

## Comments from past Artaquarius holidays

"As far as the teaching is concerned, I learnt a great deal from Ann, which increased my artistic knowledge and made the class very worthwhile.....Ann and Audrey's combined skills in producing an Art Break of this kind is to be commended as they complement each other, which ensures their guests comfort and enjoyment. Their choice of location could not be bettered in every respect, comfort, space and quality of furnishings."  
(Mr. BC., Renfrew)

"So many thanks for a super weekend! The company, fun, food were great. I have come away with a bit of confidence that I may use my pencil and paints now and not let 40-odd years elapse again!"  
(Mrs. E.R., Skelmorlie)

"Well done! Looking forward to the next weekend. I thought the house was great."  
(Mrs. McL., West Kilbride)

"The organisation prior to and over the weekend was very good,...the warm welcome and friendliness were especially appreciated. Too much to eat! A good choice of venue. What could you improve upon?...Just give us all a little more talent."  
(Miss C.H., Richmond)



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*Blairquhan Castle*

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## Stable Cottages Straiton, Ayrshire

Fri 25th August -  
Mon 28th August 2006

13TH PAINT-AWAY WEEKEND  
with Artaquarius  
Accompanied By Ann Brooks NDD,DA  
Manchester Regional College of Art

**Date:** Friday 25th August -  
Monday 28th August 2006  
**Venue:** Stable Cottages, Straiton, Ayrshire,  
Scotland.

**Cost of 2 night break:** £195  
**Non painters:** £165

*This includes :*

- Tuition;
- Accommodation;
- All meals.

A deposit of £60 (non-refundable, unless there is a waiting list) is required per person. The balance of £135 to be paid by 20th July 2006. When the balance is received, a final letter will be forwarded with equipment suggestions, map details and phone numbers.

Refunds will only be offered if the dates you have booked are full and there is a participant waiting list to fill the cancelled place.

**Please sign booking form and return with deposit (made payable to ARTAQUARIUS) to the address below:**

**Artaquarius, Ann Brooks, 12 Ferry Row,  
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If there are any queries, please call  
Ann on 01475 568 892 or  
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**More info on our website  
WWW.ARTAQUARIUS.CO.UK**

Based in converted stables on the Blairquhan Estate, in central Ayrshire. They were built by the famous Scottish architect William Burn in 1821-1824 for Sir David Hunter Blair, 3rd Baronet. They overlook the river Girvin and are set in beautiful grounds. A short walk along the river is the village of Straiton—perhaps the most attractive in Ayrshire. We will have the freedom to explore the Blairquhan Estate with its castle, walled garden, river, estate farms and houses.

Accommodation in one double and six twin bedded rooms sharing three bathrooms. The cottages are fully heated and bedlinen and towels are provided. Visit [www.blairquhan.co.uk](http://www.blairquhan.co.uk) to find more info and pictures. Non-painting partners are very welcome and there are many interesting places to visit nearby.

*Proposed timetable: Very Flexible depending on weather.*

**Friday:** Access to house from 4pm, with afternoon tea on arrival and a three course evening meal prepared for 7pm approx. (bring your own wine etc).

**Saturday:** Breakfast at 9 am. Exploring the garden estate with sketchbook and cameras. Lunch at 1pm followed by watercolour workshops and ending with afternoon tea. Dinner prepared for 7pm approx. (more wine required)

**Sunday:** Breakfast at 9am. Again exploring the estate with sketch book etc. Lunch at 1pm followed by acrylic painting workshop. Dinner prepared for 7pm (not more wine?).

**Monday:** Breakfast at 8.30am and ready to depart by 10am. Exhausted!

**In General :** - We will sketch outside as much as we can and enjoy workshops to fit in with weather conditions.



I would like to attend the 13th Paint-Away Holiday to Stable Cottages on :  
Friday 25th August to Monday 28th August 2006

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Telephone number:.....

Email (if available):.....

Number of places required:.....

Additional names and addresses:

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Any special requirements :

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Amount paid as deposit:.....

**(£60 per person)**

**Please note:** It is essential to take out holiday insurance when you book, to cover cancellation, personal accident, illness or loss of possession. Artaquarius cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to your belongings and/or your illness or injury while with us. We also cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage resulting from circumstances beyond our control. Holiday insurance is available for £3.50 from Direct Travel Insurance Tel. 01903 812 345

We also reserve the right to cancel should there be insufficient participants.

**I accept the above conditions.**

Signed.....

