



Vistas and Vineyards 2011 Site Calendar

2011 SITE CALENDAR

We have a mixture of sites that have a diversity of painting opportunities and interests emphasizing vistas, wineries and structures.

ARTIST RETREAT

Central Oregon - Locations around Beautiful Bend.

WORKSHOP

Gifted painter Erick Sandgren
Wednesday June 22nd thru
Friday June 24th.

More about Erick
can be found at
www.eriksandgren.com



Vistas and Vineyards is a group of artists that enjoy painting “*en plein aire*” at local sites in the mid-Willamette Valley and sharing their work with one another. Started in 1989 V&V was formed to document a "sense of place" in the Willamette Valley and has grown to over 120 artists. Group activities allow our members to safely explore and paint on private lands and in remote areas.

In addition to morning paint-outs, activities include overnights at a retreat setting and a two to three day workshop lead by a noted artist/instructor. We meet at **9:00 am** at a different site each **Wednesday** morning from mid-May through mid-October and paint into the early afternoon. We usually gather at noon for an informal review of the morning’s work in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Any artist may join us for the *plein aire* paint outs, including guests of members. Paint outs are cancelled in the event of steady rain, but not for scattered showers. To accommodate an increasing number of

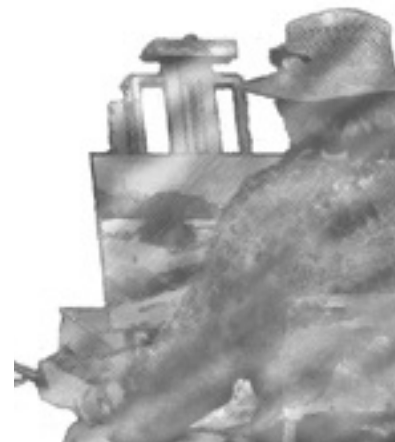
participants in the paint-outs, it is helpful to:

Car pool as much as possible. You are encouraged to contact other members if you need a ride.

Park responsibly so the maximum number of cars can be accommodated. Park away from customer parking in commercial locations. Allow our members who have limited mobility to use the close-in spaces.

Take care of your personal belongings and gather everything with you when you leave.

A monthly update will be *emailed only* to those on the email list along with updates about car pool information.



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OUR FIRST OUTING !

May 18th

Garland Nursery

Facilitator: Dee Yarnell

Garland
NURSERY

Painting opportunities: Ponds, blooming plants, pottery, barn, statuary, trees, people, sheds. If it is raining we can paint in the greenhouses.

Critique at 12:00

www.garlandnursery.com

Directions: Highway 20 north of Corvallis towards Albany about 5 miles. Watch for signs - Nursery is on the west side of Highway 20. **Please park towards the back of the property away from customer parking.**

NOTE: If the morning temperature and weather is on the cool side (below 50 degrees) we will start at 10:00 and move the critique out one hour.

Special Invitation

From Thyme Garden

We have been invited to participate in the

MOTHER'S DAY

CELEBRATION

'Art in the Garden'

Saturday and Sunday

May 7th & 8th 10am. to 5pm.

More info at:

www.Thymegarden.com

May 25th

Central Park and

Corvallis Historical Buildings

Facilitator: Mike Bergen

Painting opportunities: The Art Center, statues, gazebo, or stroll up town to the Benton County Courthouse, Whiteside Theater, Majestic Theater or any number of beautiful historic buildings downtown.

Critique at 12:00 in front of The Art Center

Directions: Central Park in Corvallis. There are a number of non-metered parking slots around Central Park. Other parking is metered - most a two hour limit. Getting there early allows for finding an open parking slot.



May is Historic Preservation Month

Look for Events Schedules and take a tour of some of our diverse and irreplaceable heritage.

June 1st**Schreiner's Gardens***Facilitator: Irene VanDusen*

Painting opportunities: Iris fields will be in bloom, display garden with numerous perennials, small pond, and people. If it is raining, Schreiner's has a tent set up offering a view of the gardens. Great bratwurst food stand on the site.

Critique at 12:30

www.schreinersgardens.com

Directions: Located at 3675 Quinaby Road, Salem, 45 minutes from Corvallis. Take I-5 north to Chemawa Road (Exit 260); Go west and turn right just west of I-5 onto Radiant Drive. Go through Keizer Station and follow the signs to Volcano Stadium. Head north (Radiant drive becomes 35th street) past stadium and turn right onto Quinaby Road. The nursery is on the north side of Quinaby Road and before you reach the bridge over I-5. **Please park towards the back of the property away from customer parking.** One hour from Corvallis.

June 8th**Thompson's Mill State Park***Lesson - Mike Rangner*

Painting opportunities: Water powered mill, river, valley vistas, antique milling machinery.

Critique at 12:30

www.oregonstateparks.org/park

Directions: Take Hwy 34 (east) toward I-5 and Tangent. At Tangent, go south on Highway 99E towards Shedd. Just before entering Shedd, turn left onto Boston Mill Drive. Thompson's Mill Park is about 1.5 miles on the left.

June 15th**Thyme Gardens***Facilitator: Claudia Weintraub*

Painting opportunities: Many display gardens with numerous perennials, gazebo, small pond, small waterfall and stream. www.thymegarden.com

Critique at 12:45

Directions: Take Highway 20/34 through Philomath, on the west side of town turn right onto Highway 34 at the junction of Highway 34 and 20 toward Alsea. Go about 12 miles and watch for the sign on the left for the entrance to the garden. Turn left over the small bridge. **Please park in the rear of the parking area.** About 30 minutes from Corvallis

June 22nd - 24th Workshop with Erik Sandgren*Watch for Details!**Registration forms will be emailed as well as sent via US mail for those without email.***June 29th****Carmill's Black Dog Lavender Farm***Gift Shop will Open from 11:30 to 12:00**Facilitator: Kris Mitchell*

Painting opportunities: Views of the valley and surrounding mountain ranges.

Views of lavender fields in bloom.

Critique at 12:30

Directions: Take Hwy 34 (east) toward I-5. Turn right on Peoria Rd. Drive 14 miles, then turn left on Crook Dr. Second driveway on the right.

July 6th**Bezell Memorial Forest***Lesson - Richard Helmick*

Painting opportunities: Historic Plunkett House, trails, stream, forested areas, old barns.

Critique at 12:00

www.co.benton.or.us/parks/facilities/bezell

Directions: Go through Philomath headed west on Highway 20. Continue about 4.5 miles to Kings Valley Highway (233). Turn right onto Highway 233 and go about 4.5 miles. Watch for signs. There is a small sign a quarter of a mile before the park and another at the park entrance. **Parking is limited so it would be a good idea to carpool.**

July 13th**Dancing Oaks Nursery***Facilitator: Tom Allen*

Painting opportunities: Mature garden, metal sculptures, pavilion building, 120 foot cedar pergola with vines and roses, two water features.

Critique at 12:30

www.dancingoaks.com

Directions: Go north on Hwy. 99W. Turn left (west) at Suver onto Airlie Rd. Stay on Airlie Rd. until you cross the Luckiamute River. Turn left (west) onto Maple Grove Rd. about 0.75 miles, at the bend in the road, go right onto Priem Rd. Follow this gravel road almost 2 miles until it ends at Dancing Oaks Nursery. **Please do not park in customer parking in front of the green shop.**

July 20th**Buena Vista Ferry***Facilitator: Richard Helmick*

Painting opportunities: Ferry, river, park, orchard, vast vistas of the valley, mixed woodland.

Critique at 12:30 - Buena Vista Co. Park

Directions: Go north on Rt 99. Just north of EE Wilson Game Management area, turn right on Sulver Rd. Sulver Rd. ends at Albany/Corvallis Rd. Turn left. Corvallis Rd. ends at Prather Rd., turn right. Turn left at Buena Vista Rd. Continue straight to Buena Vista Rd. slight left at Buena Vista Rd./Meridian St. Take the 2nd right onto Willamette Ferry St. Park entrance is at the top of the hill just before the ferry.

July 27th**Silver Falls State Park***Facilitator: TBA*

Painting opportunities: Tumbling waterfalls, rustic lodge, large stands of timber, brooks and streams.

Critique at 12:30 - South Falls near the Lodge.

www.oregonstateparks.org

Directions: Take I-5 north to Salem take exit 253 for OR-22 toward Detroit Lake/Bend. Go east to the Silver Falls State Park Exit, 5 miles east of Salem. Exit 9 towards Aumsville. Turn right onto 1st St/Shaw Hwy SE. Continue onto Brownell Dr. SE. Continue onto OR-214 N/Silver Falls Hwy SE. Follow the signs to South Falls where the lodge is. There is a \$5 vehicle charge for day use in the park. A self pay kiosk is located at the south entrance.

Alternate site for those not wanting to travel this distance: Monteith Park - Albany

August 3rd

William L. Finley Wildlife Refuge

Lesson - Terry Tallis

Painting opportunities:

Ponds, historical homes, large vistas and views of Marys Peak.

Critique at 12:45 at *new* headquarters building
www.fws.gov/Refuges

Directions: Go south 10 miles from Corvallis, to milepost 93 on Highway 99W. Turn west on Finley Refuge Road. Watch for the refuge entrance sign on the west side of the road. Follow refuge signs for 2 miles to the *new* refuge headquarters (located at the west end of the park). Driving time about 30 minutes.

August 10th

Detering Orchard

Facilitator: Doyle Leek

Painting opportunities: Long established orchards offers a variety of views during apple harvest time, quaint open air store, rows of orchard trees. Critique at 12:45

Directions: Take Highway 34 to Peoria Road to Harrisburg - Turn left on LaSalle (at the end of town) turn right onto S. 6th street which becomes Colberg Rd. Turn right onto Wyatt Drive. Detering Orchard address is 30946 Wyatt Dr.

August 17th

OSU Sheep Barns

Facilitator: Terry Tallis

Painting opportunities: : Vistas of a valley looking up to the high hills of McDonald Forest. Rolling hills with stately oak trees, an old red shed, Oak Creek, maybe sheep in pastures. Critique at 12:00

Directions: Go west on Harrison. Continue on Oak Creek Drive about 2 miles from intersection with Walnut/53rd. When the road dips down to the creek, turn right to the sheep barns just prior to crossing Oak Creek. Follow the gravel road up the hill to the large silver barn and park near there. Restrooms are in the large silver barn. About 10 minutes driving time.

August 24th

McDowell Creek Co. Park

Facilitator: Marianne Post

Painting opportunities: Views of falls and stream, a couple of falls are near parking lot while others require some walking along well maintained paths however ***some of the trails are steep.*** Critique at 12:30 lower parking lot

Directions: Drive east on Rt. 20 through Lebanon toward Sweet Home to Fairview Rd. (Old Santiam Hwy.) Turn left onto Fairview Rd., 4 miles out of Lebanon. Go to McDowell Creek Dr. and turn left. Drive to McDowell Creek Co. Park. The lower parking lot is on the right.

August 31st

Newport/Yaquina Bay

Facilitator: Edith Harrison

Painting opportunities: Dunes, ocean views, Newport Bridge, jetty, 1871 Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Newport Bay, boats.

Critique at 12:30 at Yaquina Bay Lighthouse State Park
www.yaquinalights.org

Directions: About 56 miles from Corvallis. Take Highway 20 to Newport. At the first light going down the hill as you enter Newport turn left towards Historic Bayfront onto SE John Moore rd. At the bottom of the hill turn right onto SE Bay Blvd. Continue on Bay Blvd. to the end turn right going up the hill and then turn left onto SW Naterlin Dr. past the Coast Guard Station. At the top of the hill turn left onto Yaquina Bay State Park and go UNDER the bridge. There is a picnic area with a covered patio on the west end of the park.

Alternate site for those not wanting to travel this distance: Peavy Arboretum - Corvallis

September 7th

Cardwell Hill Wine Cellars

Lesson - Dee Yarnell

Vineyard, Views of Marys Peak, French style Chateau, fountain.

Critique at 12:00 on the veranda

Take Highway 20 through Philomath towards Newport about 4.5 miles to Kings Valley Hwy # 223. Turn right onto 223 and go about 2 miles to Cardwell Hill Rd. Turn right onto Cardwell Hill Rd. and less than a mile on the left is the vineyard.

September 12th - Sept 14th Retreat

We will be on the other side of the Cascades!

Watch for more Information!

Registration forms will be emailed as well as sent via US mail for those without email.

Alternate site for those not going on the retreat is Willamette Park - Corvallis

September 21st

Larwood/Shimanek/Hannah Covered Bridges

Roaring River Park

Facilitator: Earl and or Cherril Boissonou

Loads of Covered bridges, river, old mill, trees, park. Critique will be at 12:30 in Roaring River Park

Take Highway 20 out of Albany towards Lebanon to Cottonwoods junction about 7 miles. Turn left on route 226 for about 3 miles. Turn right on Fish Hatchery Road and proceed 5-6 miles. Larwood Bridge is on the Fish Hatchery Rd. If you continue right on Fish Hatchery Rd. you will come to Roaring River Park. If you turn to the left and continue on Larwood Dr. about 2.7 miles then turn right onto Richardson Gap Rd. for 3.5 miles then turn right onto Shimanek Bridge Dr. for 1.1 mile to Shimanek Covered Bridge. From Larwood Bridge following left on Larwood Dr. about 2.7 miles then turn right onto Richardson Gap Rd. for about 2.8 miles then right onto OR-226 E/Albany-Lyons Hwy. for about 4.5 miles then turn right onto Camp Morrison Dr. - Hannah Covered Bridge is on the left.

September 24th and 25th Corvallis Fall Festival

Any artist interested may paint at the festival: Choose a location that does not restrict traffic and paint anytime. Mike Bergen will be the facilitator.

September 28th***Borgo Pass Vineyard***

Facilitator: Shirley Wirth

Vineyards, vistas, grapes, harvesting, old farm machinery.

Critique at 12:00

Take Highway 99W south to Alpine Rd. and go through Alpine, turn right on Green Peak Rd. (gravel), turn left on Hawley Creek Rd. to the vineyard (Look for the Sign)

Annual Juried Show
October at LaSells Stewart Center

More details in September

Prospectus will be emailed as well as sent via US mail for those without email.

October 5th***Benton County Fairgrounds/******Bald Hill/ Irish Bend Bridge***

Facilitator: Jana Johnson

Painting opportunities: Fairgrounds buildings, Bald Hill vista, Marys Peak view from the fair grounds parking lot. About a quarter mile walk, one can paint the Irish Bend Bridge.
 Critique at 12:00 west end of Fairgrounds parking lot

The Benton County Fairgrounds are located just south of intersection of Walnut and Harrison on 53rd west of Corvallis. They are on 53rd between Harrison and Philomath Blvd. Bald Hill parking is on Harrison (it becomes NW Oak Creek Dr.) and the Irish Bend Bridge is about 1/4 mile along a paved path, access is from the south Fairgrounds parking lot.

October 12th***Paradise Springs Event Center***

Facilitator: Linda Humphrey

Painting opportunities: Seven acres of natural landscaped grounds, valley views, pond, lodge building.

Critique 12:30 at gazebo

Directions: Take 99W south to Monroe. Turn right on Orchard St. Orchard becomes Coon Rd. (fork to left). Coon Rd. Cherry Creek Rd. to the left. Paradise Springs Event Center is 25674 Cherry Creek Rd.

Alternative Sites:

Any Old Church
Any View of Marys Peak

Vistas & Vineyards Blog

If you have not checked out our Blog at <http://vistasandvineyards.wordpress.com> make sure you set aside some time to have a look. Mike Bergen has done a wonderful job setting it up and keeping it updated, but he needs your help. Send Mike digital files of your work and any comments about your experiences out and about this summer painting with the group.

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