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Dear students,

Here is everything you should need to know for our class in Taos, NM, **May 30–June 4, 2022.**

Attendance Policy

Due to the meditative and structural nature of my classes, spots are reserved for students who are able to attend the entire time. Cell phones, smart watches, and other pesky gadgets are forbidden in the classroom.

Cancellation and Refunds

- If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible by sending an email to my assistant, Noelle: netgulden@gmail.com. If we can fill your spot, we will refund your payment, minus a \$350 nonrefundable administrative fee. If we are unable to fill your spot, we will not be able to issue you a refund.
- If the class has to be cancelled for reasons outside of our control, you will receive a refund, minus your deposit. If the class is rescheduled, and you are unable to attend the rescheduled class, you will receive a refund, minus your deposit.

Class Roster

For those of you who want to have each other's email address, mailing address, phone number, website, etc., I will pass around a sheet in class and make sure you get one.

If you would like your photo included on our class roster, please send a photo to my assistant, Noelle, by May 1: netgulden@gmail.com.

Transportation To and From Taos

Airport Shuttle:

- We have recommended Taos Ski Valley Shuttle in the past, but they are currently not operating.
- They recommend Mountain View Shuttle: (575) 770-8759 or <https://mountainviewshuttle.com/contact>

Driving Directions:

- Mabel Dodge Luhan House's address is: 240 Morada Lane, Taos, NM 87571. They have a helpful map on their website: <http://mabeldodgeluhan.com/contact/>
- In Taos, at the plaza stoplight, turn east on Kit Carson Road (US 64). Two blocks from the plaza, turn left on Morada Lane. Turn left at the end of the paved road for the Mabel Dodge Luhan House driveway and parking area.

Rental Car Discount Code: If you're planning on renting a car, Enterprise Rent-A-Car at (575) 758-5553 offers a discount code: L34D109. One-way reservations are accepted.

Workshop Schedule and Travel Tips

Workshop Start and End Times:

- Class orientation officially starts at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, May 30.
- We will have our closing session after breakfast on Saturday, June 4, and will end by noon that day.
- Please plan to attend the entire session, and make airline reservations accordingly. ***Your return flight should depart sometime after 5:00 p.m. on June 4.***

When to Arrive and Depart:

- It is not required to arrive in Taos the day before our class starts, but I recommend it, especially for students travelling internationally. I prefer to come the day before and stay one day after. This makes travel to and from Albuquerque easier for those of us who fly in.
- Please contact Mabel's directly to find out if they have room before and/or after our workshop: 1-800-846-2235 or 575-751-9686. If they don't, I recommend staying in Santa Fe for the extra day(s).
- All return flights home should depart sometime after 5:00 p.m. on June 4.

Sample Daily Schedule:

The usual daily schedule will be as follows:

- **8:00 a.m.:** Breakfast
- **9:30 a.m.:** Morning workshop

- **12:30 p.m.:** Lunch
- **After lunch:** Free time for exploring the area, reading, walking, napping, or more working.
- **3:00-6:00 p.m.:** Afternoon session
- **6:00 p.m.:** Dinner (at Mabel's on the first and last evenings; on your own the other evenings)

The studio is open during breaks.

Other Logistics

Weather

The weather in March is generally sunny and unpredictable in temperature; bring layers and a warm coat, good walking shoes, sunscreen, a hat, etc.

What to Bring

I will provide you with a materials list. I have paper to sell in the classroom for those of you who don't wish to travel with it. Please label your tools with your name.

Meals and Dietary Needs

Your workshop fee includes breakfast and lunch each day, plus two dinners.

Our first meal together will be dinner on May 30. Our last meal together will be breakfast on June 4. (We will be able to fix lunches to go on the last day).

Here is a schedule of meals provided:

- **Breakfast:** May 30–June 4
- **Lunch:** May 30–June 4
(We will be able to fix lunches to go on the last day, but we will not eat together.)
- **Dinner:** May 30 and June 3
(Everyone is on their own on the evenings in between.)

The meals at Mabel Dodge Luhan House are healthy and varied. They come with some selections specifically for vegetarians and those who require gluten-free options, and they always have fresh fruit, alternative dairy, lots of salads, vegetables, etc.

For those who need a little caffeine while they write, there will be coffee and hot water for tea available from 7:00 a.m. until the night — the receptionist leaves at about 8:00 p.m.

Scents

Because some people have sensitivities to scented products, please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, essential oils, etc., and from using health and beauty

products that are heavily scented at the workshop. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Cell Coverage/WiFi/Printers

Please leave cell phones, smart watches and other devices outside the classroom. For a lot of us this takes some getting used to, but it makes the contemplative atmosphere bloom.

Mabel's has WiFi in public areas (living room, dining room, Rainbow room), so guests can use their computers in those areas.

That's it! If you have any questions, let me know.
Laurie