



Karen <sup>NOLL</sup> Schaaf

## Biography & Workshop Information

Karen Noll Schaaf uses transparent watercolors to express the beauty of the human experience and to capture the unique life moments of her portrait subjects.

Her most recent accolades include selection into the 2024 Transparent Watercolor Society Exhibition, the American Watercolor Society's 2024 Member Exhibition and the 2024 Fabriano International Congress, representing the United States.

Her work will be published in Splash 25: The Best of Watercolor, the special issue of Artists Magazine featuring the world's best watercolor artists.

An internationally award-winning artist and instructor, Schaaf has earned signature status in the National Watercolor Society, the Southern Watercolor Society, the Georgia Watercolor Society, and the Watercolor Society of North Carolina.

Schaaf has a B.A. in Fine Arts and a M.Ed. in Instructional Design and Technology, with over 20 years of experience designing online and classroom courseware. Her workshops combine her watercolor proficiency and her instructional expertise, resulting in a well-planned and fun learning experience that ensures her students leave with the confidence and knowledge to continue their artistic journey.

### What makes a workshop with Karen different?

#### *A planned learning experience...*

*The traditional workshop format is to watch the instructor demonstrate in the morning session, and then paint in the afternoon. A lot of fun, but it can be overwhelming!*

*When learning a complex subject, it's better to break it down into a series of smaller learning blocks. I've redesigned my workshop experience into a series of smaller segments, each a short lesson followed by hands-on exercises.*

*As an instructor, my primary objective is not to teach you to duplicate what I do. (So, yes, you will work with your favorite photos, and not mine:) I want you leave with the knowledge, tools and confidence to become an accomplished figurative watercolor artist with your own style.*

#### *With take-home reference materials*

*Taking notes as you try to watch your instructor is frustrating. You miss what the instructor is doing!*

*Each morning, I'll give you a handout of what we will cover that day, and you can follow along with me. At the end of the week, you'll have a complete workbook to take home with you, including links to video demonstrations. It's a merging of the the best of online and classroom training.*