

Welcome



Painting the Ghost Ranch Landscape in Late Summer

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with Michelle Chrisman

August 24-30, 2025

Dear Workshop Participants,
Summer is an especially beautiful time at Ghost Ranch- new greens pattern through the red desert floor and the cottonwood trees wave their own against the magnificent turquoise blue skies of Northern New Mexico!

Ghost Ranch is a perfect place to focus your painting skills, whether you are a beginner or advanced painter . It will help you find your inner painter's voice without all of the distractions of everyday life, just as Georgia O'Keeffe did. If (If you have read anything about O'Keeffe, you know that she was very protective of her privacy in order to keep the focus on her work). Recommended Book: Full Bloom- The Art & Life of Georgia O'Keeffe.

Another book you may enjoy is "Ghost Ranch"- Author: Lesley Poling-Kempes, for the very colorful history of Ghost Ranch! These are available in the Trading Post Gift Shop at GR to read during your stay! A excellent book on Plein Air Painting is Kevin MacPherson's book: "Fill Your Oil Paintings with Light & Color." Please read this book BEFORE arriving and bring it with you! The Henry Hensche Foundation website is great on color. Whether you are a beginner or advanced artist, I will help you to become grounded in the important basics of painting: Becoming grounded in the basic principles of Impressionism- "How Light Works in the World," and I will encourage you to explore & find your own voice. It will simplify your approach to painting so that you will have success from the start!

Special emphasis will be given on how to paint in oils with a palette knife, for quick, decisive strokes of impasto paint. Every day, we will go out painting, I will do a quick demo, and help you individually. You are also welcome to paint during free times or take advantage of the many activities at GR, such as horseback riding,

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hiking, yoga, massage, etc... We will have several night time sessions including positive and encouraging critiques.

I truly look forward to meeting you and spending this time helping you in your painting journey & goals! Please feel free to email me with any questions that you may have.

All My Best!

Michelle Chrisman ~

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SCHEDULE:

Sunday- Check in begins at 3:00 pm; Dinner in Dining Hall 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm; Welcome & Orientation in Dining Hall at 6:30 pm.

After dinner, we will identify our group and you can follow me out to Casa del Sol. This is a Private Area of the Ranch and requires a code to enter. Michelle's cell phone is 575-613-0443.

Sunday evening orientation after dinner at CDS.

Monday- After breakfast, meet back at Casa del Sol for a morning demo and painting. Afternoon is free. After dinner, meet at Casa del Sol (CDS) for a lecture/demo and critique.

Tuesday- Same as above.

Wednesday- Morning is Free. After lunch, meet back at CDS to paint.

Thursday- Same as Monday. Afternoon is free. Meet at CDS for Sunset Painting after dinner.

Friday- Morning is Free. After lunch, meet back at CDS to paint.

Saturday- Breakfast in the dining room; check out at 10:00 am

DINING ROOM MEAL HOURS (Daily):

Breakfast 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Lunch Noon - 1:00 pm

Dinner 5:30pm - 6:30pm