

Supply List for North Carolina Pastel Landscape Workshop – IN-PERSON PLEIN AIR List

Basics

- **Pastels:** You should have a set of at least 36-48 pastels to start with. The more you have, the better. Both Polychromos (36-pc set), NuPastel (48-pc set) and Cretacolor (72-pc set) make good sets. Plus a selection of softer pastels such as Blue Earth or Mount Vision.
- **Paper:** UArt Sanded Pastel Paper (plan on (2) 9x12 sheets per day and also a few 5x7 pieces.) I like the 400-grit. If you bring something different, make sure it can take an alcohol wash. Do not bring Sennelier LaCarte, as it can't stand moisture.
- **Backboard** to tape paper to
- **Solvent:** Rubbing alcohol. Try getting it in spray bottle, as I have taken to spraying on the alcohol rather than using a brush.
- **Finger Cots or gloves** for protecting fingertips
- **Masking tape**

Miscellaneous

- **Outdoor easel:** I use the Heilman Designs "Backpacker" box plus tripod. I use the ProMaster XC525 tripod. I also like the En Plein Air Pro setup. If you bought a new easel for the workshop, make sure you know how to set it up.
- **Small Sketchbook** and **6B drawing pencil** for making quick thumbnail sketches.
- **ViewCatcher** or similar viewfinder
- **Paper towels** and **small garbage bags**
- **Photos to work from** in the event of bad weather
- **Hat, sunblock** and **water bottle**
- **Appropriate clothing** and **footwear**

Optional

- **Umbrella.** Might be helpful in intense sunlight.
- **Stool.** Especially if you must sit to paint.
- **Lunch** or snacks.

NOTE about Carpooling. Carpooling is okay, but I have two rules:

- Driver sets the schedule
- Make sure you have everything you need before getting into your friend's car

Suggested Reading

My new book, *Beautiful Landscape Painting Outdoors: Mastering Plein Air*, will give you everything you need to know for outdoor painting. Order from www.Amazon.com/author/johnson It is available for pre-order now and will be out March 2022. Plenty of time for the workshop! If you can't wait for it, check out my earlier book, *Backpacker Painting: Outdoors with Oil and Pastel*. Also at Amazon.

**Also, take my Plein Air Essentials courses if you are new to plein air painting:
www.PleinAirEssentials.com**

The "Bibles" of Outdoor Painting:

Guide to Landscape Painting by John F. Carlson.

Composition of Outdoor Painting by Edgar Payne.