



***The Illustrated Journal:
If you draw it, you will never forget it!***

Wednesday, June 28, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

No previous art experience or skills needed to participate in this seminar! Anyone can learn these basic skills which will open your eyes to the natural world around you and enhance your visit to Shenandoah National Park! Learn to illustrate your field notes through a series of easy drawing and writing exercises. The illustrated journal you create will be a lasting record of your visit to Shenandoah!

The following information and seminar agenda will help you plan your day.

- **When?** The seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 in the Massanutten Room, lower level of the **Big Meadows Lodge**, mile 51.2 on Skyline Drive. Please plan to arrive between 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. to get checked in. For directions to the park and entrance fee rates visit www.nps.gov/shen/planyourvisit/directions.htm
- **What to bring?** All art supplies for the seminar and then to take home will be provided. We will be doing drawings out in the field, and will do some short walks along some trails. Bring your lunch, snacks, and water for the day and an easy to carry folding stool if you wish.
- **What to wear?** There will be some very easy light hiking so wear comfortable walking clothes and bring a jacket, sunscreen, raingear, hat, and container for water. As we will be outside, be aware of ticks, so long pants, closed-toe shoes and insect repellent are recommended.
- **Where to go?** We will start at the Massanutten Room at Big Meadows Lodge for some introductory instructions and exercises. We will then head out for some field work with possible locations near the lodge, visitor center and along the Skyline Drive in the Big Meadows area. You will need to have your own transportation.
- **Instructor?** This seminar will be given by local artist Phyllis Northup. Phyllis spent decades as an art teacher working with all ages in public and private schools and community programs, worked as an Interpretive Ranger in a few National Parks, and has presented seminars at the Grand Canyon, Big Bend National Park, and Hiawatha National Forest on Lake Superior. She and her husband Jim have lived and worked in nine different national parks around the country. Phyllis began painting in oils when she was nine years old and has focused on her own work as a studio artist for the last 18 years. Now working in watercolor, her work is always inspired by nature.

Seminar Agenda

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| 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. | Meet at the Big Meadows Lodge Massanutten Room and sign in |
| 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. | Welcome, introductions, schedule, logistics for the day (restrooms, lunches, travel, etc) |

- 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Introducing the tools of discovery, using drawing exercises and techniques to help you really learn to see the natural world around you. Be inspired by nature quotes from well-known naturalists and conservationists.
- 11:00 - noon Travel to Byrd Visitor Center, writing and drawing exercises in Big Meadows
- Noon -12:45 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 12:45 Meet in front of Byrd Visitor Center to begin field work. Locations TBD.
- 1:00 – 4:00 We will use drawing and writing exercises, close observation and color as we explore the intimate landscapes as well as the big views of the areas near Big Meadows.
- 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Conclusion – questions/answers, share journals