

Illinois Norsk Rosemalers Association Class Announcement

Beginner Rosemaling with Bev Gunderson

The Illinois Norsk Rosemalers Association is excited to announce a new Beginner Rosemaling class. Bev Gunderson will be teaching an in-person class this coming April 12-14 in La Grange, Illinois. This in-person class introduces people to the Norwegian folk art of rosemaling. The INRA recommends this beginner class for those new to rosemaling whether or not they have previous painting experience.



This class will be taught in oil paints but those who use acrylic paints are welcome to join this class. While this is a skill class, an optional wooden project piece and two pattern choices will be available in class for those wishing to complete a rosemaling project during the class. Our focus is to get you going in the art of rosemaling by covering:



- The basic strokework of Cs & Ss, scrolls and their embellishments
- Design elements essential to rosemaling
- Color and how it pertains to rosemaling
- Lettering in rosemaling
- History and styles of rosemaling

Oil paints, painted cardboard practice sheets and cleanup supplies will be provided by the INRA and the LaGrange Art League Gallery. 8" round plates will be available for purchase (\$10) in class and will already be background painted in rosemaling colors and ready to paint on. Additional details will be provided on the supply list that will be sent with student's registration confirmation.

The class will be held April 12-14, and meet Friday evening 6-9pm, & then Sat and Sun, 9am-12pm and 1-4pm, Central. This is a total of 15 hours. This class will be held at the LaGrange Art League Gallery and Studio, 122 Calendar Ave. In LaGrange, Illinois, 60525, in the Second Floor Studio.

TEACHER BIOGRAPHY: Growing up in upstate NY, I didn't see any rosemaling. After graduating from The Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale I came to Chicago to work as a graphic artist/commercial artist. On a trip to Wisconsin I saw a rosemaling display at a local fair. The beautiful display piqued my interest and so began my journey in rosemaling.



I have taken classes from both Norwegian and American teachers. It seems the more I learn the more there is to learn, so I keep taking classes and studying the art. In recent years the expansion into lesser-known styles of rosemaling has made this art even more interesting. I am intrigued by rosemaling and all it encompasses. The history and masters, different styles, beautiful colors, stroke work and details, and just the creativity, is so amazing.

Rosemaling has given me many opportunities over the years. My teaching experience began with a community group that lasted over 17 years in the Chicago area. I have also taught for INRA, WSRA and other organizations, and done commission work for private and organizations. I enjoy encouraging painters along their rosemaling journey and helping them fulfill their dreams.

RECAP OF CLASS DETAILS:

- Teacher's Name: Bev Gunderson
- Project: This is a skill class, an optional wooden project piece will be available for purchase
- Level: Introductory, for beginning rosemalers.
- Total Class Hours: 15
- Schedule: April 12-14, Friday evening 6-9pm, & then Saturday and Sunday, 9am-12pm and 1-4pm, Central time.
- Venue: LaGrange Art League Gallery, La Grange, IL
- Medium: Oils - Acrylic painters are welcome but will need to bring their own paints.
- Class Fee: \$95 nonmember (includes 2024 INRA membership cost of \$15)
- Maximum 10 students, no refunds unless place is filled from a waiting list.
- Additional Costs: Oil paints, painted cardboard practice sheets and cleanup supplies will be provided by the INRA. 8" round plates will be available for purchase (\$10) in class and will already be background painted in rosemaling colors and ready to paint on. Details for brushes and other items (approximately \$30-\$50, depending on brands you buy) will be provided on the supply list that will be sent with student's registration confirmation.

VENUE DETAILS: The LaGrange Art League Gallery is at 122 Calendar Ave. in LaGrange, Illinois: <https://www.lagrangeartleague.org/#/>, and easily accessible from Interstate 294, 290 and 55. Several restaurants are within walking distance. Hotels are located nearby, including the mid-range options of Holiday Inns in Countryside or Hillside, Illinois, which are each approximately ten minutes from the gallery, (<https://www.ihg.com/hotels/us/en/reservation>). For more information, contact Mari at inrarosemaling@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION PERIOD:

Registration is now open and will end when the class is full or on April 8th. Please complete the registration form below.

SUPPLIES: A supply list will be included with your registration confirmation email.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Mari Smith at inrarosemaling@gmail.com for more information as needed.

INRA REGISTRATION FORM FOR EDUCATION CLASSES AND EVENTS

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Please check all appropriate line(s): (Check payable to INRA)

____ \$ 95 Non-member (includes 2024 membership fee of \$15)

Information below is requested for teacher's preparation:

Student will be using oils ____ or ____ acrylics in class.

Note: Bev will be teaching the class in oils, acrylic painters are welcome. Students choosing to paint in acrylics must supply their own paints.

Student's self-reported prior painting experience:

Beginner ____ Advanced Beginner ____ Intermediate ____ or Advanced ____

Class size: 10 students maximum, no refunds unless place is filled by another student from a waiting list.

Please send registration form and check (payable to: INRA) before April 8, to: Mari S. Smith, 3625 McCormick Ave, Brookfield, Illinois 60513.

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