

2024 Idaho Watercolor Society Annual Workshop

June 4th to June 6th

Riverside Hotel – Laurel Room

Realistic Watercolor Techniques with

Kathleen S. Giles

~AWS, NWS-M, TWSA, AWA, PWS,
NFWS, WHS



This class will explore the importance of value and composition. We will use a unified color scheme and texture to create a three-dimensional look. Using a limited palette, Kathleen will demonstrate the mixing of triads and explain the importance of grays. Mixtures can be altered by the ratio of warm to cool color that enhances the glow of the final painting. Working at a manageable size with larger shapes will allow students to do two paintings during the 3-day class. The class starts with a short slide show and Kathleen will discuss choosing reference photos. Each morning and afternoon will begin with a demonstration with plenty of personal one-on-one attention. Critique will take place at the end of each day. Wet-into-wet, wet-on-dry, glazing techniques and dry brush will be demonstrated and explained.

Students will learn:

- ~how to show the contours of subject matter using hard and soft edges
- ~to read values correctly and alter them when necessary
- ~create depth with layered glazes and texture
- ~how to use neutrals for balance and depth
- ~create unity by mixing grays and blacks and shown how to lift out lost highlights or brighten areas when needed.

Students will receive a palette and supply list. The reference photos and an introductory video from Kathleen will be sent to all registered students about 5 weeks before the workshop.

Level of student: Some previous watercolor experience needed

For more information, check out her website:

www.kgilesstudio.com

Artists statement/bio

“My art has become such an all-encompassing force in my life that I am always involved in some aspect of it. I am drawn to subjects that are filled with color and dramatic lighting.

They can be beautiful but often have an underlying story. My work captures a moment in time. I strive to draw the viewer into my visual narrative and to

create an emotional response. For me, realism is the best way to do that. My teaching has allowed me to meet and work with wonderful artists from all around the world. I value those relationships that have enriched my life so much.” -

Kathleen

Kathleen’s primary discipline is watercolor and her realistic portrayal of everyday life has won her many awards. She is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, a Master Signature of the National Watercolor Society, the Transparent Watercolor Society, American Women Artists, Women In Watercolor, the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society and the Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society. The artist is a member of the International Guild of Realism and an elected member of the Allied Artists of America.

The artist’s work is defined by strong values and intense colors on a variety of subjects. She travels the U.S. to teach workshops, in-person and online.



1. If you would like to enter this workshop, email **both** Jnahfong@gmail.com and gskluskdal@gmail.com. If you don't receive a confirmation of your

entry, contact us. If we should receive more entries than the 24 places available, we will do a lottery after a couple weeks, February 15th. This is an effort to be fairer in case there are those who are out of cell range when this call goes out.

2. The cost is \$425.
3. If we have not received your entry fee and money (check made out to IWS) by April 1st, your spot will go to another. Before April 1st, cancellations will receive a full refund. After April 1st, moneys received will be refunded if there is someone to take your place on the waiting list. Or you may find your own replacement.
4. The workshop will go from 9am until 4pm June 4th through June 6th.
5. Lunches will be provided each day. Morning coffee, tea, water will be available.
6. Location is Riverside Inn, 2900 W Chinden Blvd, Garden City ID 83714
7. We will send out a supply list both to confirmed entrants and to wait list people.
8. **Out of towners**: There will be a block of rooms available at the Riverside Inn 208-343-1871. The block will be listed under IWS, but that is not yet taken care of. The IWS state show, awards ceremony, reception, and workshop will all be held at the Riverside Inn, so it will be a very convenient place to stay. The awards ceremony and reception will be Tuesday the 3th.

Send this form to Susan Kluksdal *after email entry confirmation*.

1766 N Bello Sara Way

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Check # made out to IWS _____

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