

Welcome



Introduction to Watercolor Landscapes

with Patsy Welch

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Welcome to Introduction to Watercolor Landscapes at Ghost Ranch. I cannot imagine a more beautiful setting to learn about watercolor and the landscape. We will take full advantage of all that Ghost Ranch has to offer; an astonishing palette of colors, textures, and endless skies, with constantly changing light.

Each morning for 5 days we will begin class at 9:00. I will first spend time explaining what we will be learning that day. Several times during the morning I will demonstrate techniques, and the class will work on these while I roam around the studio talking to each student individually about their painting. At 11:30 we will all gather around and discuss the morning's work. This is the time when people may ask questions of their fellow students that lead to discussions about the possibilities of watercolor. Each day's lessons are built on what we learned the previous day. At 1:30, after lunch, we will meet back in the studio and, weather permitting, go outside to paint, using whatever technique we have studied in the morning session. Some days we may take a hike and work on sketching. We will finish the afternoon session at 4:00. Evenings will be free time with some optional activities available.

As a watercolor teacher, I feel my job is a bit like a coach. My task is to bring out the best painter in you, whether you lean towards hyperrealism, expressionism, impressionism, etc. I do not paint along with the class, because I don't want my style of painting to mute your own individual way of painting. I will always demonstrate the techniques we will be using to help you discover your own style of painting.

You will receive a supply list. Please email me at patsywelch@gmail.com with any questions concerning the list as well as the class.

When packing for your trip to Ghost Ranch, please remember to bring the following:

- Water bottle
- Sun hat and/or warm hat
- Clothing layers
- Sturdy shoes for walking and hiking on uneven ground
- Hiking sticks if needed
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Small back pack or bag for carrying watercolor supplies outside
- Cell phone and/or camera