

Spring Art Week with Erik Dreis

May 20-26, 2023

all levels all media

for artists and friends of artists!

Held at the Maison Quaker between the Cevennes mountains and the Mediterranean Sea

A very special week, in a very special place!

Our Spring Art Facilitator is Erik Dreis. Erik has explored watercolour, acrylic, digital, and drawing media in his life as an artist. He has transformed the children's room at his local Quaker meetinghouse with trees and animals on the four walls and the ceiling, and has made a comic book on Quakers (translated in English and Tsjech, other translations on the way). He has also made games, calendars, postcards, and bookmarks for Quakers, Stop Fueling War, and publications.

What's involved? The retreat involves five facilitated sessions, followed by the chance to paint, draw or photograph "en plein air" in a variety of locations. Kate is able to help and encourage people at all levels, whether absolute beginners or accomplished artists. Introductions are followed by dinner on Saturday. Each weekday there is a lesson and time to create. There is the option to explore the area independently or just relax in our beautiful garden. We have bikes available and the opportunity to go swimming. In the evenings we share a three-course meal and there is an optional evening activity. Each weekday morning there is a short meeting for worship which some guests like to attend.

Excursions: We will be taking an optional train trip to Arles as well as one to the nearby village of Sauve. Lunch will be provided on these days; however, all train tickets, museum fees, and other costs are paid by the participants.

Our guests often come before the retreat or stay on to continue making art or to walk, cycle or go sightseeing.

Art Supplies: Most participants bring some art supplies. We make a group order through Beaux-Arts two weeks before the start of the retreat so that those who wish to purchase materials can do so. We will have some limited materials on site for purchase as well.

Accommodations: Our accommodations are simple and comfortable. Some rooms are en-suite, some share bathroom facilities. We have rooms available on the ground floor to ensure ease of access for guests with mobility problems and we have a shower room adapted for guests with disabilities. The meeting room has a piano which guests are welcome to play. We have a large attractive garden with many sunny and shady spaces.

The Food: We offer a buffet breakfast each morning from 8.30 am. At lunchtime the lunches generally consist of a salad, a quiche or other savoury dish, a dessert, fresh fruit and drink. In the evening there is a three-course meal with wine. Throughout the day there are a

selection of teas and coffee available as well as biscuits and fruit. We can accommodate vegetarian and gluten free diets upon request.

The Cost: Facilitated Programme: 6 nights - 820€ private / 695€ shared accommodation, includes all meals, transport to local sites, accommodation Additional Days: 110€ per day private / 82€ per day shared accommodation includes accommodation, transport to local sites, breakfasts and evening meals.

Deposit Information: Please send your 200€ deposit via bank transfer in euro or we can take a check in your own currency and we will hold it and exchange it for euro cash when you arrive. You can use Wise for an easy and inexpensive way to send your dollars or pounds to us in euro:

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We hope you can join us!

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