



*Paint yourself here!*  
Nationally recognized watercolor artist

**Chris Leeper**  
will show you the way.

## **NFWS Spring 2026 Watercolor Workshop**

*from Tuesday, May 19 to Friday, May 22*

*at the Castiglia Center on the Roycroft Campus  
21 South Grove St., East Aurora, NY 14052  
from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm*

*Brown bag lunch hour will be 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm  
Workshop Cost: \$310 for members \$340 non-members*

*Registration Procedures Follow*

# Watercolor Workshop with Christopher Leeper



What we will discuss in this workshop:

- Technique fundamentals (Things I wish I knew 40 years ago)
- The first half-hour of a painting (Make it or break it)
- Values (Why value is more important than color in your painting)
- Understanding basic color theory to improve color mixing (Spend more time painting and less time mixing colors)
- Understanding color temperature, intensity and value (The key to becoming a color master)
- Composition (If it feels right, it probably is right)

Chris teaches with a fun and relaxed style. Each day there will be demonstrations and lots of one-on-one instruction. He will have some reference photos available to paint. Participants are also welcome to bring their own photos.

“Why do I paint?” That thought occurs to me occasionally. My answer is not particularly enlightening. I paint because I have to. It is what I do. It seems it has always been that way. Growing up in rural western Pennsylvania left an impression on my sense of how I look at the world. It seems as far back as I can remember I have had an excitement and a need to respond when confronted with a sublime landscape.

My muse is the light. I am always looking for that moment when light, shadow, and form all come together. I enjoy representation; however I will often alter a painting as it develops. For me, the act of painting is one of discovery and possibility, thus my paintings are usually more distillations than true representations

So, I paint. The wonder and blessing of it is that after 40 years or so, I am still excited, inspired, and curious. That is a gift.

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## Registration Procedures:

1. The workshop is limited to 20 participants
2. Reservations accepted by postmarked reply only (mail) and in order of postmark date, with preference given to NFWS members. Mail completed application and check to:  
Mike Killelea, 1885 Woodard Rd, Elma, NY 14059
3. A check for the full \$310 amount (or \$340 if non member) payable to the Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society in US dollars must accompany your completed reservation form. This includes a \$25 non-refundable deposit. (You may also join NFWS: see option on the application below)
4. If you do not wish to have confirmation and supply list sent by email, include self-addressed envelope with registration.
5. No refunds 30 days prior to the workshop, unless the workshop is cancelled by NFWS.

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Please mail the below application with your check (made out to NFWS) to Mike Killelea, 1885 Woodard Rd, Elma, NY 14059

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NFWS Member: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Become a NFWS member: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like a raised work surface? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Each day NFWS will provide bottled water, coffee, and tea. If you are willing to provide a snack for about 10 people to enjoy, please choose a day:

Tuesday \_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_

\* Please remember your self-addressed stamped envelope if you are not receiving confirmation and supply list by email.

I understand that there will be NO REFUNDS (partial or full) 30 days prior to the workshop. Full refund will be offered if workshop is canceled by NFWS.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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