

Whitman Woods Project



May 1, 2019

Painting en Plein Air Spring Weekend Workshop @ "Whitman Woods" Saturday & Sunday, May 18-19, 12:30-6 p.m. daily

Laurel Springs, NJ — Aspiring artists are invited to paint and draw en Plein Air at aspirational “Whitman Woods” under the tutelage of renowned Classical Realism Artist-Instructor Rebecca Tait. They will drink in the wooded shoreline landscape that so inspired Walt Whitman during the very prolific twilight period of his life and interpret it in their hand.

Just as Whitman acutely observed his daily life, absorbing and transcribing it into fluid free verse, Ms. Tait views painting as “the science of seeing the visual truth and passionately turning it into the art of visual poetry.” She teaches a very disciplined, classical approach to drawing and painting focusing on the effect of light on the subject. Where better to learn this method and tap one’s creative energy than in Laurel Springs, “ground zero for Whitman on Timber Creek.” The wooded lakeshore appears now much as it did in Whitman’s day. Attendees may capture the landscape in oil, watercolor, pastel or pencil. (To virtually visit Ms. Tait’s Glen Gables Studio, visit rebeccatait.com)

Dates & Times: Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19, 12:30 – 6 p.m., daily

Rain Dates: Saturday & Sunday, May 25 & 26

Weekend Workshop Cost: \$200 per student (Note: Registration is limited to 12 students). Supplies are not included. Ms. Tait will recommend a supply list based on each student's interests and experience.

Attendees may REGISTER formally for a weekend of instruction or AUDIT the class informally for an hour or an afternoon. To make a query, please TEXT your name and phone number to (609) 405-2573

Dates for the FALL Painting/Drawing en Plein Air Weekend Workshop @ “Whitman Woods” TBA

Whitman Woods Project Mission — Distill art, nature, history and science into a living land legacy that will preserve precious passive open space in perpetuity, serve as an open classroom and pay homage to the iconic American poet Walt Whitman

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