

## AUTUMN HARVEST, CULTURE, & ART WORKSHOP

In the beautiful North Fork Valley \*

September 11-15, 2024

with Marjorie Leggitt and Susan DiMarchi

*\* The North Fork Valley is located on the southeastern flank of the Grand Mesa, nestled in the Colorado Rocky Mountains and high desert. The temperate valleys and mesas that define this unique part of Colorado are rich in fruit orchards, produce farms, cattle ranches, vineyards, rivers, and streams.*

### Wednesday, September 11

Begin your retreat with a scenic drive through historic Redstone and over McClure pass to arrive in Paonia mid-afternoon.

Settle in at the historic Bross Hotel. Take a stroll around town and visit some galleries.

We'll all gather for a welcome happy hour, dinner, and a hosted talk in the charming hotel dining room.

### Thursday, September 12

Enjoy a bountiful breakfast at the hotel, complete with fresh fruit, pastries, and a hot breakfast entree. Everything is made in-house with seasonal fresh ingredients.

Art instructions begins with Susan, loosening up to work expressively with ink and color. Experiment with a variety of techniques to capture subjects in a more painterly way of mark-making.

Break for a yummy lunch prepared by Susan and Marj.

The afternoon takes us to a nearby goat farm and a tour to learn about raising dairy goats and producing farmstead cheese. Marj guides you in Plein Air sketching of animals to practice your gesture drawings.

Back into town, we're off to dinner (OYO) at a traditional Mexican/multi-cultural cuisine restaurant with an award-winning chef!

### Friday, September 13

Breakfast at the Bross at 8:30, then our focus shifts from goats to grapes with a guided tour at a working winery. Learn about the growing culture of the vines as well as the making of the wine. Brush up on your botanical drawing skills with plein air sketching in the beautiful vineyards and around the adjacent farm.

Break for a seasonal/fresh-harvest box lunch.

Head back to the Bross to unwind before heading out for a wine tasting a short drive away.

Join the fun at a community dinner (OYO) at the winery that showcases the fall bounty of the area. Locals and visitors alike are in attendance for this much anticipated open-air Fall event.

### Saturday, September 14

Breakfast at the hotel fuels you to begin focused work on your culminating project. Susan and Marj offer help in using your reference drawings and photos from the previous days' field trips create your own expressive artwork to remember your experiences here.

We'll all head to lunch at a local café. (OYO) Choose unique sandwiches, salads, excellent hot drinks, and amazing hand-made treats!

Return to the hotel to continue your project and/or relax before a presentation by a Pharmacognosy/Naturopathy professor who'll enlighten us about medicinal plants and more.

The evening is young as we head to a very special, private Farm to Table Dinner to celebrate our last night in the Valley.

## Sunday, September 15

Enjoy breakfast and a group critique where we'll share sketchbooks and artwork from the trip.

Choose to stay in Paonia or head back home at your leisure, enriched by your unique experiences and new friends from the NORTH FORK VALLEY AUTUMN HARVEST, CULTURE, & ART WORKSHOP

*NOTE: Itinerary subject to change*

### Price:

Double room with 2 beds - \$1995.00/person (1 double room still available)

Single room with 1 queen bed - \$2675.00 (4 single rooms still available)

### Included

- 4 nights at the Bross Hotel
- 4 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Private Farm to Table dinner with a menu created just for us
- All location admissions and docent guides
- Vineyard and Goat Farm guided tours
- Wine Tasting at a local winery
- Special talks: history, medicinal plants
- Daily Art instruction with Marj and Susan
- Customized art materials

### Not included

- Transportation to, from and around Paonia – we will be arranging carpooling
- Three meals -- two dinners, one lunch designated OYO (On Your Own)
- Travel insurance – highly recommended

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***Only 6 spots still available (1 double rooms, 4 single rooms.) Reserve yours NOW!***

### Here's how to reserve:

- **Check your calendar.** Trip dates are Wednesday -Sunday, September 11-15, 2024
- **Send an email** to Marjorie at [mcl@marjorieleggitt.com](mailto:mcl@marjorieleggitt.com)  
This is the time to ask any questions! If you're considering the double room, please include the name and email address of who you'll room with.
- **Marjorie will respond with availability and where to send your deposit**
- **Follow up with a check** for \$500.00 per person to hold your place.  
Note: Your deposit is non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled. (We recommend purchasing Travel Insurance.)

We'll take it from there, sending a confirmation, dates for final payment, and useful information leading up to the trip. We do expect the trip to fill quickly, and we would love to include you!

We look forward to hearing from you,

Marjorie Leggitt and Susan DiMarchi