



# SPRING ART RETREAT

April 19 – 21, 2024  
ECOAA Sandy Lane Resort Art Retreat

**Maria Iva** will be our feature artist for the weekend.

Maria is a landscape painter who works in an impressionistic manner and uses a colorist approach. She lives and works in Mississauga, Ontario.

Maria is a nature lover and a tireless hiker. She finds her inspiration in exploring provincial parks and conservation areas of southern Ontario. She often paints on location with soft pastels and later uses her sketches as references for oil painting that she creates in her studio on canvas using a palette knife. Her pastel paintings are usually quick sketches that capture the light and the feeling of the scene. Her oil paintings are much bigger pieces that are richly textured and colored. Using wet-on-wet technique she applies thick palette knife strokes that create depth and plenty of details. In both media Maria uses clean vibrant colours that allow her to demonstrate the effect of sunlight on the scene.



## MARIA I V A

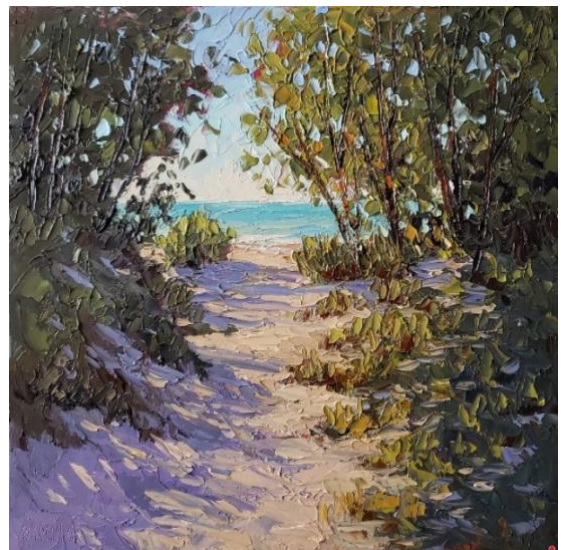
Maria started painting after having a successful career in education and management and in a short time achieved a professional level that allowed her to exhibit and sell her work.

Maria is an Elected Member of the Society of Canadian Artists and a Master Signature Member of the Pastel Artists of Canada.

Maria will be demonstrating painting wet-on-wet using oil paint and a palette knife.

To learn more about Maria's technique check out this article in the International Artist Magazine August 2023

<https://www.mariaiva.com/ArticleDetail/10696>



## Sandy Lane Resort

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The friendly resort is located in Algonquin Highlands, Ontario just 24 km north of Minden (2.5 hours north of Toronto) on the beautiful sandy shores of crystal clear Halls Lake. The cottages at the resort are like mini homes that have basically all the amenities of home such as fully-equipped kitchens, satellite television, wood burning fireplaces, air conditioning, queen size beds, large sun decks, propane BBQs, wifi, etc. All cottages have a view of the private beach that walks out gradually into Halls Lake.

Each painter will have their own bedroom with shared bathroom, kitchen and living room. All bed linens and towels are supplied. The cabin kitchens are outfitted with coffee maker, kettle, toaster, microwave, range, dishes, pots/pans and utensils. We are able to accommodate 34 painters for the weekend. Space to paint indoors is in the Main Building Banquet Room.

**What to Bring:** Unscented toiletries, medicines, indoor shoes or slippers, extra sweater; hair blower if needed. Painting gear (drop cloths if painting indoors), sunscreen, bug spray. Odorless mineral spirits if painting oil (no turpentine).

Bring food for your Friday dinner, breakfasts and lunches for Saturday/Sunday. Coffee, tea, water, sweets will be supplied for the breaks. Snacks will be supplied for the Mix and Mingles. BYOB for the Mix and Mingles.

### SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND:

FRIDAY	<i>Can arrive earlier to meet friends and/or go painting</i> 3:00 PM – Check into cabins and set up in Main Building Banquet Room 5:00 PM – Welcome Mix and Mingle BYOB 6:00 PM – Dinner on own (or if you wish, bring Pot Luck to Banquet Room) 7:00 PM – Painting Demo in Banquet Room 8:30 PM – Mix, mingle, sing, dance, snacks, BYOB
SATURDAY	8:00 AM – Breakfast on own 9:00 AM – Painting plein air or in banquet room LUNCH at Leisure on Your Own 5:00 – Mix and Mingle, BYOB 6:00 PM – Catered Dinner 7:30 PM – Critique in the Main Banquet Room 8:30 PM – Mix, mingle, sing, dance, snacks, BYOB
SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Breakfast on own 9:00 AM – Group Photo 9:15 AM – Painting 11:00 AM – Check-out of cabins Noon – Check-out of Banquet Room

**Cost: for 2 night's accommodation and catered dinner Saturday - \$350.00**

Attendees may add an additional day/night by reserving directly with Sandy Lane Resort.

### Cancellation Policy for ECOAA Members to cancel with ECOAA:

- Written notice of cancelation by email to [weekends@ecoaa.ca](mailto:weekends@ecoaa.ca)
- Cancel 3 weeks before – March 29, 2024 – 75% refund less \$50 Admin Fee
- Cancel between March 29, 2024 to April 12, 2024 – 50% refund less \$50 Admin Fee
- Cancel after April 12, 2024, 0% refund

# REGISTRATION

**DEADLINE: March 1, 2024**

Register early – don't be disappointed. Space is limited and registration may close earlier if numbers have been reached.

You must be a **current paid up ECOAA member to attend** – see attached Membership Form.

Please send an email to [weekends@ecoaa.ca](mailto:weekends@ecoaa.ca) with the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are sharing a cabin  
\_\_\_\_\_ (members' name).

In order to keep costs down and to make the best use of our volunteer's time, we will not be able to accommodate any special dietary requirements. Please plan to bring what you need. There are full kitchens in each cottage.

**Payment can be made by e-Transfer or Cheque:**

**e-Transfer** – note your e-transfer comments "Spring Retreat and who you are paying for" to [ecoatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ecoatreasurer@gmail.com)

**Cheque** made payable to ECOAA –mail to Judi Myers, Treasurer ECOAA, 4026 Dalmac Rd, Osgoode, ON K0A 2W0  
If you are paying by cheque you may also mail this completed form to Judi with your cheque but email is preferred.

\*Annual Membership is \$50.

Pay by e-transfer to [ecoaatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ecoaatreasurer@gmail.com) and enter your contact information on our website at <https://www.ecoaa.ca/membership.html>

**ECOAA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2023 (if sending payment or info by Canada post)**

Enclosed is the amount of: (Tick all that apply.)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 new and renewing member

\_\_\_\_\_ PLUS \$10 per year for paper copy of newsletters mailed within Canada, by Canada Post

ECOAA Membership is valid from January 1 to December 31. The quarterly newsletter is sent by email for free. It is also available on our website, [ecoaa.ca](http://ecoaa.ca) under the Members Only section. Also, there, members can update their email addresses. Please PRINT!

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City or Town and Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Website \_\_\_\_\_

Only your name and email and website (if you have one) are published.

ECOAA is run entirely by volunteers.

How can you help? \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to East Central Ontario Art Association, or ECOAA, and mail to: (Or you can send your payment by E-Transfer to [ecoaatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ecoaatreasurer@gmail.com) and E-Mail the information on this form to [membership@ecoaa.ca](mailto:membership@ecoaa.ca) ) ECOAA MEMBERSHIP c/o Sheila Davis PO Box 572 Beaverton ON L0K 1A0