 6/23/19. Dinner 5:30 – 6:30;
Orientation 6:45 pm

Invitation: This year, treat yourself to an unforgettable week of botanical drawing with me in Northern New Mexico, "Land of Enchantment"! The spectacular 21,000 acres of Ghost Ranch (former home of Georgia O'Keeffe) host an inspiring diversity of botanical subjects. All levels welcome. Bring a friend!

Learning Outcomes: Helen's in-depth demos, informative handouts, and individualized instruction will help you to: identify native plants; practice close observation of botanical subjects with the help of magnification; learn an illustration technique combining colored pencil and watercolor; refine your realistic drawing skills.

Course Schedule:

Mornings (9:00-noon): Classroom work.

Lunch break: (noon-1:00 pm)

Afternoons: Enjoy free time to continue working independently, explore more of the Ranch, or visit local sites.

Evenings (after dinner, approx. 7:00-8:00 pm): During relaxed field excursions, we will gather specimens from which to work in the mornings.

Instructor Background: Helen Byers is an award-winning botanical artist and educator who has taught at Ghost Ranch since 2005. Currently she also teaches at the Santa Fe Botanical Garden and Tower Hill Botanic Garden (near Boston). Her botanical drawings and paintings have been included in numerous national and international juried exhibitions. She is a member of the Rocky Mountain chapter of the American Society of Botanical Artists.

Provided Materials: A Materials List will be sent to registrants.