

en plein air painting in north wales

YR OCAR, COED Y PARC, BETHESDA, BANGOR, GWYNEDD, NORTH WALES, LL57 4DQ

with **Carole Baker RBSA**

Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 October 2017



Internationally acclaimed artist and tutor Carole Baker RBSA, invites you to sketch and paint the landscape of North Wales.

A Member of the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists, Carole regularly exhibits there and in gallery shows and open exhibitions throughout the UK.

Her work is held in private collections worldwide. Inspired by the landscape, bold, vibrant colour and texture fascinate her and she strives to create exciting and evocative paintings. She paints in acrylics, watercolour and mixed media.

Carole teaches from her studio-gallery in Shropshire where her reputation for providing challenging, informative and experimental workshops is ever growing. Through thoughtful planning she aims to provide a relaxed and informal atmosphere. She has been providing workshops and painting holidays for over 12 years, passing on her knowledge, enthusiasm and encouragement to students from all over the UK and abroad.

For Carole painting comes from the heart and it is something she is highly passionate about.

Visit www.carolebaker.com for more examples of her work

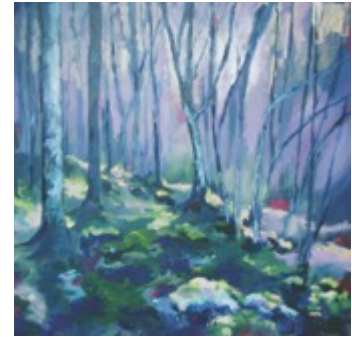
Yr Ocar is a beautiful house adjacent to the river with garden adjoining local woodland walks. Set in the Nant Francon Valley it is surrounded by many of Snowdonia's most visited mountains. Only 20 minutes drive from Bangor and 40 minutes from Betws-y-Coed, it is an extremely comfortable, tranquil detached house, fully equipped with spacious dining kitchen, living room and log burning stove.

The 4-star rated venue is perfect for a base for a painting and yoga retreat for small groups.

We will have exclusive use of the accommodation and all facilities, and a choice of comfortable shared bedrooms. Delicious healthy meals are provided by experienced vegetarian chefs providing sumptuous meals.

The programme for the course will include the following –

- Friendly and individual tuition
- Working with like-minded artists
- Demonstrations in a variety of techniques and mediums
- Compositional and colour planning
- A critique of students sketchbooks and finished paintings
- Ideal if you would like to find fresh ideas and direction
- Recharge your artistic batteries



This 4-day (4-night) painting holiday has been designed to encourage students to paint 'en plein air' either in the form of sketches or finished works in watercolour or mixed media and acrylics. You will be gathering source material in the form of sketches, photographs and written notes.

You will need to be fit and active as there will be lots of walking and be prepared for all weather conditions – so some good walking boots and waterproofs are essential. However, should the weather be so bad, we will work indoors and concentrate on techniques.

We will be considering the landscape and how to simplify it in our sketchbooks... the idea of our finished work is to get a feel for the subject, so it's an emotional response to our surroundings rather than trying to copy what's in front of us.

The group will be limited to just 10 people ensuring Carole gives everyone plenty of individual attention – early booking is recommended.

The fee includes:

- all tuition
- exclusive use of the accommodation and all facilities dedicated hospitality with superb vegetarian food
- dinner, bed and breakfast, packed lunch and refreshments each day
- accommodation consists of 6 twin rooms, 4 with en-suite, 2 with shared bathroom and separate wc.
- arriving after 5pm on Monday 9 October, dinner and course overview with tutor Carole Baker, giving you the opportunity to meet your fellow students.

All students are requested to bring along their own materials, exact requirements will be advised with confirmation.

Dru Yoga

For those who would like to, there may be an opportunity to take part in some yoga sessions with a qualified yoga instructor.

Dru Yoga is a graceful and potent form of yoga, based on flowing movements, directed breathing and visualisation. With its foundations set firmly in ancient yogic tradition, Dru works on body, mind and spirit—improving strength and flexibility, creating core stability, building a heightened feeling of positivity, and deeply relaxing and rejuvenating your whole being.

You can read more about Dru Yoga at <https://druyoga.com/yoga>

Testimonials

This testimonial is from a previous week long holiday in Scotland...

"The course was beautifully organised, well constructed and challenging. Carole is not only an outstanding artist she is a skilled, sensitive teacher helping each member of the group achieve work they could be proud of. It was a week to remember. The small number participating meant we were soon all friends and Carole could give lots of individual attention. Certainly a holiday to remember."

Booking

The cost of the course is £620.00.

Single supplement £100

You can call Carole on 01952 691071 or email to check availability.

Please ensure you read the booking conditions below prior to booking. Your booking details and card information for the deposit can be taken over the phone.

Booking Conditions

A non refundable deposit of £125 per person is required on booking.

Final payment will be required by 28 August 2017.

Please advise of any special dietary requirements at time of booking.

Cancellations must be made in writing to Carole Baker, Plough House, Weston Heath, Nr Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 8RY.

Written cancellations received 60 days prior to the course date, the deposit will be forfeit but the balance will be refunded provided this has been received.

It is regretted that no refund can be made in respect of bookings cancelled 60 days (or less) prior to commencement of the course unless a replacement can be found.

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