

LESLIE B. DEMILLE PSA

Oil and Pastel Portrait Workshop

in the French Countryside

September 27 – October 11, 2009

La Bonne Etoile Artist Retreat



For 2009, we welcome Mr. DeMille back to La Bonne Etoile, Fontaine-Fourches, FRANCE for 2 weeks of intensive instruction in the studio, great storytelling at the dinner table, and great fun experiencing the French art world and culture together.

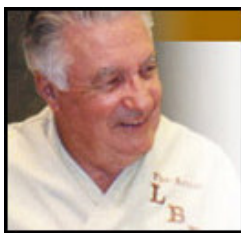
9 Instructional Sessions, including 6 demos by Mr. DeMille of completed portraits from live models

9 Individual Sessions, including 7 live model sessions, with personal instructional at the student's easel.

2 Optional painting sessions, choice of *en plein air* in the garden, still life setup, or portrait



Leslie B. DeMille studied in Canada and then the Art Students League, NY and has taught portraiture in pastels and oil for over 50



years conducting workshops throughout the US and Canada. He is a Fellow, American Artists Professional League, NY and American Institute of Fine Arts, LA; Member, Academy of Golf Art, Florida and is on the Faculty of Scottsdale Artists School in Arizona. His noted commissions include

Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Sam Snead, Bob Hope and Dinah Shore. His commissioned bronze sculpture of President Reagan is on permanent exhibit at the Reagan Library.

Mr. DeMille is author of three instructional books and hosted the acclaimed television series "Portraits in Pastel". His Keynote opening, three-hour Pastel Portrait Demonstration for the International Association of Pastel Societies in Albuquerque in May, 2007 was exceptionally received by the over 500 artists and dignitaries attending. His return to IAPS in 2009 is greatly anticipated.

Learn more about Mr. DeMille and see his work www.lesliebdemille.com



To enhance your portrait workshop studies, the in-home and restaurant dinners, as well as all the excursions have been chosen to help you experience the local flavors of France that are not evident from a tour bus. This particular region of France, while a very big French tourism destination, isn't as highly visited by English speaking tourists, so, guides will be added to our group from time to time. The cities chosen are not so large that anyone who chooses to slip away and wander will not feel intimidated.

Whether you return to the states exhausted, having taken part in every class, excursion, and every extra minute in the studio or balance your stay with rest and relaxation as top priority, our hopes are that you leave La Bonne Etoile inspired. Inspired in your art and your spirit, having acquired new skills in creativity and foreign travel.

The all-inclusive land package price of **3320 Euros** covers the following:

14 nights of lodging

All meals, drinks, and gratuities

All tuition for instruction with Leslie B. DeMille

All model fees

A host from La Bonne Etoile will accompany your group for the duration of your stay

All ground transportation costs, including airport transfers, excursions, and shuttles to lodging for off-site guests

All admissions to museums and sites

Unlimited studio time

En plein air excursions in the beautiful French countryside

Internet access and access to laundry facilities.

Supplies and air transportation not included.

Just a few of the highlights and excursions include:

Paris - *This one-day excursion is to try and give you a few bearings and “land legs” for future trips to Paris and not an all-inclusive visit. .*

Brocantiing -*During the summer months, France’s countryside is filled with local festivals and small brocantes. These are a combination flea market/ garage sale/ festival with a mixture of local citizens and professional merchants. Going to the brocantes every weekend seems to be a French tradition; you will see Parisians out for the weekend and locals, all looking for the treasures to be found. This is a real treat that is always a hit with Americans though probably not on any tours.*

Market Day -*The weekly market in Bray-sur-Seine will be scheduled for those that would like to browse and take pictures. This particular market is a real treat, even for those familiar with European open-air markets.*

And much, much more.

Please feel free to visit our website www.labonneetoile.com and the director's personal website www.kippyhammond.com to get a great sense of the adventure that we are planning for you.



The region is rich with history and excursions can be added as desired by the group. Also, arriving early or departing late is an option, room and board to be based on 110 Euros per day with special add-on excursions planned in response to individual requests and available time. Here are a few options to consider:

Provins- *The ancient fortified city of Provins sits atop a ridge overlooking the Seine valley and the Champagne chalk lands, roughly equidistant from both Paris and Troyes. The town has a famous outline, dominated by a tower and the dome of Eglise St-Quiriace. Provins' role as an important center of commerce was confirmed in the 12C when it became one of the two capitals of the County of Champagne.*

Troyes *is a charming, medieval city. We will begin the day with a guided walking tour with an English-speaking tour guide. You have a choice to explore the numerous museums and churches in the ancient city or to sketch within helping distance of the instructor.*

Sens *This rather small town was important well before Caesar came to Gaul. The Cathedral St-Etienne is Sens' outstanding glory. Begun before 1140 it is the oldest of the great Gothic cathedrals and the attached museum houses the most outstanding Gallo-Roman collection in France.*

Château de Vaux le Vicomte - *This beautiful château is the precursor of Versailles and is a favorite of those that know French history. Rick Steves rates it in the top ten of the most underrated sites in Europe. We will continue our day to Moret sur Loing where Thomas Sisley painted and enjoy a dinner at La Palette, a wonderful restaurant.*

Plus the Champagne region with visits to the great champagne houses in Epernay and Reims, Vezelay, Joigny, Fontainebleau, Chartres, and more.

Special notes concerning air transportation from the United States

In making your air travel arrangements do remember that your **departure date from the states will be September 26, 2009 arriving at Charles De Gaulle Airport in Paris on September 27, 2009.**

Your departure date from CDG is October 11, 2009 depending, arriving in the states on the same day.

All flights into CDG airport from the states arrive in the AM. Because we will be using a commercial bus company for your shuttle, we request that you try and schedule your arrival time approximately between 8:00 and 10:00 AM and your departure in the late morning or early afternoon.

How do I make reservations?

Contact us immediately via email to reserve your space, khstudios@yahoo.com OR Kristina@labonneetoile.com

A General Trip Agreement will be forwarded to you.

Fill in your personal information and sign

Include check or money order made payable to Kippy Hammond for \$1500.00

Mail the signed agreement and deposit to: Kippy Hammond, PO Box 767130, Roswell, GA 30076 to confirm reservation.

What is the method and scheduling of the remaining balance?

3320 Euros per student The price in US \$ will be frozen at the exchange rate on the date when final balance is due. The exchange rate as of January 14, 2009 yielded a US \$ amount of \$4388

The balance is due July 26, 2009.

Because the balance due is to be calculated with the daily exchange rate as of July 26, 2009, you will need to recalculate the foreign currency exchange for the total of 3320 Euros into US Dollars and deduct the deposit to obtain the remaining balance.

This payment may be paid in the equivalent dollar amount by check or money order, payable to: Kippy Hammond, PO Box 767130, Roswell, GA 30076.

Any additional charges during your stay will be only upon your request and approval. This amount must be paid before departure from La Bonne Etoile.

Copies of paid invoices will be supplied on request. Please indicate the name you wish to be invoiced under if it is different from the name on your checks, khstudios@yahoo.com