

Umbria 2019

Spring session May 26– June 8 2019

Late summer session September 15–28th 2019

Two weeks of painting in Monte Castello di Vibio with Lucy MacGillis

This unique medieval hamlet sits high above the Tiber river valley. From the castle walls surrounding the town there are endless compositions to paint.

La Piazza

In the two weeks we spend painting together in and around Monte Castello we will often gather here, in the main square, for a coffee or an aperitivo, to talk about the issues we are confronting in our paintings. We become part of the village.



We will paint from 9-12.
When the noon bells ring
we'll meet for a critique in
the piazza. Then there is a
long siesta and we meet
again around 4pm to paint
until sunset.





Drawing from the landscape is also encouraged as we try to come to terms with the vast depth before us and the unusual perspective of the closer facades and alleyways.



On the weekend in between the two weeks of intense painting, we will have a two day break. Some painters prefer to rest, continue painting, or perhaps take a day trip to see some art.

We can help you arrange a visit to places such as Rome, Orvieto, Assisi or Arezzo and Sansepolcro, to see the frescoes of Piero della Francesca.



The Paint

We supply all the materials for this seminar. This includes oil paint which we create by mixing Italian earth pigments with linseed oil. We also offer french easels, brushes, palette knives, palettes, solvents and turpentine, paper towels, jars and drawing boards. Using a homemade gesso, we prime paper for oil painting.





Authentic Italian living spaces

Lodging is not included in the seminar, but we can help you rent one of the charming village apartments which are on hold for our class to book.

There is also a simple hotel and a small B&B in the village. However the apartments are more spacious and less costly alternatives.

Monte Castello is about 2 hours north of Rome. If you would rather not rent a car there is a bus that comes to Umbria twice daily or private drivers can be hired.

To apply to either 2 week session please email

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900€ fee for 2 weeks painting includes materials