

STUDIO CERQUEUX

THE FRENCH STUDIO OF R.A. BYRNES



Rent Studio Cerqueux this Summer:

The perfect destination for artists, teachers, printmakers, or anyone looking to enjoy la vie Française!

If you've ever dreamt of spending a week in the French countryside our charming village – Les Cerqueux Sous Passavant in the Loire Valley is the right place. Our home and studio at 5 rue de la Mairie is a unique experience.

When you enter through the front door, a world of wonder is revealed. You'll first see a collection of large white sculptures, monumental painted screens, abstract and representational paintings and a library filled with art books. When you pass through the painting studio, you'll enter the apartment for another surprise. You will find a lovely commodious French salon with an America eye for convenience. The glass sliders reveal the wisteria covered terrace pergola, the garden and the western sky. Studio Cerqueux is perfect for artists and printmakers but it's equally as wonderful for anyone who wants to relax and enjoy la vie Française.



Renters with a musical penchant will love the electronic piano. We have sheet music but you may want to bring your favorites. The lounge furniture is super comfortable. The TV has 6 channels of French language programs, great for developing your French ear.

Our Studio

The 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. Artists are free to use the studios as they wish. Printers have access to the Print Studio upstairs with the 36" x 48" press suitable for etching, monotype and Xerox-based lithographs.



**Note on Materials: If you bring your own oil paints, pack them in your checked luggage and mark them "artist colors". You should bring your own brushes. We have a supply of turpentine and dryers (Liquin).*

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2012 CALENDAR & COST

When there are no classes during May, July, August and September individuals may rent the complete apartment and Studio. Artists, printers, teachers with mature students, and visitors can rent the entire facility, which includes the studios and the apartment. The apartment sleeps 8 with a cot for #9, has four bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths, a living room, dining room and kitchen, as well as a covered patio in the garden.

Rental is \$1,225 for the renter and \$200 for each additional person up to eight. Contact us for more information and available dates.

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 rental cost, less the non-refundable deposit of \$150.

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

The studio is extra large (6,000 sqft) with four bedrooms, two full and two half baths.

First Floor

There is a small gallery and library just inside the front door. Then a large painting and/or sculpture studio with five easels and a model stand as well as a shop area with table saw, drills and tools. The apartment on the garden end has a large salon with an electronic piano and TV. The dining area and cuisine are ala Americain. There is also a half-bath. Large glass sliders open to a wisteria covered pergola, terrace and the garden. The master bedroom on this floor has a large full bath (shower). There is also access to a laundry/wannabe bedroom with a cot, a washer and dryer - a good spot for young children.

Second Floor (Grenier)

The second floor has access from the front door as well as a hidden stairway in the Salon. There's a fully equipped print studio with a full sized press and drying racks as well as a large blank wall for pinning up work. The northern half of the grenier has twelve sky lights and 30 feet of folding doors that open to a view of the village. There are also three bedrooms and a full bath on this level.

At the end of your stay, the studio must be thoroughly cleaned and press covered with plastic. All bottles and cans securely closed.

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.



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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.
- Cheer on the riders as the Tour de France passes through the nearby city of Cholet.
- 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.

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.

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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