

Geoffrey Allen

Two-Day Watercolor Plein Air Workshop

Tuesday, November 14th and Wednesday, November 15th, 2023

Location: TED

Time: 9am – 2pm...bring your lunch...site opens at 8am



Geoffrey Allen received his MFA from Claremont Graduate University in 1990. After that he ran several college galleries including Pasadena City College, Whittier College, and Cerritos College. His journey as an artist has led him through many phases from photography, poured relief works, and now primarily plein air watercolor. Geoff currently lives in Escondido with his wife, Jennifer Brinley.

Artist's statement: "Plein air painting both lends focus to my work while allowing spontaneity. While I have worked in many media, for me watercolor is the most immediate. I find that Watercolor is both medium and metaphor, at times both a curse and a blessing. I love that Watercolor requires me to let go of control so that something beyond my expectations driven by gravity, pigment and water can emerge."

The goal of the workshop is to review techniques and procedures of improving your plein air painting by focusing on visualization, simplification, and editing while accentuating expression, mood, and atmosphere. No subject is perfect but can be improved by playing with design strategies.

Through a series of exercises, and Geoff's step-by-step demonstrations, the class will practice seeing value, connecting shape, and capturing light and shadow.

Day One: Water and Washes, Seeing Values, Heaven and Earth, Atmosphere, Light and Shadow shapes.

Day Two: Trees and Pattern, Pathways of Light, Connection, Golden Mean.

Recent Awards:

- First Place, Oceanside Museum of Art Plein Air Festival
- First Place Quick Draw Award, Frank Bette Center of the Arts
- Best of Show, 19th Annual Best of Plein Air, Laguna Plein Air Painters Association
- Award of Excellence, 2022 Laguna Plein Air Painters Association Invitational

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