

**"Go first to nature to learn to paint landscape...
and find in her beauties all the great first principles of Art"
Asher B. Durand – Letters on Landscape Painting, 1885, The Crayon**

Come join me for a memorable 2 day landscape painting workshop at one of the areas most beautiful natural attractions at the "Grand Canyon of the East" - Letchworth State Park in Western New York.

The approach to traditional American landscape painting in the 19th Century involved spending much time immersing yourself in the outdoors. This landscape workshop will focus on understanding the anatomy of the landscape through close observation via field studies in the form of sketches, notes and plein air paintings. These investigative works can also potentially be used as reference for a future large studio painting. This class is geared for all levels of skill from beginner to advanced students. This workshop is modeled after the techniques and philosophy of the Hudson River School of the mid 1800's.

Students will be guided through processes of color mixing and brushwork, as well as how to cope with ever changing weather and lighting conditions. Discussions on composition, value, color, edges, aesthetics, atmospheric perspective, theory, nature, and distilling the visual will also be offered.

Investigating the individual visual elements that compose a landscape is integral to "understanding" nature. Ultimately, the artist will share this experience in the form of an evocative painting. I will demonstrate approaches to capturing the landscape through gathering visual information. Students will begin by searching out a potential concept, motif and composition(s) via thumbnail drawings. The workshop's focus will then transfer to the students hands-on painting.

Although I will demonstrate a new painting and theme each day, participants are encouraged to work at their own pace. You may choose to work on one single painting for the 2 days, or keep pace at one per day.

DATES:

Friday August 30th– Saturday August 31st
This workshop is rain or shine.

FEE:

\$200.00 for the 2 days
Fee does not include: food, transportation, accommodations, and materials.
Class is limited to 20 students

PARK FEE:

The park charges \$10 per vehicle per day. There is NO fee if you arrive before 9:00 am.
We will be starting the workshop at 8:00 every day. I will arrive around 7:30 every day to get situated.

LOCATION:

Letchworth State park
First day meeting location - Eddy's Shelter – close to the Portageville entrance
1 Letchworth State Park
Castile, NY 14427
Please see attached map. Restrooms and restaurants are conveniently within walking distance.

Approximately 45 minutes from East Aurora, NY...Approximately 1 ½ hours from Buffalo Int. Airport

Thomas Kegler's Contact: Cell: 716-550-6094

Park Police/Emergency: 1-585-658-4692

TENTATIVE DAILY SCHEDULE:

- 8:00 - Meet at the designated location: “Eddy’s Shelter”
8:30 -10:30 - Overview presentation, demo of thumbnail compositions, demo of painting
11:00 - lunch on your own (students are encouraged to bring their lunches to the site or buy at the vendors in the park)
11:30 - students will delve into their own thumbnail sketches & paintings
3:00 - reconvene/day closure.
Please note you may stay in the park longer if you would like and continue enjoying the area.

Exact daily routines will remain flexible based on several factors including weather, interest of the participants, and unforeseen “teachable” moments to name a few.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:

Participants are responsible for their own accommodations. Local participants may choose to commute daily. Here are a few places to consider staying:

In Letchworth Park:

- Cabin rentals – see park web site
- Tent campgrounds – see park web site
- Glen Iris Inn – see <http://www.glenirisinn.com> or call 1-585-493-2622

Within a short drive of Letchworth State Park:

Country Inns & Suites - Mt Morris

1-800-230-4134

130 North Main St., Mt Morris, NY 14510

Colonial Inn

6544 State Route 19A

Portageville, NY 14536

(585) 493-5700

There are also numerous other rental options within ½ hour of the park

NOTE: I have not stayed at any of these accommodations and thus can not provide a review. Please consider researching your options on the internet.

FOOD OPTIONS:

Participants are responsible for their own meals.

Here are a few places to consider:

- Glen Iris Inn located in Letchworth Park
- Various food stands in the park
- Pack your own lunch and snacks