



**YOSEMITE RETREAT WITH ANDIE THRAMS:
AUTUMN IN WAWONA
OCTOBER 10 – 13, 2013**



I invite you to walk along my favorite Wawona footpaths, sketch, experiment, reflect, glean ideas and paint to your heart's content during these peaceful autumn days.

Fall is my favorite season to paint in Yosemite's Giant Sequoia forests. The Mariposa Grove, just up the road from Wawona, is a place I return to for inspiration most every year. The low-angled autumn light gleaming through the trees will inspire our restorative and instructive days and nights. We'll base out of the beautiful Wawona Hotel in this quiet corner of Yosemite National Park, make daily forays into the forest for creative work, and return to relax, paint and sip at sunset on the Wawona Hotel's Grand Porch. All levels of art experience are invited.

ABOUT ANDIE

Andie Thrams creates paintings and artist books that explore mystery, reverence and delight, while also grappling with the vanishing habitats of our era. Her tree and forest-inspired art is informed by the lineages of illuminated manuscripts, natural history field journals, and chance-based art. Her work is widely exhibited and collected, and she teaches regularly throughout the west. www.andiethrams.com

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DETAILS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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DESCRIPTION

Our group will gather at the Wawona Hotel, in southwest Yosemite National Park, an area famed for its Giant Sequoia forests, lovely footpaths, and quiet civility. With a field kit of lightweight art materials, we'll walk the local trails, make marks, capture colors, record visions, explore habitats, and create images evoking what is seen and felt beneath the trees. Autumn's glowing light and forest flora will inspire both careful and wild art making with watercolor, gouache, ink and pencil. Demonstrations and sequenced practices will include using watercolor to paint wet into wet, wet over dry, drybrush; using gouache for light over dark; and color mixing. Projects will include field-friendly approaches to render gesture, form, detail, light and shadow; use thumbnails for experimentation and composition; and build layers to reveal nature's complexity. The pace will allow for structured teaching, individual meandering, and sunset painting on the Grand Porch. You'll head home with studies, notes, and finished paintings, all inspiring you to keep on with your creative work!

SCHEDULE (Subject to our own whims and the weather, of course.)

THURSDAY OCT 10

- 3:00 pm Meet on the Wawona Hotel's Grand Porch for orientation, discussion of art supplies, and hotel grounds walkabout. Bring pencil, pen, and a sketchbook or paper clipped to a board.
- 5:00 pm Official Wawona Hotel check-in time/settling in.
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm Meet again on the Grand Porch for sipping & sunset painting.

FRIDAY, OCT 11

- 8:30 am Meet on the Grand Porch with **EVERYTHING** packed and ready for our day in the field. Pick up lunches, Q&A, etc.
- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Depart on our field trip: Wawona Meadow Loop Trail.
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm Meet on the Grand Porch for sipping & sunset painting.

SATURDAY, OCT 12

- 8:30 am Meet on the Grand Porch with **EVERYTHING** packed and ready for our day in the field. Pick up lunches, Q&A, etc.
- 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Depart on our field trip: Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias.
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm Meet on the Grand Porch for sipping & sunset painting.
- 7:30 pm Group dinner (optional), Wawona Dining Room.

SUNDAY, OCT 13

- Before 9:00 am Hotel or campground check-out.
- 9:00 am Meet on the Grand Porch with **EVERYTHING** packed and ready for our last day in the field. Pick up lunches, Q&A, etc.
- 9:30 am – 2:00 pm Depart on our field trip: location to be decided.
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm Feedback, closing, and goodbyes.

RETREAT TUITION: \$440

INCLUDED IN YOUR TUITION

- Guided walks in and around Wawona throughout our retreat.
- Thursday afternoon orientation session.
- Art instruction during Friday, Saturday & Sunday field trips.
- Thursday, Friday & Saturday painting sessions on the Grand Porch at day's end.
- Our group will be limited to 12, allowing time for individual contact with Andie.
- Informative art handouts.
- Extra shared art materials, as needed for our work.
- Three boxed lunches (for Friday, Saturday and Sunday field trips).
- Afternoon chocolate!
- Mariposa Grove Tram Tour (on Saturday).
- Optional individual art mentoring session with Andie.

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TUITION

- Lodging and camping expenses are not included. Making reservations and arrangements for hotel rooms or campsites is your responsibility, and is recommended as soon as you register to participate.
- Transportation to, from and within Yosemite is not included (we will mostly walk from the Hotel or use Park shuttles to get around).
- Food and drink, excepting lunches, is not included.
- Travel insurance (always a good idea).

WHERE TO STAY

The following are recommended accommodations for our retreat. It is your responsibility to make arrangements for your own accommodations. Room reservations may be made on the websites below or by phone. If you wish to share a room, please indicate this on your registration form. Contact info for those seeking roommates will be shared so you'll be able to plan those details together. If you intend to camp, please note this on your form, to be sure there will be room for you in the campground.

WAWONA CAMPGROUND (\$14 PER NIGHT AND UNDER)

Yosemite's quietest campground is perched along the South Fork of the Merced River, in a mixed forest of ponderosa pine, incense-cedar, and white fir. In October, no reservations are required, and the campground is first come, first serve. Each site has its charms, and Andie will arrive a few days early to secure one or two campsites for those who plan to camp. Cost is \$14 per site per day, which will be shared by up to 6 people. If you choose to camp, you'll be able to prepare your own food in camp, or come over to the Hotel for your meals. Find out more about camping in Wawona:

<http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wawonacamp.htm>

WAWONA HOTEL (\$77 PER NIGHT AND UP, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

A wide range of room types and pricing is available. The tranquility of this Victorian-style lodge makes it a favorite of those who prefer its relaxed environment and the charms of a bygone era. The current best deal is \$154 per night for a room with two beds and a shared bathhouse, usually just down the hall. To learn more and make your reservation:

<http://www.yosemitepark.com/wawona-hotel.aspx>

TENAYA LODGE (\$115 PER NIGHT AND UP, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

This newer lodge is located just a few miles from Wawona. It is a more luxurious option, with spa packages and more... For details and reservations:

<http://www.tenayalodge.com/>

OTHER LODGING OPTIONS

You may search for other accommodations during our retreat, including Yosemite Valley lodging and camping. For the most ease, convenience and comfort, the options listed above are recommended.

ABOUT OUR RETREAT LOCATION

THE WAWONA HOTEL, a National Historic Landmark, rests upon verdant meadows and beside rushing streams. It is located four miles from the Park's south entrance, cradled between the majestic Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias and the bustling activity of Yosemite Valley. To find out more about The Wawona Hotel, our retreat gathering place:

<http://www.yosemitepark.com/wawona-hotel.aspx>

THE MARIPOSA GROVE is the largest Sequoia grove in Yosemite, with several hundred mature Giant Sequoias, two of which are among the 30 largest in the world. It is an indescribably beautiful forest of quite diverse flora and fauna. We'll take the Tram Tour to the Upper Grove, and spend an entire day there, walking, sketching and painting. Some of my favorite trails anywhere meander through this forest. It is certain you, too, will fall in love with this place. To learn more about the Mariposa Grove:

<http://www.yosemitedhikes.com/southern-yosemite/mariposa-grove/mariposa-grove.htm>

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- Supply lists and suggested gear, weather information and other helpful tips will be sent upon receipt of your registration form and deposit.
- If you plan to stay at the Wawona Hotel, it is recommended you secure room reservations as soon as you decide you'd like to participate. It is quite straightforward to cancel Park hotel reservations with full refund up to seven days before your arrival, and rooms will likely sell out well before our retreat. Don't delay!
- Campers are asked to let Andie know if they plan to stay in the Wawona Campground to be sure enough sites are secured ahead of time.
- Be sure to let Andie know if you would like to schedule time for individual art mentoring time during our retreat.
- Feel welcome to bring any ongoing work or books you'd like to share and discuss with Andie and/or the group.
- Please do be in touch before the retreat with any questions you may have about our plans, supplies, techniques we'll be covering, or any special requests.
- Remember all our activities are optional... this is your retreat to create exactly as you wish!



REGISTRATION FORM

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Please mail this form with your deposit of \$200 to:
ANDIE THRAMS, PO Box 304, COLOMA, CA 95613

Your name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Where will you stay? _____

Seeking A Roommate? _____

Camping in Wawona? _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Relation to You/Phone # _____

\$200 deposit enclosed _____

Date paid _____

Check # _____

I understand my balance of \$420 is due by August 1, 2013, to continue to hold my space. If my cancellation notice is received in writing before August 1, 2013, my deposit will be refunded, minus a \$75 processing fee. No refunds after August 1, 2013, unless your space can be filled. I understand our course may be cancelled, and I will receive full refund, if enrollment minimum is not met. Purchasing trip insurance, just in case, is recommended. Please sign & date that you have read and understand these terms below. *Thank you!*

Your signature & date: _____

Thank you! More details are on the way! See you in Wawona!



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