

Welcome



Drawing From Nature: Bones & Blooms

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with Helen Byers

May 4-9, 2025

Welcome, everyone!

I am writing to welcome you and thank you very much for registering for this course. I look forward to working in person with each of you, and with our small group as a whole, in this spectacular setting at this time of year. Practicing techniques in charcoal and colored pencil (which I will demonstrate), we will draw desert bones and blossoms from life. Some gorgeous flowers will be growing on the Ranch at this time of year, and I will share my inspiring collection of bones! Most (if not all) of us will choose to work at individual tables outdoors, under the portal on the courtyard of Casa del Sol.

On Sunday, May 4, check-in time at the Welcome Center will be 3 PM. There you will receive a map of the Ranch, information about getting to Casa del Sol, your room assignment, meals & meal times in the Dining Hall, etc. Beginning on Monday, May 5, our daily workshop schedule will be from 9 AM to noon. After lunch, you will be free to continue working semi-independently (I will be there most of the time), or to do whatever you please. In the evenings, we'll enjoy guided nature walks, a documentary video about Georgia O'Keeffe, and camaraderie around the courtyard campfire. There is a full kitchen at Casa del Sol, including refrigerator and microwave, and you are welcome to bring snacks or foods you wish to prepare there. Coffee, tea, and drinking water will be provided.

Also, be sure to download the Materials List for this workshop from the course listing on the Ghost Ranch website. Feel free to contact me by email if you have a question about anything on it. If ordering online from dickblick.com (as I highly recommend), I suggest doing so well in advance to allow time for shipping. If you are flying and/or find it difficult to transport the Canson or Arches papers, let me know well ahead of time, and I will bring them for purchase in class.

That's all for now. Be well, be safe, and enjoy the weeks ahead!

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Instruction time is approximately 20-25 hours.

Typical schedule is as follows:

Sunday

3:00 pm: Check-in begins
5:30-6:30 pm: Dinner
7:00-8:00 pm: Free time

Monday-Thursday

7:30-8:30 am: Breakfast
9:00 am-noon: Class time
12:00-1:30 pm: Lunch
2:00-5:00 pm: Free time (Open Studio option; instructor drops in)
5:30-6:30 pm: Dinner
7:00-8:30 pm: Guided nature walks & other (optional) activities

Check out Friday 10am