



**Lyn Diefenbach**

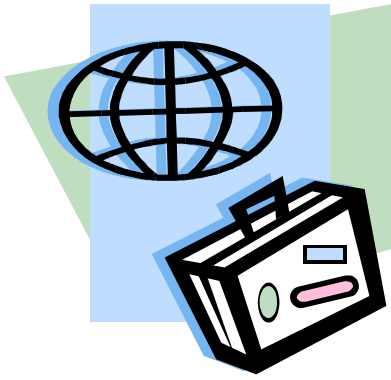
**Oil and Pastel Workshop  
in the French Countryside**

**July 21 – August 4, 2008**

**La Bonne Etoile Maison d'artistes**

To enhance your workshop studies, the in-home and restaurant dinners, as well as all the excursions have been chosen to help you experience the local flavors of France that are not evident from a tour bus. This particular region of France, while a very big French tourism destination, isn't as highly visited by English speaking tourists, so, guides will be added to our group from time to time. The cities chosen are not so large that anyone who chooses to slip away and wander will not feel intimidated.

Whether you return to the states exhausted, having taken part in every class, excursion, and every extra minute in the studio or balance your stay with rest and relaxation as top priority, our hopes are that you leave La Bonne Etoile inspired. Inspired in your art and your spirit, having acquired new skills in creativity and foreign travel



The all-inclusive land package price covers the following:

- 14 nights of lodging
- All meals, drinks, and gratuities
- All tuition for instruction with Lyn Diefenbach
- A host from La Bonne Etoile will accompany your group for the duration of your stay
- All ground transportation costs, including airport transfers, excursions, and shuttles to lodging for off-site guests
- All admissions to museums and sites
- Unlimited studio time
- En plein air excursions in the beautiful French countryside
- Internet access and access to laundry facilities.

Supplies and air transportation not included.

Just a few of the highlights and excursions include:

**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.*

**Paris** - *This one-day excursion is to try and give you a few bearings and "land legs" for future trips to Paris and not an all-inclusive visit.*

**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.*

**Epernay or Reims** *It will be the decision of the group whether to spend the day touring the champagne region around Epernay or visit the Cathedral in Reims with the memorable smiling angel.*

**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 Sisle 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.

*And much, much more.*

Please feel free to visit our website [www.labonneetoile.com](http://www.labonneetoile.com) and the director's personal website [www.kippyhammond.com](http://www.kippyhammond.com) to get a great sense of the adventure that we are planning for you.

### **Special notes concerning air transportation**

Travel to and from Australia should be coordinated with Lyn Diefenbach. Crossing international date lines can be a bit tricky. Please confirm these dates with Lyn before booking.

**Trip Price does NOT include:** Painting supplies except for banned liquids, airfare, airport transfers outside of scheduled trips for group, excess baggage fees, forwarding of baggage, baggage loss, charges for inoculations, medical expenses, travel insurance, items of a personal nature such as optional trips, meals away from the group, special arrangements, and airport taxes.



### **How do I make reservations?**

1. Contact us immediately via email to reserve your space, [khstudios@yahoo.com](mailto:khstudios@yahoo.com)
2. We will send you the General Trip Agreement.
3. Fill in your personal information and sign  
Mail to: 45 Rue St Martin  
77480 Fontaine-Fourches  
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4. The deposit amount of 1100 Euros may be wired using the following information:

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If you need additional information please let us know.

### **What is the method and scheduling of the remaining balance?**

- The balance is due May 21, 2008
- 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](mailto:khstudios@yahoo.com)