



Watercolor by Susan Abbott

**Painting the Light and Color
of the Bahamas**
plein air painting with Susan Abbott
January 31 - February 5, 2018
presented by The Art League, Alexandria, Virginia

Escape to an island known for its spectacular white sand beaches and aquamarine waters, pastel clapboard cottages, and white picket fences overflowing with tropical foliage, hibiscus and bougainvillea. Escape to this little gem of inspirational beauty with internationally known artist and instructor, Susan Abbott.

Located just off the coast of West Palm Beach, Florida are the islands of the Abacos, the northernmost section of the Bahamas. Elbow Cay is a tiny gem amongst these islands.

Only 6 miles long and one quarter of a mile wide, Elbow Cay boasts a magnificent barrier reef that protects its sandy coastline. The area is perfect for water activities including snorkeling, swimming, and fishing. It is also perfect for plein air painting. The settlement of Hope Town is located here, a small scenic 18th century village, which surrounds the harbor. The streets are picturesque and narrow and free from vehicular traffic as autos are not allowed. The Hope Town lighthouse, built in 1863, stands as sentinel over the harbor. One of the last manned kerosene-powered lighthouses in the world, it is also the most photographed in all the Bahamas.

Your workshop will be based in this scenic locale. Internationally known instructor and artist, Susan Abbott will lecture and demonstrate on capturing Elbow Cay's distinctive light and atmosphere. This workshop is open to painters of all media.

Wednesday, January 31, 2018:: Early departure from U.S. to Bahamas. Settle into your accommodations at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge for 5 nights. Each day, your itinerary will include morning and afternoon painting sessions in specially chosen locations. Susan will begin this workshop with a demonstration utilizing her own palette and painting techniques. Students will then begin work on their own pieces.

Monday, February 5 2018: Afternoon return flight to the U.S.

Workshop Price: \$2,085.00 per person, double occupancy.

Limited single lodge rooms available for an additional charge of \$375.00.

Includes: Accommodations for 5 nights in Elbow Cay (double occupancy), group round-trip transportation to/from hotel to ferry and painting instruction. Not included: round-trip airfare to Bahamas, ferry ticket (\$30. round trip, unable to purchase ahead, 20 minute ride), meals, art supplies, personal items and phone calls. Group airfare may be arranged at an additional charge. ****Please note that additional nights are available. If interested, please inquire early.**

Winter is high season for the Bahamas, so in order to keep prices down; meals are on your own, however, we have researched the best places with the lowest prices for the group. **Please register early with your payment**, as rooms in the Bahamas fill quickly in winter. When it is snowing on the East Coast, a glistening white sandy beach with clear, aquamarine waters is the place to be. The weather is absolutely glorious for painting!

About your instructor

Susan Abbott graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BFA and MFA in painting from the Maryland Institute, College of Art. She has worked as a professional artist since that time, exhibiting in galleries and museums around the country, and has painted commissions for numerous corporations and individuals, including Oprah Winfrey. Reviewers have praised Abbott's "virtuosity" and "dazzling skill in the unforgiving medium of watercolor" and have described her pieces as "fantastic studies of color and form and sublime everyday epics." She has been an instructor at The Art League for over twenty years and is also a popular teacher of art workshops in Italy, Provence, Paris and other sites around the world. For more information about Susan's work please visit www.susanabbott.com and her blog "A Painter's Year" at www.susanabbott.blogspot.com.

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(in the event that a roommate is unavailable, please be prepared to pay the single supplement)

I would like a single room. Single lodge rooms are available for an additional charge of \$375.00 (limited)

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Final payment is due NLT December 12, 2017.

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