

COLORS & THEIR VALUES: PAINTING FOR ALL LEVELS

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**COURSE LEVEL: II COURSE #: S2014
FEE: \$80 PER ADULT AGES 16 AND OLDER**



INSTRUCTOR: DONNA LYONS

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LOCATION: Trail River Ranch Trail River Ranch is located on a small unmarked gravel road on HWY 34. It is located between the Coyote Valley Trailhead to the north and the Onahu Creek Trailhead to the south, approximately two miles inside Rocky Mountain National Park from the west entrance (Kuwaneche Visitor Center). The unmarked gravel road is made visible by two pedestrian crossing signs. Trail River Ranch is reached by following this road to a small parking lot. At the small parking lot, turn left and go through the gate. Trail River Ranch is at the end of this one-way road. **Map on last page of syllabus.**

TIME: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Value is the lightness and darkness of color and is the most important consideration in your composition. In this one-day class we will briefly renew our understanding of the color wheel and color relationships. Correct value placement in landscape painting will be discussed as well as the four properties of color: hue, intensity, temperature, value and how both color and value work together to construct a painting. Using “color-finders” and “value-finders” we will be able to interpret the landscape through the lightness and darkness of the colors we see to construct a good composition. In addition to demonstrations, we will create a small color-chart for our use when we paint one or two pieces that demonstrate our understanding of how we can control our color through values, rather than having our color use control us. Traditional painting methods stressed the application of tones and establishing value patterns on the paper or canvas before applying color. Perhaps a more exciting way to start is to compose in color from the beginning.

COURSE LEVEL: II

Short-distance walks throughout the day primarily on level terrain

BRIEF INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY (additional information available at www.RMConservancy.org):

Donna has lived both on the east and west sides of Rocky after moving to the Kawuneeche Valley in 1978. She is a practicing watercolor painter whose most influential teachers were Herb Thompson and Hollis Williford. She holds a B.F.A. degree in painting from the University of Colorado and a master’s degree in art education from Regis University. A retired elementary art and kindergarten teacher, she now teaches painting workshops throughout the West. She has taught the Wildflower and Watercolor Workshop at Trail River Ranch in the Kawuneeche Valley for the past four years. Her students say: “Donna is an exceptional teacher and an extremely caring individual who gives clear and concise instruction while putting everyone at ease.” Donna is known locally for the stained-glass windows she designed for St. Anne Catholic Church in Grand Lake. She is the author of the book *My Kawuneeche - An Artist’s Journal in Rocky Mountain National Park*.

INSTRUCTOR’S WEBSITE: www.donnalyonswatercolor.com

EXPECTATIONS: Professional conduct will be expected from participants at all times. Individual ideas will be respected. Except during course breaks, cellular phones, pagers, and personal entertainment devices are strictly prohibited in the classroom and during field sessions.

CAR-POOLING: Rocky Mountain Conservancy - Field Institute courses utilize car-pooling to limit vehicles traveling into the park. Car-pooling makes it easier to keep the group together, reduces transit time, and allows courses greater access because fewer parking spaces are required at destinations. In addition, it provides an opportunity for participants to discuss course material in small groups during transit. Typically, a few participants from each course volunteer the use of their vehicles for car-pooling to course locations.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE:

We will meet at the Trail River Ranch classroom. We will be painting and walking in the outdoors. The morning will be filled with demonstrations, discussions, and construction of a small color chart based on the observations of colors we see in the landscape. In the afternoon, we will paint one or two pieces that demonstrate how we can control the color and values we need to make successful paintings. There will be class discussions and a brief critique at the end of the day.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sack lunch, snacks, energy bars, and **WATER**

SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST:

Note: We will be painting on location in the Kawuneeche Valley, so we need to be prepared for this. Our supplies should be easy to carry.

- Portable painting gear
- Your favorite brushes
- Pigments (at least a full palette of twelve colors)
- Painting supports. Bring enough supports to do at least 4 - 6 studies, but no larger than 8"x10".
- If working in watermedia, please have your paper cut to size before class time.

REMEMBER TO BRING THE 10 ESSENTIALS:

Rocky Mountain National Park recommends that hikers always carry the 10 essentials in their daypacks.

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| ▪ Raingear | ▪ Map and compass | ▪ Flashlight or headlamp |
| ▪ Sunglasses and sunscreen | ▪ Candles | ▪ Matches or other fire starter |
| ▪ Pocketknife | ▪ First-aid kit | ▪ Extra layers of clothing |
| ▪ Sack lunch, snacks, and water | | |

Note: Rocky Mountain Conservancy - Field Institute recommends that participants for all courses dress in layers and wear comfortable, sturdy hiking boots/shoes. Participants should be prepared for sudden changes in temperature and weather conditions.

REFUND POLICY:

Cancellations received at least 14 days prior to the start of a class will qualify for a refund minus a cancellation fee of \$25 per participant for a one-day class, \$50 for a multi-day class, \$5 per kid's class and \$15 per half-day class or bus tour seat. Registration money transferred to another class will be subject to a \$10 switch fee. Cancellations received less than 14 days prior to the start of a class or bus tour will not generate a refund. If the Field Institute cancels a class, every effort will be made to place the participant in another class; otherwise, a full refund will be given.

TRAIL RIVER RANCH MAP

