



Look Closer: Watercolor Cloudscapes & Botanicals

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with Jean Cate

May 29–June 1, 2026

Hi Students,

I am looking forward to teaching “Look Closer” Watercolor Cloudscapes + Botanicals at Ghost Ranch this spring. I learned how to watercolor paint during a visit to Ghost Ranch as a teenager and taught this watercolor course at Ghost Ranch in 2025, so I’m thrilled to come back and lead this retreat for the second year.

This workshop is flexible, open to beginner, intermediate, and advanced watercolor painters. Our full instruction days will take place on Saturday and Sunday, with plein air demonstration sessions and in-studio painting and instruction, as well as open studio landscape, botanical and intuitive painting.

Beginners will gain knowledge and practice, while more advanced painters will have the opportunity to expand their painting practice. I’m so excited to see you soon!

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.



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See you soon,
Jean

Supply List:

List of materials provided for students by the instructor:

- Watercolor paint palette with brush
- Blending Quill Size 30
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Watercolor paper

List of materials for students to bring:

- Water cup with lid for painting
- 3" Hake Brush
- 5" watercolor palette for paint mixing
- Tube of white gouache
- Tube of cerulean blue watercolor paint
- Travel easel or drawing board surface for plein air work - 11x14
hardboard panels or a piece of plywood that you can tape your paper
on.
- Sun protection
- Small bag for carrying watercolor supplies



- Water bottle
- Clothing layers
- Optional: Additional watercolor paints and brushes. You will be provided with a set, but if you have your own palette or a favorite brand, feel free to bring along.
- Optional: Watercolor fan brush
- Optional: Travel stool for plein air work
- Optional: Watercolor sketchbook if you would like to keep all of your paintings together in one place
- Optional: Painting portfolio to secure your paintings when traveling home.

In addition to being a practicing artist, I am the owner and founder of Martha Mae Art Supplies & Beautiful Things. Many of the supplies can be purchased at marthamae.info. Or purchase from your favorite art supply shop. Please email me directly with any questions regarding supplies.

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Workshop Itinerary:

Friday, May 29th:

- 3:00 PM Guest Check-In
- 5:30-6:30 PM Dinner



- 6:30–7:00 Ghost Ranch Orientation
- 7:00–9:00 Introduction, Ice Breaker, and Site Exploration

Saturday, May 30th:

- 7:30AM–8:30AM Breakfast
- 9AM–12PM Art Studio: Course Overview, Color Swatching, Intuitive Painting
- 12PM–1PM Lunch
- 1:30PM–5:30PM Art Studio: Botanical and Natural Ephemera Portraits
- 5:30PM–6:30PM Dinner
- 7:00PM–9PM Open Studio: Students can choose to continue working in the studio on their intuitive paintings or natural ephemera portraits. The instructor will float and assist students as needed. This is also a great time to gather inspiration by booking an activity through Ghost Ranch, taking a hike, and exploring the grounds.

Sunday, May 31st:

- 7:30AM–8:30AM Breakfast
- 9AM–12PM Plein Air: Cloud Studies and Landscapes
- 12PM–1PM Lunch
- 1:30PM–5:30PM Open Studio: Students can choose to plein air landscape paint or continue working in the studio on their botanical portraits. The instructor will float and assist students as needed. This is also a great time to gather inspiration by booking an activity through Ghost Ranch, taking a hike, and exploring the grounds.
- 5:30PM–6:30PM Dinner



- 7:00PM–9PM Open Studio: Students can choose to plein air landscape paint or continue working in the studio on their botanical portraits. The instructor will float and assist students as needed.

Monday, June 1st:

- 7:30AM–8:30AM Breakfast
- 10:00AM Check-Out