



The Cultural Center
AT PONTE VEDRA BEACH

PRESENTS

Painting the Landscape of Tuscany

ELLEN DIAMOND ACRYLIC OR OIL WORKSHOP - all levels

The workshop will focus on the challenge of simplifying the chaos of the outdoor subject, and capturing the fleeting light and shadow patterns. Ellen will demonstrate her painterly approach and you will see how her use of color excites the eye and helps you to see a more colorful world which in turn creates an emotional response to her work. You will learn the secrets of eliciting the effect you desire in your own work. Individualized and personalized instruction as well as individual and group critiques will take place throughout the week.

DATES: June 25 - July 2, 2010

7 nights – arrival on Friday, June 25, 2010 and departure by noon Friday, July 2, 2010

LOCATION:

Ideally situated in the hamlet of Vagliagli, this seven day workshop will be presented at the Dievole Chianti classico Winery offering breathtaking views of the northern Italian Countryside. Villa Dievole is set in tranquil surroundings, nestled in the beautiful Tuscan hills. Cypress and olive trees, far-reaching vineyards, hidden villages and magnificent medieval buildings dominate the landscape. Reputed wines have been produced at Dievole for over 900 years. Experience the Tuscan hillside as the sun radiates over the silvery olive trees while the vineyards create mosaic patterns on the hills and the wildflowers that dot the landscape provide inspirational subject matter for the workshop being given by Ellen Diamond. Visit Dievole online at <http://www.dievole.it/en/home/home.aspx>

- ◆ Pick up at Florence train station on initial Friday, transfer to Dievole (1.5 hrs)
- ◆ 5 days of one-on-one and group instruction from Ellen Diamond
- ◆ 7 nights at Dievole, including breakfast
- ◆ 7 dinners (including wine) prepared by Dievole's chef
- ◆ Excursion to Siena
- ◆ 2 excursions to local hill towns (ex: Radda, San Gimignano, etc.)
- ◆ Organized wine tour and tasting
- ◆ Transportation for these excursions provided
- ◆ Optional morning hiking or stretch classes are available

Other excursions and events that can be offered for an additional charge:

- ◆ Visit to Castellina in Chianti with a lecture on Etruscan civilization by a local professor with a visit inside the ancient burial ground
- ◆ Visit to family run goat cheese farm
- ◆ Visit to Chianti Cashmere (a woman from Long Island who makes luxuriously one-of-a-kind Cashmere and goat milk products)
- ◆ Excursion to Florence
- ◆ Visit to a local spa and sulfur baths
- ◆ Additional winery tours
- ◆ Visit to local artisans

The Palio of Siena Festival - with its exciting horse race is one of the most popular and well-known historic festivals in Italy. The contest to win the palio of Siena is a horse race run in Siena's fan-shaped main square, Piazza del Campo or Il Campo. Siena is divided into 17 neighborhoods, or contrade, each with a rider. Ten contrade take part in the first race, July 2, chosen by a draw 20 days before the race. The other seven plus three from the July race compete August 16. Horses are assigned to the riders by a draw three days before the race. There are other events around the days of the palio, too, starting June 29 and August 13.

Program does not include: airfare, personal expenses of participants, gratuities, supplies, transportation outside the scope of the arranged excursions or meals outside what is outlined in the Program Description.

COST:

\$2,400 per person

\$200 non-refundable deposit due at registration

Payments to be made to: The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach
50 Executive Way
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

[Register and pay online](#)

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