

Live & Learn Spring Workshop

Travel Sketching with Ink and Watercolours

Date

June 9-11, 2010

Location

April Point Resort & Spa (3 hours north of Victoria)

Price

\$199 per person, including two nights accommodation, based on double occupancy
\$50-\$70 traveling mini-studio kit, available from the instructor

Skill Level

No previous art experience necessary, though artists would find this workshop an eye-opening experience.

Description

The history of the traveler's sketching journal goes back to the earliest field naturalists and explorers. Separating the travel sketcher from the usual tourist is the care and *quality of attention* the sketchers pay to their unique and immediate surroundings. When opened years after the trip, these personal, illustrated volumes are invaluable for stimulating memories and recalling a much richer experience than available through simple snapshot photographs.

Using a personalized kit that's not much bigger than your passport you will be able to create colourful, small-size artworks and illustrated travel journals anywhere you go, from tropical beaches to Parisian cafes.

About your instructor – Claudia Lorenz (greensquare@mac.com)

Claudia is a traveler, eco-activist, and award winning artist working in painting, photography and mixed media for the past 14 years, exhibiting both locally and in the USA. She discovered the delight and wisdom of pocket-sized art materials in 1996 after attempting to bicycle around Iceland hauling a full set of paints, easel, and a camera with three lenses. Claudia is an Adult Art Educator for the University of Victoria Dept. of Continuing Education and the District of Saanich Community Recreation facilities.

About April Point Resort & Spa

April Point Resort & Spa is an island getaway away from the crowds, featuring the elegant yet laid back atmosphere of the west coast. Enjoy wildlife tours, kayaking, fishing, spa treatments, island tours and sumptuous meals, all enhanced by the stunning natural beauty of Discovery Passage. Guests also enjoy the amenities of Painter's Lodge in Campbell River, connected by a complimentary scenic water shuttle.

For reservations or more information, please call 1-800-663-7090
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(Please meet in Salon A&B)

Wednesday, June 9

3:00 pm Resort check in

The workshops will be divided into the following sections, with plenty of time for breaks, delicious meals, and after dinner discussions of the day's topics. The instruction will be divided into indoor lessons and guided outdoor field practise around our beautiful location.

- The Kit* explained
- Seeing the scene – developing the artist's eye
- Drawing basics – how much detail is enough?
- Watercolour basics – colour mixing and use
- Which one first: ink or watercolour?
- Never colour within the lines – watercolour as impression
- Watercolour as expression – it's really about you
- Light, shadow, and more light
- Variations on a theme – light and architecture
- People on the move – rendering things that just won't stay still
- Water, sky, reflections and greenery
- Practise and more practise – gaining confidence to just pull out your materials and sketch anyplace, anytime.

Friday, June 11

12:00 pm Resort check out.

Supplies for your complete traveling mini-studio kit will be approximately \$50 - \$70 (depending on personal choices of brushes, etc.). This kit can be expected to last for many travels. All materials will be explained and demonstrated in detail, with special attention to the use of portable watercolours for quick drawing, and delightful colour.

*Kit contents: Cotman watercolourist's travel palette box, brush, archival ink pen, spiralbound 5"x8" watercolour journal, view finder frame.

Please bring clothing and footwear appropriate for our coastal terrain and variable June climate. We will be exploring unusual and interesting vantage points for our sketches.

A very small backpack, sling bag, or pants and shirts with large pockets are excellent for travel sketching accessories!