

# Illinois Norsk Rosemalers Association Class Announcement

## Telemark with Jill Willems

The Illinois Norsk Rosemalers Association is pleased to announce an upcoming in-person Telemark class with Jill Willems in Lake Zurich on June 26 – 28, 2026. This is a three-day project class, from 9am – 4pm each day with an hour for lunch. Jill’s design for this class will be inspired by and similar to the piece pictured here.

The INRA recommends the class for those at the advanced beginner level and up. Jill will be teaching the class in oils; independent acrylic painters are welcome.

Students may choose to order a 16” scoop plate from <https://montzkawoodworking.com/products>. Please call (651) 464-5847 to place an order. The price is \$26.95 plus shipping. Please order your woodenware early and mention the piece is for Jill’s class in June. Students may use practice boards in class. If you order two plates there is a 10% discount. Students must order their woodenware by June 5 to allow for creation and shipment in time to background the piece for class.



### TEACHER BIOGRAPHY/ARTIST STATEMENT:



Hi, I’m Jill Willems, from Iowa, WI and I am a soul-deep artist. It’s what I do; it’s who I am. Now retired after a long career as an elementary art teacher, I’m in the studio most days designing and painting. I took my first Rosemaling class in September 2016. From my first lesson a passion for this Norwegian folk art ignited so fiercely within me it took me by surprise! It was like finding an artistic path that was foretold for me. I’ve studied Rosemaling with many accomplished and gold medalist Rosemalers, most notably my mentor, Andrea Herkert. Then in the summer of 2023, my family traveled to Norway where I was able to spend time with a couple of Norwegian artists—what a dream come true!

I’m now taking the next step in my Rosemaling journey. Teaching this art to others just feels like a natural progression, education is in my heart! I’m excited to meet you and share this beautiful art!

## RECAP OF CLASS DETAILS:

Style: Telemark

Teacher: Jill Willems

Project: 16" scoop plate

Venue: In-person, Lake Zurich

Medium: Oils, independent acrylic painters welcome

Level: Advanced beginner/intermediate and up

Class Hours total: 18

Dates: June 26-28, Three 6-hour days with lunch break

Class Fee: \$175 member

\$195 nonmember (includes 2026 INRA membership cost of \$20)

Additional Costs: Orders for your 16" scoop plate should be placed with Tim Montzka before June 5 to guarantee delivery to you for the week of the class. Students will supply their own paints. Additional details, including directions for backgrounding the woodenware, will be provided on the supply list that will be sent with registration confirmation.

## REGISTRATION NOTE:

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: For this class ALL registrants should email a copy of their registration form and image of their payment to [inrrosealing@gmail.com](mailto:inrrosealing@gmail.com). Those sending in checks should take images of the completed form, the check, and the stamped envelope they will be mailing. Those using Venmo should email images of the completed form and their Venmo receipt.**

There will be a 6 student minimum/10 student maximum, no refunds unless your place is filled by another student from a waiting list. INRA classes are designed for real-time interaction in each class session and no recordings are available for in-person classes. Lodging, meals, woodenware and painting supplies are covered by each student.

**VENUE DETAILS:** Mainstreet Art Center, 20 East Main Street, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, e-mail: [artists@mainstreetartcenter.com](mailto:artists@mainstreetartcenter.com) and phone: (847) 550-0016. Lake Zurich is located less than an hour from Chicago at and around US Routes 22 and 12 in Lake County, Illinois, and can be reached from either Interstate 90 or 94.

**RESTAURANTS & LODGING:** There are many restaurants in and around Lake Zurich for meal purchases. Lodging is available at several hotels within 15 minutes of the Gallery/Studio. Two options are: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES LAKE ZURICH-BARRINGTON, 197 S. Rand Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047 United States, [www.ihg.com](http://www.ihg.com) and Baymont Inn & Suites by Wyndham Mundelein near Vernon Hills, 517 East Highway 83, Mundelein, Illinois 60060-4250, <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/>.

If you have questions about registration, the class details, or the venue and lodging, contact Mari Smith at [inrrosealing@gmail.com](mailto:inrrosealing@gmail.com).

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## REGISTRATION FORM FOR EDUCATION CLASSES

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

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

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

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### June 26-28, 2026

Advanced Registration begins today

Public Registration Begins May 1

Please check appropriate line(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ \$175 INRA Member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$195 Nonmember (includes INRA 2026 membership fee of \$20)

Information given below is for teacher's awareness and planning purposes:

Student's self-described painting level: \_\_\_\_\_ Adv. Beg \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced

Student will be using \_\_\_\_\_ oils or \_\_\_\_\_ acrylics in class.

NOTE: Jill will be using oils to demonstrate in class. Independent acrylic painters are welcome.

Due to venue space limitations, this class will have a 10-student maximum, no refunds unless place is filled by another student from a waiting list. All students are reminded that class materials provided are for individual use only and are not to be shared. If you have questions about registration, the class format or class details, contact Mari Smith at [inrarosemaling@gmail.com](mailto:inrarosemaling@gmail.com).

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

OR

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