Join Sarah Roche and the Friends of Wellesley College Botanic Gardens for
Art of the Lot-et-Garonne, France 2020,
a seven-day painting experience in South West France
7 days: Friday, August 28 – Friday, September 4, 2020

Sarah Roche and the staff at WCBG Friends are excited to be able to offer this amazing seven day painting experience, based at Saint-Grégoire, Sarah’s house in the Lot-et-Garonne region of South West France, close to the market town of Castillonnès. We will find our painting inspiration at the local daily markets, selecting and bringing back the fruits and vegetables of the fall harvest to study and paint at Saint-Grégoire. Each day you may tackle small studies of your market finds, or spend the week working on a full painting in watercolor. The small group setting means that each participant will enjoy plenty of guidance and demonstration, so that Sarah can work with any experience level.

In September, the markets are at their best. The jostling summer crowds are gone, but the harvest is at its most delicious. Each day there is a market in a different ancient local bastide village. Each one is steeped in history and their narrow winding streets are a maze of beautiful old houses with hidden gardens and courtyards.

There will be time to explore the beautiful Dordogne and Lot regions of South West France, enjoy the delicious local french cuisine and sample the wines of the region, as well as explore the local towns, countryside and chateaux.

Accommodations at Haven on the Hill, Lalandusse, district of Lot et Garonne
A beautiful, recently restored farm and barn, usually a yoga retreat, which is run by a wonderful English couple Wendy and Neville Vokes. It is a five minute drive from Saint-Grégoire, just on the other side of the valley.
WCBG Friends’ Members $1,365 / Non-Members $1,465, shared double or triple room
$910/$1,010 due upon registration; $455 due May 1, 2020

Fee includes:
• Opening reception, Friday evening at Sarah’s home
• Five days of instruction & painting time at Sarah’s
• Five group visits to local markets, bastides, vineyards, and chateaux
• Transportation to/from Bergerac Railway Station and all transportation during your stay
• 7 nights’ accommodation; twin or triple bedroom each with en-suite
• 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 4 dinners
• Linens & towels are provided
• Spacious kitchen with dining area
• Outdoor dining space where guests can enjoy countryside views
• Comfortable living room with large wood burning stove
• Garden room with views overlooking the pool and neighboring fields. (If you’re lucky enough, you may spot deer and other local wildlife.)

Travel to/from Bergerac and additional expenses not included. Trip limited to 10 artists.

Contact WCBG Friends office for more details. wcbgfriends@wellesley.edu or (781) 283-3504

Special cancellation policy: Registration fees are refundable for withdrawals, less a processing fee as follows:
• more than 60 days: 25% processing fee
• 60 - 31 days: 50% processing fee
• 30 days or less: non-refundable & non-exchangeable

For overnight trips, we strongly recommend that at the time of booking, a comprehensive travel insurance policy is purchased which includes cancellation and curtailment coverage. Please see this recent article (Oct. 2019) on recommended travel insurance companies: https://www.reviews.com/travel-insurance/