

Painting in Tuscany

with Eleanor Cox

September 5-19, 2009

Castello di Colognole, an authentic 12th century castle completely restored and surrounded by the rolling hills of Tuscany and the vineyards of Chianti Classico Colognole, is divided into four properties, and has undergone various restorations over the centuries. It has retained many original architectural features, preserving its particular charm and giving it an aura of antiquity. The castle overlooks the village of Greve in Chianti and the Castello di Montefioralle. From the garden, are spectacular views of vineyards, olive groves, farmhouses and villages.

Three apartments have been reserved, Bacco, Quartesi and Del Caccia. Each apartment sleeps four, has a kitchen, living area, bathrooms and has access to the garden. Two apartments are on the ground level and one is on the second floor, with a bedroom on the third floor. Because the castle is old and has been made into apartments, not all the bedrooms have an adjoining bathroom, but accessed from a hallway. Some of the bedrooms have two pullaway beds and some have double beds. The Quaratesi apartment is reached by stairs. All have lovely views and a special character of their own. Everyone will be charged the same price, however every effort will be made to accommodate a couple in a queen bedroom. Rita and Fausto Meiners, our host family, live at Colognole. They and Rita's sister Rosita Ricci, who also lives at the castle will host a wine reception in the garden and prepare the final dinner. Rosita speaks English and will assist us, should we need it. The castle can be viewed from its website showing the Bacco and Quartesi apartments as well as garden and castle views. The Del Caccia apartment is private and we will use it for our stay, however photographs of it are not on the website. It is beside the chapel.

Castello di Colognole, www.castellodicolognole.it

Ten painting days will include painting the first day at the castle, then in the nearby villages of Greve, Radda, Volpaia, Vagliagli, Monteriggioni, Castellina, Montefioralle, San Gimignano and Volterra. Traveling to Florence and Siena for day trips is also planned. Painting in Greve will be market day.

Workshop Tour Prices

Sharing an apartment: \$1525, based on 12, four to an apartment.

Includes: 14 nights, a wine reception on Sunday, September 6, and a final dinner on Thursday, September, 17. Instruction for 10 painting days, two of which will be touring days to Florence and Siena, 2 travel days, and 2 free days.

Not included: airfare, car rental, which can be shared with other painters, and meals, except for the final dinner. Dale Fuller at Covington Travel will book airfare and assist in car rental, 804-747-4122

Groceries, wine and bakery items can be purchased in nearby Greve and Panzano. Most villages have delightful places to lunch.

To make a reservation: Mail the form below with your deposit of \$500 to:

Eleanor Cox

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804-320-1445, 804-320-2613 fax, 804-513-7452, cell

Deposit, \$500 due with application, Balance, \$1025 due, July 5. Non painters, deduct \$200.

Full
Name_____

Non
artist_____

Mailing
address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone_____email_____

Upon receipt of application and deposit, a supply list will be sent. Maps, directions, a tentative schedule of sites, and a list of restaurants will be sent by July 5.

In the event of cancellation, payment will be refunded less the following: up to June 5, - \$100 per person, June 5-July 5, -\$500 per person. After July 5, no refund unless trip is full and cancelled space can be resold to somebody on the waiting list, in which case the \$500 charge will apply. Trip insurance is suggested. If needed, contact Dale Fuller at Covington Travel.

A passport is required. It must be valid at the time you return to the U.S. preferably for at least six months. Prices are based on currency exchange rates as of October 2008. If there is any major fluctuation, adjustments will be made later. The workshop will involve walking and you must be able to carry your painting supplies. Every attempt will be made to park as close to the painting site as possible.

Responsibility: Eleanor Cox can not be held responsible for accidents, loss, damage, or injury to persons or property. Dale Fuller and Covington Travel act only as agent for airlines and other contractors providing services and cannot accept responsibility in whole or in part for any travel adversities.

Accommodations:

I/We prefer a room with one large bed two twin beds

I wish to share a room
with _____

Please assign a room mate is possible

Payment Check is enclosed

I wish to charge my deposit & final payment to: Visa Mastercard

Credit Card Number:

Name as shown on Credit Card:

Signature of Cardholder:

I/We have read the brochure and understand and accept the conditions outlined

Signed _____

Date _____

Eleanor Cox specializes in watercolors that feature color and light in the landscape and garden. Her work focuses on Virginia but she has traveled abroad annually for 24 years to paint en plein air in England, Ireland, France, and Italy. Holding a BFA from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, she has won many local and regional awards including honors from the Southern Watercolor Society, the Baltimore Watercolor Society, the Potomac Valley Watercolorists, and the Virginia Watercolor Society, all of which she is an artist member. Her work is in many private and corporate collections, including Forbes Magazine, Wachovia Bank, Philip Morris Corporation, CSX, Capital One, First Union Bank, and James River Corporation.

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