

## **Maine Coast Encaustic Retreat - FAQs**

### **1. How much does the retreat cost?**

All inclusive workshop, hotel, and meal package starts at \$2,324.00. This includes a Garden Queen room with a private bath; breakfast and lunch each day, 7 workshops and 3 open studio sessions, as well as most supplies.

### **2. I am lactose intolerant/ gluten-free, etc. Can the hotel accommodate me?**

Yes, please note on the front page of your registration form that you have food-related allergies and I will pass that information along to the hotel on your behalf so they can prepare food specifically for you.

### **3. Do I need to stay at the hotel?**

Yes - all participants need to stay at the hotel. I do not take day students or commuters. Please do not contact the hotel regarding any changes or additions to your reservation. I work with a group sales manager for the package I provide, not the front desk. All reservations need to be handled directly by me.

### **4. How many classes can I take?**

A package starts with 7 workshops and 3 open studios. You can add additional workshops for \$100 each and additional open studios for \$30 each pending availability.

### **5. How is the studio set up?**

Work stations are shared between two students and include a standing height table, an R&F heated 16" palette, an R&F heat gun, two Iwatani butane torches, and palette cups. Each work station is in front of a window fan. Up to 12 students will be in a workshop at one time.

### **6. What does a typical day look like?**

Yoga is offered from 7 - 8am. Breakfast is offered from 7am - 10am. Morning workshops run from 9am - noon and afternoon workshops from 1pm - 4pm. Lunch is from 12 - 1pm. Dinner is on your own. Open studios take place outside of teaching hours each evening from 4 - 7pm and 7 - 10pm.

### **7. Do I need to have experience with encaustic?**

No. I teach to all levels. If you are a total beginner, I will send you a list of resources to check out in order to be better prepared - but all levels are welcome.

**8. Can I have a room upgrade?**

I have a limited number of upgrades and they tend to get snapped up early. Please check with me regarding availability when registering.

**9. Can my spouse/ partner/ family member attend?**

Absolutely. In each session there will be some students who bring their spouse or significant other, a family member, or friend.

**10. What do I do when I am not in class?**

You can fish; take a lobster tour; whale watch; go on a sailing trip; shop; gallery hop; drive coastal Route 1; play golf or tennis; go swimming in the Colony Hotel's pool overlooking the Atlantic Ocean; have a peek at the Bush compound; go antiquing; visit the Franciscan Monastery, Blowing Cave, or Spouting Rock; kayak; canoe; walk the beach and nature trails; visit a lighthouse; or take the trolley. **The Colony Hotel hospitality staff is ready and waiting with even more suggestions.**

**11. What supplies do you provide? What supplies do I need to bring?**

I provide encaustic paint, encaustic medium, encaustic gesso, blending medium, Pigment Sticks, some drawing materials and flat panels, and any workshop-specific supplies. Students should bring their own brushes, cradled panels (unprimed wood or Ampersand Encausticbord are good choices), a pair of scissors, a roll of blue painter's tape, a pear-shaped loop tool, a potter's needle, and a Catalyst silicone wedge for manipulating paint.

Additional information about supplies will be emailed in mid July along with the finalized workshop and open studio sessions.

**12. What happens if a class I want to take is full?**

I can add you to the waitlist for that workshop. If a student withdraws, I notify folks on the waitlist to fill the spot.

**13. What is your cancellation policy?**

Your \$100 deposit is non-refundable. After January 30th, workshop fees are refundable if I can find someone to take your place. Hotel and meals fees are refundable up to 45 days prior to the start of the retreat.

**14. What is your Covid policy?**

I do not require proof of vaccination or ask that students wear masks. If you become sick with Covid the week prior to the retreat, please notify me and I will see about getting a refund for you or a credit for a future workshop.