

LA BONNE ETOILE ARTIST RETREAT

Fontaine Fourches FRANCE

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INTRODUCTION TO ART RESTORATION

CHANTAL LEVASSEUR, INSTRUCTOR

April 22 – April 29, 2007 One week session

April 22 – May 6, 2007 Two week session

Limited to 7 participants

A truly unique experience is presented in this introduction of Art Restoration. Chantal Levasseur has 28 years experience in restoring masterpieces for museums, monasteries, cities, and private clients. She is the principal restorer for the works of Henri Montassier and is currently restoring seven sculptures of Marianne (the symbol of France) for the Assemblée Nationale, Paris. Mme Levasseur is officially an "artiste peintre restauratrice d'oeuvres d'art"

Students have a choice to work on:

- A personal painting, frame, or sculpture, or to assist on a larger masterpiece in progress.
- oil painting restoration
- restoration of frames; wood, plaster, gold, copper, or bronze leaf
- restoration of sculpture in wood or plaster

Price of 2250 Euros (1700 Euros for 7 Day workshop) includes all accommodations, meals, excursions, local transportation, and supplies for basic workshop projects. More valuable pieces of art for restoration projects will be available for purchase. Airfare to Paris, France is not included. A minimum of four persons is required for this workshop.



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Just a few of the highlights and excursions that will be offered during free time.

Provins- *The ancient fortified city of Provins sits atop a ridge overlooking the Seine valley and the Champagne chalklands, roughly equidistant from both Paris and Troyes. The town has a famous outline, dominated by a tower and the dome of Eglise St-Quiriace. Provins' role as an important center of commerce was confirmed in the 12C when it became one of the two capitals of the County of Champagne.*

Troyes *is a charming, medieval city. We will begin the day with a guided walking tour with an English-speaking tour guide. You have a choice to explore the numerous museums and churches in the ancient city or to sketch within helping distance of the instructor.*

Sens *This rather small town was important well before Caesar came to Gaul. The Cathedral St-Etienne is Sens' outstanding glory. Begun before 1140 it is the oldest of the great Gothic cathedrals and the attached museum houses the most outstanding Gallo-Roman collection in France.*

Château de Vaux le Vicomte- *This beautiful château is the precursor of Versailles and is a favorite of those that know French history. Rick Steves rates it in the top ten of the most underrated sites in Europe. We will continue our day to Moret sur Loing where Thomas Sisley painted and enjoy a dinner at La Palette, a wonderful restaurant.*

Brocantiing *-During the summer months, France's countryside is filled with local festivals and small brocantes. These are a combination flea market/ garage sale/ festival with a mixture of local citizens and professional merchants. Going to the brocantes every*

weekend seems to be a French tradition; you will see Parisians out for the weekend and locals, all looking for the treasures to be found. This is a real treat that is always a hit with Americans though probably not on any tours.

Market Day -The weekly market in Bray-sur-Seine will be scheduled for those that would like to browse and take pictures. This particular market is a real treat, even for those familiar with European open-air markets.

Please feel free to visit our website www.labonneetoile.com and my personal website www.kippyhammond.com to get a great sense of the adventure that we are planning for you.

Special notes concerning air transportation from the United States

- In making your air travel arrangements do remember that your departure date from the states will be April 21st, arriving at Charles De Gaulle Airport in Paris on April 22, 2007.
- Your departure date is either April 29 or May 6, depending on choice of format, arriving in the states on the same day.
- All flights into CDG airport from the states arrive in the AM. Because we will be using a commercial bus company for your shuttle, we request that you try and schedule your arrival time approximately between 8:00 and 10:00 AM and your departure in the late morning or early afternoon.

How do I make reservations?

1. Contact us immediately via email to reserve your space, khstudios@yahoo.com
2. We will send you the General Trip Agreement.
3. Fill in your personal information and sign
4. Include check or money order made payable to Kippy Hammond for \$900.00 (\$450 for the one week session)
5. Mail signed agreement and deposit to: Kippy Hammond, PO Box 767130, Roswell, GA 30076 within five days of initial reservation.

What is the method and scheduling of the remaining balance?

- The balance is due February 22, 2007.
- Because the balance due is to be calculated with the daily exchange rate as of February 22, 2007, you will need to recalculate the foreign currency exchange for the total of 2250 Euros (1700 for the one week format) into US Dollars and deduct the deposit to obtain the remaining balance.
- This payment may be paid in the equivalent dollar amount by check or money order, payable to: Kippy Hammond, PO Box 767130, Roswell, GA 30076.
- Any additional charges during your stay will be only upon your request and approval. This amount must be paid before departure from La Bonne Etoile.
- Copies of paid invoices will be supplied on request. Please indicate the name you wish to be invoiced under if it is different from the name on your checks, khstudios@yahoo.com