

Welcome



Painting the Ghost Ranch at Casa Del Sol

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with Michelle Chrisman

June 22-28, 2025

Dear Workshop Participants,

Spring 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, 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!

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Check in starts at 3pm at Headquarters. Dinner is from 5:30-6:30 in the dining room, followed by a brief ranch orientation. Around 7:30, our group will meet up at Casa del Sol, and have our own discussion in its Great Room. We will share ideas on what activities we want to explore outside our workshop- trail rides, visiting the museum, Georgia O'Keeffe tours, hiking, yoga, naps, etc.

With that information, we can design our itinerary so that everyone is able to participate in activities. Some mornings, we will go out on location to paint, as well as some afternoons, to have the opportunity to study the differences of painting outdoors in morning light and late afternoon light.