



Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society
Spring 2024 Watercolor Workshop

Richard Stephens

Lighten Up, Loosen Up
May 13 - 17, 2024



**Castiglia Art Center
at the Historic Roycroft Campus**
21 South Grove Street, East Aurora, NY 14052



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9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Lunch 12:15 - 1:00 PM

Bring a bag lunch or pre-order lunch

\$480 for NFWS members

\$525 for non-members

Participants receive workshop

room rates at the Historic

Roycroft Inn 716 - 652 -5552

<https://roycroftinn.com/>

“A value sketch should be about thinking, not drawing! At this stage, we simplify, eliminate, move things around, and sometimes even add elements in our quest for the best design.

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• Richard Stephens has enjoyed a successful 45 year career as a freelance commercial artist/graphic designer in the advertising/marketing industry.

• For 20 years Richard has been teaching workshops around the country and serving as juror for numerous watercolor competitions & shows.

• In 2005 "Watercolor Magic Magazine" named Richard one of the top 10 emerging watercolorist in the country in their annual "Ones to Watch" issue.

"It is the quest for the excitement, that rush, understood only by other artists that have been blessed (or cursed) with the experience, that gives me reason to continue in the elusive process of making art. 'Making Art' certainly means producing my own work. But it also means sharing with my students my knowledge, experience and passion for watercolor. I love to teach. I have discovered that through teaching, more than any other endeavor, I continue to learn."

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Richard Stephens Workshop exposes you to three main things- Informative technical information sprinkled with humor, entertaining and educational painting demonstrations, and one on one time with Richard.

Richard will do at least one complete painting demonstration a day, while explaining the what and why of his paintings. Students learn techniques, creative use of the "tools" of watercolor, such as brush choice and manipulation, color mixing, and water/pigment relationship. There is always a strong emphasis on the elements and principals of design.

After the demonstration students begin their own paintings, or the class will work together on exercises designed to reinforce the theme, "Lighten Up, Loosen Up". Richard offers individual advice on subject selection, designing the image on the page, and technique based on the unique style and goal of each student. It is informative, challenging and fun learning a successful watercolor painting process, and perhaps some of that process contributes to students' finding their voice.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Richard Stephens Workshop Registration

I wish to attend the five day workshop. Enclosed please find a check(s) for the full amount payable to NFWS. US funds only. Payment must be enclosed. This includes a \$25 non-refundable deposit. If joining, please send a separate \$35 check for dues.

I am a NFWS member \$480

I wish to become a NFWS member \$ 35

I wish to attend as a non-member \$525

Each morning NFWS will provide coffee, tea, and water. Please circle which workshop day you will provide a snack for about ten people to enjoy. Participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

I understand there will be no refunds 45 days prior to the workshop, for any reason, unless cancelled by NFWS. Reservations must be mailed with a valid postmark, and are accepted in order of postmark date. Preference given to current NFWS members. You will receive confirmation of workshop acceptance, supply list, & information **via email**. To receive printed correspondence, please include a SASE with your application and check(s). **By signing this registration form, participants agree to assume all responsibility for their own personal safety and property. NFWS and its agents are not liable for any personal injury or loss, including risk of Covid.**

Signature _____ Date _____

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION, CHECK(S), AND SASE (IF NEEDED) TO:

**Dawn Northwood
182 Norwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14222**