

Welcome



Figure Drawing & Portraiture

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with Helen Byers

July 13-19, 2025

Welcome, everyone!

I am writing to welcome you to my workshop, "Figure Drawing and Portraiture," July 13-19, 2025, at Ghost Ranch.

Thank you for registering for this course! I look forward to working in person with you, in this spectacular setting, during the July Festival of the Arts. On Sunday, July 13, check-in time at the Welcome Center will be 3 PM. There you will receive a map of the Ranch, information about getting to Casa del Sol, your room assignment, meals & meal times in the Dining Hall, etc. There will be a brief orientation after dinner Sunday evening.

Beginning on Monday, July 14, our daily workshop schedule will be from 9 AM to noon. After lunch, you will be free to continue working semi-independently (I will be there most of the time), or to do whatever you please (including swimming in the Ghost Ranch pool!). In the evenings, we'll enjoy guided nature walks and camaraderie under stars. Check-out time will be 10 AM on July 19. There is a full kitchen at Casa del Sol, including refrigerator and microwave, and you are welcome to bring snacks, beverages, or foods you wish to prepare there. Coffee, tea, and drinking water will be provided. If you have special food requirements for the Dining Hall meals (breakfast, lunch, & dinner, to which we will carpool), please make them known through your registration.

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Summer weather in Northern New Mexico is mainly warm and dry, but a thunder shower isn't uncommon (especially in late afternoons or evenings). So don't forget to bring these essentials:

- rain jacket
- sun hat & sun glasses
- sun block
- swimsuit
- sturdy shoes for hiking & walking on uneven ground
- water bottle
- light daypack

Also, be sure to download the Materials List for this workshop from the course listing on the Ghost Ranch website. Feel free to contact me by email if you have a question about anything on it. If ordering online from dickblick.com (as I highly recommend), I suggest doing so well in advance to allow time for shipping. If you are flying and/or find it difficult to transport anything on that list, let me know well ahead of time, and I will bring them for purchase in class.

That's all for now. Wishing you all the best, until we meet!

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Workshop Itinerary:

Sunday, July 13:

3:00 PM Check-in at the Welcome Center. (This workshop is at Casa del Sol, which is about 2 miles down the private road.

Note: Car-pooling can be arranged if you don't have a vehicle).

Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18:

7:30-8:30 Breakfast (Dining Hall or make-it-yourself at Casa del Sol)

9:00-12:00 Instruction at Casa del Sol

Noon-1:30 Lunch (Dining Hall)

1:30-5:30 Free time to continue working semi-independently (instructor will drop in), hiking, taking a Ranch tour or horseback ride, or visiting nearby sites

Friday July 18, 2025:

7:30-8:30 Breakfast

9am - Noon Instruction at CdS

4pm Set up Art Show in Arts Center

6:15 Art Show in Art Center

Saturday, July 19:

10:00 Check-out time