



Mike Simpson painting on location in Zion National Park

### **Plein Air Painting Class Offered in Ouray County on August 16**

Weehawken is excited to offer a one day introductory class, "Learn About Plein Air Painting", taught by Mike Simpson, a Signature Member of the Plein Air Artists of Colorado, the Western Colorado Watercolor Society and a member of the New Mexico Plein Air Artists, the Laguna Plain Air Painters Association, The Oil Painters of America and the National Watercolor Society.

"Plein air painting is nothing more than painting out of doors under natural light, usually associated with painting the landscape. Lately, a lot of attention has come to plain air painting, with festivals popping up all over the nation. Originally it was practiced to see the landscape under natural lighting conditions. There isn't a camera lens made that can duplicate what the eye can see. Nothing compares to a painting done plein air," says Simpson.

Come join nationally recognized local plein air painter Mike Simpson and learn how to "see" the landscape in front of you, how to determine a suitable motif, how to edit the subject material and how to begin. This class isn't medium specific. Pastel painters, watercolor, oil and acrylic are all suitable mediums to paint "en plain air".

All students are encouraged to bring the materials they are comfortable working with and to be prepared to be working in a somewhat portable fashion in the outdoors. Mike will do a demo to illustrate talking points. and handouts will be provided. This class will be held in the Ridgway/Ouray area, with the exact location to be determined the week prior to the class, dependent upon weather conditions.

Join Weehawken August 16 from 9 am to 4 pm each day. Tuition is \$90 per student, and does not include all materials. Students are required to bring their own materials for whatever medium they choose. There is a 6 student minimum pre-enrolled to make the class "go", so pre-registration is highly encouraged (and needed).

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