

## About Tuscany:

People travel to Italy for many reasons, but coming to paint one of the Earth's richest, most sensual areas might be the most exhilarating.

Tuscany is the Italian province that includes Siena and Florence. Chianti, the splendid countryside in between, is Italy's famous wine producing region. *Il Chioistro* is a country villa in the heart of the area known as the *Chianti Classico* zone.

## Workshop Description:

### *Capturing the Tuscan Light*

In this landscape (oil) painting workshop we will concentrate on **capturing the light effect quickly en plein air**. We will:

- Learn to create more vibrant paintings
- Discover how to get big things out of small canvases. Study and discuss our sources of inspiration and explore methods to reach our potential. See and apply color more accurately and in a spontaneous fashion in the landscape.

The class format will be:

- 4 long morning classes
- Instructor demonstrations
- Discussion of techniques and theory
- Optional free painting with instructor in afternoons
- Supply sheet and workshop prep notes provided. The class will be small with **plenty of painting time under the Tuscan sun!**



The nearby town of Vagliagli photo by Sal Fusaro

## Sample Itinerary\*

**June 13-201, 2009 (Saturday-Saturday – 7 Nights)**

- 6/13 Saturday: Arrival & Orientation
- 6/14 Sunday Morning: Class with Karen  
Sunday Afternoon: BBQ & Wine Tasting
- 6/15 Monday Morning: Class
- 6/16 Tuesday Morning: Class  
Afternoon walking tour of Siena
- 6/17 Wednesday: Adventure Day (Free Time)
- 6/18 Thursday Morning: Class
- 6/19 Friday Morning: Free Paint Day  
with personal critique as desired.
- 6/20 Saturday: departure after breakfast  
\* *Schedule is flexible and may be altered as needed to take advantage of local excursions and events.*



San Fedele - Restored Monastery

**Accommodations:** This spring program takes place in the restored Tuscan monastery; San Fedele. San Fedele is a monastery that dates back to the 13th century which has been completely restored. The accommodations are first class, with modern bathrooms in each room, wi-fi, painting studios and all modern comforts. The wonderful thing about the restoration, however, is that the new owners kept the original spirit of the place intact. They used all original materials and decorated in a palette that suits the structure. The venue is relatively small, there are 17 rooms. San Fedele is set among Chianti vineyards and sits on a hill halfway between the village of Vagliagli and the town of Radda – both great painting spots. Beautiful vistas and traditional scenes to paint everywhere!

## About the Instructor:



Original Oil by Karen Hagan painted in Tuscany. Step by step demo of this painting online at [www.KarenHagan.com](http://www.KarenHagan.com)

**Karen Hewitt Hagan** *I'm after the light, it's what makes an ordinary scene spectacular!* Whether painting on location outside or inside with a model, Hagan's paintings depict a strong feeling of light and include rich dramatic brushstrokes. Her style is steeped in the impressionistic tradition, but uniquely her own. Hagan has studied with many contemporary masters through out her career and is a Signature Member of The Plein Air Painters of the Southeast. A resident of Charleston, SC, she travels and paints extensively along the Eastern Seaboard of the US, in Europe and in the Caribbean.

Karen has recently had a book published by Morton Arts Media about her works, entitled *Karen Hewitt Hagan, An American Impressionist*. Book and workshop info are available on line at Info: [www.KarenHagan.com](http://www.KarenHagan.com) . Phone 843.754.0494



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**Registration Form:**  
**Plein Air-Karen Hewitt Hagan**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we send future correspondence via email?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:**

Non-refundable \$500 deposit per person required

to reserve your place; [ ] Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Payment in full due by April 1.

Check  Credit card Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card (if different from registrant):

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation Policy:** \$500 deposit non-refundable. For cancellation: 60 days prior to workshop, full refund due less non-refundable deposit, 30-60 days prior to workshop, 50% refund of balance paid allowed, less non-refundable deposit, less than 30 days prior to workshop, **no refund due.** *Il Chioistro* recommends personal travel insurance to cover the possibility of unexpected cancellation

**Class Fee Includes:**

- Shared double room, shared bathroom
- Daily breakfast, lunch & Tuscan dinner (including wine) prepared by our personal chef - on property
- Workshop tuition
- Excursion to Siena
- Lunch while painting on premises
- Excursions to nearby hilltowns (*Monteriggioni, Radda, Volpaia, ...*)
- Transfers from bus/train station in Siena

**Price for one week:** ..... \$2200

**Not included:**

- Airfare,
- Local bus transportation,
- Lunch on excursions,
- Painting/drawing materials

*Note: Saturday arrival and departure*

**To Register:**

Send application with deposit of \$500 per person to: ***Il Chioistro*, 241 W. 97<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 13N, New York, NY 10025 U.S.A.** We will confirm your reservation and send an information packet about your workshop. Full payment due no later than April 1, 2009.

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**Liability:** *Il Chioistro* or *Karen Hewitt Hagan* cannot accept responsibility for any personal injury or damage to personal property sustained by guests.

**Il Chioistro**  
*Presents*



*Painting in a Poppy Field* photo by Michael Ferris

**Plein Air Painting In**  
**TUSCANY**

*With*  
**Karen Hewitt Hagan**

**June 13-20, 2009**