



ADVENTURE

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Plein Air Adventure Sites 2023-2024

Weds. 9:30am-1:00pm

Addresses are provided, please GPS directions. Class begins at 9:30am on site, Demo at 9:45am, paint 10-12:30pm with one-to-one help, critique at 12:30pm until 1:00 (may divide into 2 groups for quicker critique)..

November: Tarpon Springs-

Demos How to start a plein air painting, value studies, notans, using a viewfinder, simplifying the landscape

1st Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center
3940 Keystone Rd. Tarpon Springs, FL

Meet in the parking area and schlep toward the buildings. (Donation basis, restrooms, wood walkways * Paintings made here are eligible for a benefit auction in Oct. 2024)

8th Anderson Park meet at shelter 1, paint Tarpon Lake views from paths, picnic areas, and boat ramp-great place for a walk and a picnic, free parking & restrooms.

15th Phillippe Park 2525 Phillippe Parkway, Safety Harbor meet at Phillippe Point which is deep inside the park, past the bathrooms. Almost to the end.

22nd Cliff Stephens Park 901 Fairwood Ave. Clearwater-restrooms, park near the disc golf course, Oaks and ponds, wildlife, great walking park.

29th **EXCURSION** Safety Harbor Pier, 110 Veteran's Memorial Lane, Safety Harbor FL. Bring your own kayak or rent one and explore the mangrove forests around the Pier. Visit downtown Safety Harbor for coffee and lunch.

NOCTURNE: Sat. Nov. 18. 7-9pm Downtown Safety Harbor 110 Veteran's Memorial Lane, Safety Harbor, FL free parking, restrooms, views of the pier and downtown area, quaint building, boats in a marina, beautiful landscaping. NOTE: There is phosphorescence in the water at night, bring your kayak if you want to see it. There are tours that leave from the pier at 9pm.

December: Dunedin Simplify the landscape, starting with blocks, working the whole painting, pixelating or painting Impressionistically

6th South Beach Pavilion, Honeymoon Island State Park 1 Causeway Blvd. Dunedin, FL. Park near the restroom pavilion, toward left side (pet beach area). \$6 entrance fee, restrooms available.

13th High & Dry Grill Dunedin Causeway (Look for kayaks) 61 Causeway Blvd, Dunedin. Park by the tiki bar and bathrooms. Views of inter-coastal and beach scenes.

December: Dunedin (continued)

- 20th** Dunedin Boat Club 49 Marina Plaza, Dunedin FL
Behind Edgewater Park, drive towards sailboats out toward the water. Very small driveway but plenty of free parking at the end. Restrooms available in Edgewater Park.
- 27th** **EXCURSION** to Caladesi Island! Caladesi Ferry inside Honeymoon Island State Park. Pay park fee (\$8) then drive to ferry parking. Bring only what will fit in a backpack (no carts allowed) and pack a picnic lunch. We will be gone for the day! Ferry costs \$18, and is round trip. You can return at any time. The demo for this class will be the same as Dec. 20 (repeat on pixelation) and painting will be until 1pm with lunch and critique afterwards. Expect to swim and bring sunscreen.

NOCTURNE: Sat. Dec. 16th 7pm-9pm High & Dry Grill Dunedin Causeway (Look for kayaks)
61 Causeway Blvd, Dunedin, park by the tiki bar and bathrooms. Views of inter-coastal and beach scenes.

January: Clearwater Tampa & Largo - Demos on Color as Value, Complementary Color & Color palettes, Color Temperature, Mixing Greens, Color Studies

- 3rd** Ben T. Davis Beach 7650 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa Free parking, restrooms, views of Tampa and Clearwater, mangroves and beach.
- 10th** Eagle Lake Park 1800 Keene Rd, Largo, Shelter 3
Free parking and restrooms. Lots of shade and trees, pier with views of lake and turtles.
- 17th** Largo Central Park Nature Preserve (not to be confused with Central Park!)
150 Highland Ave. SE North Largo FL - Foliage and shade, picnic areas, canal views, walking paths and blooming flowers.
- 24th** Taylor Park 1100 8th Ave. SW Largo, FL
Meet at footbridge across from parking lot. Free parking and restrooms available. Beautiful reflective pond with distant tree line and wildlife.
- 31st** **EXCURSION** Florida Botanical Gardens 1252 Ulmerton Rd. Largo, FL
(several entrances) meet at the pavilion in the center by the restrooms in Palm Gardens area. Visit the gardens and the Heritage Museum afterwards. Pack a picnic and make a day of it. Both venues are free but bring a donation for the donation box.

NOCTURNE: Sat. Jan. 20 6:30-8:30pm Ben T. Davis Beach 7650 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa Free parking, restrooms, views of Tampa and Clearwater, mangroves and beach

February: Largo & Indian Rocks & Madeira Beach-Demos in wildlife painting, adding figures

- 7th** George McGough Nature Park 11901 146th St. North, Largo. Park and meet near turtle pond. Free parking, restrooms (donation)
- 14th** Municipal Beach Access 1522 Gulf Blvd, Indian Rocks Beach, FL around 16th street and Gulf, has public bathrooms and free parking. Some shady areas.
- 21st** Pinellas Boat Ramp 18651 Gulf Blvd. Indian Shores. Restrooms available. This ramp can be tricky to get to since its on the corner of a major road. Views of inter-coastal, boats, waterways.
- 28th EXCURSION** Seaside Seabird Sanctuary 18328 Gulf Blvd Indian Shores, park across the street in parking lot (careful not to take up two spaces) free (donation) parking and restrooms. Beach views, observation tower, seabirds free and in cages. Bring your suit and swim after class in the Gulf. Pack a picnic lunch.

NOCTURNE Sat. Feb. 24 6:30-8:30 Indian Rocks Beach 16th Avenue Beach Access (across from Keegan's) limited parking, more parking available in church parking lot on 16th Ave. or at Beach Art Center at the end of the street.

March: Seminole & St. Pete-Demos in Lost and found edges, "how-to" demos in painting trees, painting skies, painting water and water reflection

- 6th** Lake Seminole Park 10015 Park Blvd. Seminole near boat launch free parking and restrooms. Lovely views of lake and water reflections.
- 13th** Boca Ciega Millennium Park 7000 125th St. Seminole, free parking and restrooms. Views of bay and trees with nature.
- 20th** Sawgrass Lake Park 7400 25th St. N, St. Pete. Meet near footbridge, free parking and restrooms. Great place to see gators.
- 27th EXCURSION** Sunken Gardens 1825 4th St. N. St. Pete. Pay ahead of time with a Groupon for \$9 each (pay for two people and split with someone else) Meet at amphitheater in the center of the park. Pack a picnic and make a day of it!

NOCTURNE Sat. March 23, 6:30-8:30pm St. Pete's Pier 800 2nd Ave NE, St. Pete. Park in the history museum, meet under the net sculpture where the circle of Adirondack chairs are located.

April: South Pinellas & Gulfport -Demos in painting clouds and water reflection

3rd North Shore Park 12th Ave. NE, St. Pete near volleyball court and arboretum
Free parking and restrooms. Meet in front of restrooms.

10th Boyd Hill Preserve 1101 Country Club Way, South St. Pete (be careful, GPS often leads you to the backside of this park!) \$3 entrance fee covers parking and restrooms easily available. Meet inside the preserve at the amphitheater with the circular stone oculus (visible from the parking lot, but you have to walk around)

17th Clam Bayou Park 29th Ave. S & Miriam St Gulfport Meet by the restrooms at the waterfront by the canal. Free parking and restrooms usually open.

24th EXCURSION at Weedon Preserve 800 Weedon Drive NE St. Petersburg, FL Paint in Mangrove forests and from wooden outlooks. Bring your kayak, or rent one on site (\$25/4 hours) to paint from kayaks after class. Free bathrooms and parking. Kayak loop after class through the mangrove forests.

NOCTURNE Weds. 25th 7-pm Gulfport Casino 5500 Shore Blvd S. Gulfport, views of quaint & lively downtown with bay views of the lights coming up over the water.

May: St. Pete-Demos in aerial perspective, sighting and sight-sizing, vanishing points and perspective

1st Archibald Beach Park 15100 Gulf Blvd. Madeira Beach fee parking and restrooms available.

8th John's Pass, 12901 Gulf Blvd. Madeira Beach, fee parking in municipal lot across from Gump's and Hooter's. Meet in center of the boardwalk (elevators across from parking) by archway entrance to John's Pass. Picturesque and colorful village.

15th Pass-a-Grille Dog Beach 1499 Pass-a-grille Way St. Pete small beach area with dogs, metered parking near public restrooms. Bordered by a non-dog beach.

22nd Fort De Soto Park, Ruins of Fort De Soto, historic rock structures, tropical landscaping. \$5 parking fee, ample restrooms, bring a swimsuit.

29th EXCURSION Fort DeSoto Park spend the day at Fort De Soto painting and picnicking. Meet at the Group Picnic Area in shelter #4. \$5 parking fee for all day

End of Season picnic, last day of class and party. Bring a dish to share..

NOCTURNE Sat. May 25th 8-9:30pm. John's Pass 12901 Gulf Blvd. Madeira Beach

General Information.....

- ★Please remember to bring your own equipment and materials to each class.
- ★Class meets on site from 9:30am-noon every Wednesday. If there is a threat of inclement weather, class will be moved to noon-3pm instead.
- ★If temperature is below 55 degrees, class is cancelled, if it is above 90 degrees class is cancelled.
- ★When you sign up for 6-8 classes you have all season to use up these classes. Nocturnes are free for passholders, or one per 6-week registration. You can register for a single nocturne through Beach Art Center or Morean Art Center.
- ★Make sure to join the email list for weekly reminders, and our facebook group to post latest paintings.
- ★You are responsible for getting directions to each location. A group email will be sent on Sunday-three days before class-with details to site and information about demo. There will be a GPS'able address or website where you can get more information. Some locations may have names similar to other sites nearby so please be careful. If you are in doubt, email or text Shawn (845) 728-4001
- ★Demonstrations are promptly at 9:45-10am and if you miss it, there will be a printed handout available, but no time is allotted for redoing the demo.
- ★You paint at your own risk, there is no insurance and all places are public parks and places where people frequent. There is an inherent risk in being outdoors and plein air painting.