

STUDIO CERQUEUX

THE FRENCH STUDIO OF R.A. BYRNES



Study with Richard at Studio Cerqueux this Summer

Come to France and our charming village – Les Cerqueux Sous Passavant in the Loire Valley. As the town sign says, “LES CERQUEUX SOUS PASSAVANT” is “A Village of Artists”. Study art, learn to draw and paint while enjoying la vie Française. We offer classes for the month of June 2012. If enrollment justifies we will open additional sessions. Special arrangements can be made for classes in May and July. Reserve your place and make plans to join us and have fun while enhancing your creative experience and individual expression! French cooking and language lessons can be arranged.



About our classes

The Art Week begins with a morning of studio work refreshing the basics as needed, getting to know each other and planning a program that best suits each student’s needs and direction. Richard typically provides a demonstration drawing or painting in the studio or garden. Afternoons are for independent study and self-directed exploration of French life and the abundance of nearby cultural interests.

The rest of the week, we focus on the work and fun of getting what you see onto a sheet of paper or canvas. Our goal is to get you to see what you’re looking at and transfer that to your artwork. Draw inspiration from anything that captures your imagination and spend the rest of the week working to develop your ideas. Our small group size ensures that you’ll get plenty of individual instruction and guidance as needed.



Artists of every level

Whether you are an absolute novice or advanced practitioner, all are welcome. Wherever you are on your artistic journey, Richard will guide you to the next level. Our drawing and painting classes are flexible and designed to get you over any blocks. We will teach you how to use pastel, oil and acrylic paints as a means to develop your unique style. We want you to create the way you should. “Senior” is a state of mind and Art is a youth potion. Come to Les Cerqueux and enjoy learning and good food. We’re user friendly.

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What you'll learn

Classes are freely structured, allowing each individual to follow his or her "muse" while drawing, painting or printing. You'll study and review:

- How to see and getting it on the page
- Proportion, Line drawing, Light and Shade
- Composition and Color
- Using Perspective

Landscape Painting

Your inner Van Gogh is in our neighborhood. It teems with "paintable" plein-air views both in the village and the countryside – chateaux, ruins, fields, farms and distant views of the classical French landscape.

Discover Art Workshops

If you enjoy painting and photography and would like to experiment with basic printmaking techniques, we have what you want.

The Studio

Our studio is very large (over 6000 sq.ft.) with painting studios, a study library and includes a fully equipped print studio with our new 36" X 48" press.



2012 CALENDAR & SCHEDULE

This summer promises to be our busiest yet. Come on your own or find a group of friends and come together. Sign up for a session and let's get started.

Art Weeks Available 2012 All Mondays begin at 18hr with meet, greet & eat.

Monday June 4 - Sunday June 10

Monday June 11 - Sunday June 17

Monday June 18 - Sunday June 24

Monday June 25 - Sunday July 1

Classes are held from 9 to 12 and 2 to 5 Tuesday thru Saturday. Students are welcome to Open Studio time for independent work in the early evening. Or, take advantage of the many cultural interests in the area. The Royal Abbe Fontevraud, an easy drive, has a full concert schedule.

Jazz is popular and there are concerts everywhere in the area. There are great restaurants in Vihiers and Doué-la-Fontaine.

Why Art Week begins on Monday PM and end on Sunday AM. This is France and although you may want to drive down from Paris or other points, some will find it convenient to rent an auto at the TGV station in Angers. Car Rental Companies at the Gare in Angers are only open until noon on Saturdays and are closed on Sundays. (You can however leave a rental car at the Parking Garage at the Gare and drop the keys at the rental counter before taking the TGV back to CDG.

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TUITION

Individual art students: \$1,225 for 5 days of instruction, some studio supplies, 6 night accommodations, continental breakfasts, 6 multi-course lunches at the village restaurant dining room, transportation to plein-air site. Parties of 6 or more are eligible for a group discount.

Non-artist companion: \$475 excludes instruction.

Payment Schedule: \$150 non-refundable deposit per student with a final payment due 6 weeks before the start of each week. If Studio Cerqueux must cancel a booking, we will provide you with a full refund. If you must cancel your reservation after making your final payment, we'll return the class cost less the non-refundable deposit of \$150.

**Note on Materials:* If you bring your own oil paints, mark them in checked luggage as "artist colors". We will have a stock of oil paints available at the studio for your use along with a supply of turpentine and dryers [Liquin]. You should pack your own brushes, although we also have some used brushes and palette knives in the studio for student use.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATIONS

Where is Les Cerqueux Sous Passavant?

Les Cerqueux Sous Passavant, a quiet country village in Anjou Department is 35 kilometers from Angers, a major city 200 kilometers due west of Paris. It's an hour drive to the ocean beaches (and Casinos). The natives are friendly and there are several American artists who have studios in the village, you can identify them by their accents.

Begin your trip to Les Cerqueux Sous Passavant at Charles de Gaulle airport terminal 2 and drive or take the SNCF [Société National Chemin de Fer] TGV to Angers-Saint Laud. The Gare is in the airport. You'll need a car to get to Les Cerqueux Sous Passavant which is easy with a Tom-Tom.

Access to Angers from Paris

From Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport:

- Direct link by TGV (high speed train) to Angers (2:10 hours travel)

3 TGV per day from the airport terminal 2.

Advance seat reservation necessary (return ticket costs 100 to 130 € in 2nd class).

- Air France bus shuttle service

leaves from terminal 1 and 2 every 30 minutes (from 7:00 to 21:00) to Montparnasse railway station in the city of Paris (one way ticket costs 11,50 €)

- Taxi between Roissy and Montparnasse costs approximately 60 €.

From Orly-Sud and Orly-Ouest airports:

- Air France bus shuttle service, leaving from the airports every 15 minutes (from 6:00 to 23:00) to Montparnasse railway station (one way ticket costs 7,50 €).

- Taxi between Orly and Montparnasse costs approximately 30 €.

From Montparnasse railway station:

- 15 TGV per day to Angers (1:30 hours travel)

Advance seat reservation necessary (return ticket costs 84 to 108 € in 2nd class).

By road:

- A10 and then A11 motorway from Paris to Angers. 3:00 hours

*Additional information about travel visit: <http://www.raileurope.com>

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Accommodations

A 6-night accommodation, continental breakfasts, 6 multi-course lunches at the village restaurant dining room, and transportation to plein-air site are included with the cost of tuition. Accommodations range from home-stays to chateaux, to lovely bed and breakfasts in the Les Cerqueux Sous Passavant area.

OUR TOWN

Studio Cerqueux is in Les Cerqueux-sous-Passavant, a quiet village in the Loire Valley characterized by fields of sunflowers, farms and vineyards, a landscape dotted with chateaux, ruins, picturesque views and fields of beautiful buttery-colored cow herds.

As the town sign says "LES CERQUEUX S/S PASSAVANT" is a "Village of Artists". It is so friendly to American artists that dozens of painters, sculptors, and printmakers have studios here.

The village and surrounding area are rich with cultural treasures. From art festivals to jazz concerts, French cooking classes, antique shops, and museums, there are plenty of wonderful ways to spend your free time.

Travel to and around Les Cerqueux-sous-Passavant is easy. Located just 200 km (about 125 miles) due west of Paris, it's not far from the cosmopolitan center of Angers and only an hour from the Atlantic coast beaches.

AREA & CULTURAL INTERESTS

The village of Les Cerqueux-sous-Passavant and the surrounding Loire Valley area provide endless opportunities to experience French life and culture. From self-directed exploration to scheduled events and historic destinations, your free time will be as enriching as your time making art. During your visit, we encourage you to:

- Explore the art museum, galleries, and antique shops, in Angers.
- Experience the Apocalypse Tapestries at the Angers Chateau and then visit the Musée Lurcat tapestry museum.
- Take a French language or cooking class in or near the village.
- Try regional wines at a local wine tasting.
- Hear jazz and classical music concerts performed in Angers, Saumur, and the beautifully restored Abbey complex in Fontevraud.
- Enjoy local art festivals and concerts available throughout the summer.



WINE COUNTRY



VIHIERS SHOPPING



TWILIGHT CONCERT

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Day Trips

With so many great destinations close by, enjoy visiting some of these French favorites:

- Get up early and plan on a later dinner when you visit three major and nearby chateaux:
 - o Amboise - where Leonardo da Vinci is buried
 - o Clos-Lucé - where da Vinci spent the last three years of his life and where life-sized working models of many of his inventions fill the gardens
 - o Chenonceau - where Queens and royal mistresses battled each other and designed the chateau
- Take an easy drive to Plessis Bourré, a classic moated chateau with Medieval elements and Renaissance luxury.
- Visit Montgeoffroy, a completely untouched chateau that survived the Revolution better than its clever master.
- Wander through the largest Japanese garden in Europe in nearby Maulévrier.



CHATEAU CHENONCEAU



CHATEAU MONTGEOFFROY

SIGN UP TODAY

Come join us this summer, feel free to call or email with any questions!

Contact Richard to sign up today today!

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