



**James Swanson's
3-Day Plein Air
Painting Workshop
South Haven MI
May 3-5**

I've been painting scenes from South Haven for a long time. This area has so much to offer a painter. You have Lake Michigan Beaches and dunes, an old downtown, boats and boat yards, farms, and blueberry fields. There will be a lot to see and paint in these three days. Anne Marie Pintore our fellow oil painter has agreed to help host this extravaganza at her cottage in the area. More details to come!





Each morning we will meet up at a given location and spread out and paint until lunch and then get back at it until dinnertime, and if people want, we can try an evening sunset paint above the beach. We will try and work out locations for meals where we can all fit in for drinks afterwards, but meals are not included.

Dates: May 3-5

Where: South Haven MI

Time: 9:00 am - 4 pm

Cost: \$360

Sign up: <https://www.jamesswansonpainting.com/shop-2>

For more info about the workshop contact: james@jamesswansonfineart.com

Places to stay in South Haven- There are some nice Airbnb's in the area also you can find a few hotels here-

<https://www.southhaven.org/places-to-stay/hotels-motels/>



James Swanson's Painting Supply List

Outdoor easel and palette

French easels, Pochade boxes, and field easels work well.

6 - canvas panels total

Sizes 8x10, 9x12, 11x14, or 12x16 -are good plein air panel sizes. I work on Centurion Linen Canvas Panels, find them and almost all the supplies at <http://www.jerrysartarama.com>

A Painting Palette - The bigger the better. Disposables ones are OK

- Very important items to start painting

Safflower Oil for painting medium

I use Safflower oil as my painting medium and it works great and isn't toxic or smell Many paint companies use it instead on Linseed oil in their paints.

Only buy it from an Art Store

I buy Safflower oil in bottles by Utrecht and Gamblin and again I will have some of this on hand.

Baby oil - for brush cleaning Only

Baby oil to clean my brushes and only to clean brushes.

Roll of paper towels and plastic grocery bags for trash

3 - small plastic or glass containers - 1-Cottage Cheese type with top to store leftover paint and 2-smaller ones for holding painting medium and cleaner (about 2 - 3" in size).

Oil Paint Brushes -

Good strong brushes.

Utrecht Series 209 Pure Natural Chungking Hog Bristle Brush Flats, Size: #12 - (1" wide brush), #8 - 5/8 wide brush, #6, #4

Better Brushes-

I also use Rosemary Ivory Synthetic Long Flat Brushes in the same sizes. I love these brushes, great for finishing work.

find at <https://studiopintura.com/rosemary-%26-com>

Palette Knives -

Blick Palette Knives by RGM, Style 31 or Style 72 triangle shaped blades about 1" and 2-1/4" in blade length (1 for small areas and 1 for bigger jobs)

2-Silicone kitchen spatulas from the Dollar store we will trim these with a pair of scissors for straight edges in different sizes. These are our paint erasers

Suggested Oil Paint Colors

Rembrandt oil paints work great. Utrecht also makes a nice paint found online or at Blicks

Perm Alizarin Crimson or Rose Madder Deep

Cadmium Red Light

Cadmium Yellow Light

Cadmium Orange

Utrecht Cobalt Blue Hue (I use this) or French Ultramarine Blue

Titanium White

Red Oxide Light or Terra Rosa

Transparent Oxide Red

Burnt Umber

Burnt Sienna

Phthalo green blue

Kings Blue

I will have extra supplies if you miss anything even an easel or two.