Maynard Dixon Legacy Plein Air Workshop

Proposed Itinerary - Oct 7,8,9 2021

Workshop organizer: Jon Lee Instructor: Roland Lee
Hosts: Paul and Susan Bingham

Wednesday Oct 6 – Fireside Chat

Arrive in Orderville and check into vacation rentals
7pm Fisher Rock House Fireside Chat: *"Maynard Dixon and Other Historical Artists of the Zion Park area of Southern Utah*"

Thursday Oct 7 – Painting Outdoors in the Orderville/Mt. Carmel area

8am Fisher Rock House Breakfast
We will start here each morning at 400 West State St. (Hwy 89) where we have rented the rock Houses. Margo Cook and her friends are making a wonderful breakfast each day for all of us including a hot dish, muffins, fruit, cereal, hot eggs, toast, juice etc. After breakfast we will go over the day's agenda.

9am Plein Air Painting - Orderville Barn
We have arranged to plein air paint some wonderful old barns just up the highway a short way. A backdrop of colored cliffs, and a sandy desert wash provide additional color.

12pm Lunch and siesta on your own
Each mid-day we will have a siesta with time to eat lunch on your own, have a nap, or do as you please.

2pm Maynard Dixon Home in Mt. Carmel - Tour and Plein Air Painting
We will tour the Maynard Dixon home and property in Mt. Carmel now run by Paul and Susan Bingham of the Thunderbird Foundation. We will tour the Edith Hamlin studio which will be our indoor classroom for the workshop. We will also see the art show in the Bingham gallery.

3 pm Paint on the Dixon Property
We will then spend the afternoon painting the lovely buildings and gardens. We can also paint the Elkheart Mountains from the Dixon property.

5pm Casual Catered Dinner at the Dixon Property
Dinner will be provided for us. We have hired a catering service to bring dinner in for a casual evening meal. No charge.

Friday Oct 8 – Painting East Zion Checkerboard Mesa area

8am Fisher Rock House Breakfast
We will start the day at 400 West State St. (Hwy 89) where we will enjoy a wonderful hot breakfast including muffins, Bagels, fruit, cereal, eggs, juice etc. We will go over the day's agenda and arrange car-pooling into Zion National Park.

9am Plein Air Painting – Zion National Park Checkerboard Mesa
I have planned for us to spend most of the day painting and exploring in Zion National Park. There is a $35 entrance fee per car, but most seniors will already have passes. It is a short 20 minute drive from Orderville to the east Park entrance.The Park is very crowded so car-pooling will be essential.

You can paint wherever you want in Zion as an individual or in small groups. However the national parks have strict requirements for organized painting and photography workshop groups, and require permits which are almost impossible to qualify for.

Consequently I do not have a permit. But painting as individuals in Zion is no problem. Avoid setting up tripods and congregatating on the busier trails. The rangers won't bother you but the tourists will all think you are amazing!

You will be on your own for the morning. At 3pm we will meet back at the Hamlin Studio on the Dixon Property for instruction and to finish our paintings from the morning. The Hamlin Studio will be open and set up for painting anytime during our workshop.

3pm Maynard Dixon Property – Edith Hamlin Studio
Roland will present instruction: *"Making the most of plein air painting."*

After Roland's instruction you are free to continue working on your morning paintings in the studio, or go back outdoors to paint again. Afternoon and evening views from the Dixon Property in Autumn are spectacular.

A short hike up the hill leads to an incredible view of the Elkheart Mountains and the Maynard Dixon monument.

6pm Dinner and evening on your own
Tonight dinner is on your own and you are free to explore or continue painting one of the local scenic areas.

Saturday Oct 9 – We will paint outdoors in the Elkheart Cliffs, Diana's Throne Area

8am Fisher Rock House Breakfast
We will start the day at 400 West State St. (Hwy 89) where we will enjoy a wonderful breakfast including muffins, fruit, cereal, hot eggs, toast, juice etc. We will go over the day's agenda and arrange car-pooling for the day's painting.

9am Plein Air Painting – Elkheart White Cliffs just south of Mt. Carmel Junction
This area is on Highway 89 on the way to Coral Pink Sand Dunes about 5 minutes from Mt. Carmel. We will paint the morning light on the cliffs as well as the sand dunes area. The red sand dunes are beautifuly spotted with bright yellow rabbit brush and yuccas. Gnarly dark green junipers and Pines add vertical notes to the landscape. We will paint here all morning.

12 noon Lunch and Siesta time

2pm Hamlin Studio Art Talk
Bring all your paintings and drawings for display. We will discuss the paintings and enjoy sharing thoughts about our experiences. We will quit in time to clean up for dinner in Kanab.

5pm Dinner at "Wild Thyme" Restaurant in Kanab
We have made reservations at the popular Wild Thyme Restaurant in Kanab for our final time together. There is a variety of menu items to choose from at reasonable costs. "Like it should be. Small batches cooked in a scratch kitchen." They use ingredients from their own organic gardens, including one on-site. Costs will be on your own.

General Information:

Food: Breakfast is provided each morning at the Orderville Rock House. Muffins, Bagels, Eggs, fruit, juice, cold cereal etc. Included catered casual dinner Thursday evening. Lunches and other evening meals are on your own. Saturday night dinner at Wild Thyme Restaurant in Kanab. The rental houses have kitchens and motels have small refrigerators and microwaves. Terry's market in Orderville has groceries.

Art Supplies: Bring whatever you are comfortable with for outdoor painting. Painting supplies, sketchbook, folding chair, easel, cooler, umbrella, whatever. Plenty of water.

You will also need to bring: Hat and Sweater or jacket (It WILL be cold in the morning and hot in the afternoon sun), Sunscreen (even if its cold), Camera.

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