

# DRAW CIVITA 2014

Architectural Sketching and Perspective Workshop

Civita di Bagnoregio, Italy

July 4 – 10, 2014



# DRAW CIVITA 2014 Workshop Itinerary

## PROPOSED ITINERARY—6 nights in the NIAUSI Civita di Bagnoregio apartments

This workshop offers 5 full days of immersion into the world of architectural sketching. It includes instruction in the understanding and use of perspective, an introduction to watercolor, plus lots of tips and info on drawing and painting. A very small group of only 4-6 participants will provide opportunities for one-on-one learning, critiques, and hand's-on demos.

### Friday, July 4 – ARRIVAL in Civita

Arrive by 5:00pm  
7:00pm, Welcome wine in Il Nuovo  
7:30pm, Welcome Dinner at Alma Civita

### Saturday, July 5 – WORKSHOP DAY 1

8:30am, Group coffee in Il Nuovo followed by  
Walk to Bagnoregio for first sketches, buying groceries, and lunch  
2:00-6:00pm, lecture and demo: Intro to Perspective Sketching in the Sala Grande  
Dinner, on your own

### Sunday, July 6 – WORKSHOP DAY 2

9:00am-12noon, Sketching Civita, Geology museum  
12noon-2:00pm, Group lunch at Alma Civita  
2:00-6:00pm, Sketching in the Piazza and Chiesa San Donato  
Dinner, on your own  
8:00-9:00pm, review of day's sketches in Il Nuovo

### Monday, July 7 – WORKSHOP DAY 3

9:00am-12noon, Intro to Watercolor  
12noon-2:00pm, Lunch on your own, riposo (rest)  
2:00-6:00pm, Watercolor demos and practice  
Dinner, on your own  
8:00-9:00pm, review of day's sketches in Il Nuovo

### Tuesday, July 8 – WORKSHOP DAY 4

9:00am-12noon, Sketch in Civita  
12noon-2:00pm, Lunch, on your own, riposo  
2:00-6:00pm, Sketch in Civita or Lubriano  
Dinner, on your own  
8:00-9:00pm, review of day's sketches in Il Nuovo

### Wednesday, July 9 – WORKSHOP DAY 5

9:00am-12noon, Walk to Bagnoregio and sketch  
12noon-2:00pm, Lunch in Bagnoregio, on your own  
2:00-5:00pm, Sketch Civita from Bagnoregio  
5:00 Final review of sketches in Il Nuovo  
7:30pm, Arrivederci Dinner at Alma Civita

### Thursday, July 10 – DEPARTURE, Arrivederci!

Farewell coffee and pastries in Il Nuovo.  
Walk to Civita bus, transfer to Orvieto bus, train. Or stay a few extra nights in Civita!

## DRAW CIVITA 2014 Workshop Lodging

NIAUSI, the Northwest Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies in Italy, is a US non-profit organization with an architecture, arts, and education focus.

This workshop utilizes NIAUSI's beautifully renovated, rustic stone apartments, gardens, library, and meeting rooms for 5 full days and 6 nights. Payment to stay in Civita for the workshop will be made directly to NIAUSI via Stephanie. Payment includes a one-year membership in the organization, and as NIAUSI members, workshop participants will have the option to stay longer in the Civita facilities or to return during the year, if space is available.

Three apartments are available for workshop participants and guests: Lo Studio, Il Giardino, and Il Ruderino. All apartments are fully furnished with full kitchen, bathroom, linens, and a Welcome Basket with a few grocery basics like coffee, milk, sugar, and olive oil, bread. Washing machines are available--no driers needed in the July Italian heat! Wi-Fi is available at no charge. Groceries can be purchased Monday-Saturday in Bagnoregio but must be carried back to Civita. Civita has several wonderful restaurants that serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner that are reasonably priced.



NIAUSI garden.



The Sala Grande.



Dinner in the Etruscan cave at Alma Civita.



Lo Studio to the left,  
Ruderino up the stairs,  
and Il Giardino to the right.

## 1--Appartamento Uno—Lo Studio -- \$117 (86 euros) /night

A 2-story, fully-furnished apartment with kitchen, living room/studio space with fireplace, drawing tables, and a small terrace with a view to the landscape. It can sleep 1-5 people upstairs in one queen-size bed and three twin beds. Includes a Welcome Basket with grocery basics, Wi-Fi, and laundry facilities. Apartments have no air-conditioning, but the thick, stone walls remain cool, fans are available, and there are plenty of windows to catch valley breezes. For parties over 2 people, an extra \$10/night per person is charged by NIAUSI.

If you are willing to share lodging with other people, this apartment may be used for several guests in order to share space and reduce lodging costs. Let Stephanie know if you are interested in sharing Lo Studio with another workshop guest or two.



Upstairs Bedroom accommodates up to 5 people.



View from window.



Ground floor Living Room/Studio work space.



Ground floor kitchen.

## 2 -- Appartamento Due -- Il Giardino -- \$100 (73 euros) /night

A charming one-story apartment adjacent to the garden. It is fully furnished, has a full kitchen, bathroom, and eating nook. The apartment sleeps 1-2 and has a double bed. Includes a Welcome Basket with grocery basics, Wi-Fi, and laundry facilities. Apartments have no air-conditioning, but the thick, stone walls remain cool, fans are available, and there are plenty of windows to catch valley breezes. For cat lovers only!



Entrance to Il Giardino apartment.



Eating nook in kitchen.



Kitchen



Kitchen



Bathroom



Bedroom

### 3—Appartamento Tre -- Il Ruderino – \$90 (70 euros)/night

A one-room studio apartment located on the second floor. It is fully furnished with a kitchen, bathroom, and eating nook. The apartment sleeps 1-2 and has two twin beds and a sleeping loft. Includes a Welcome basket with grocery basics, Wi-Fi, and laundry facilities. Apartments have no air-conditioning, but the thick, stone walls remain cool, fans are available, and there are plenty of windows to catch valley breezes.



Ruderino kitchen and loft above.



Two joined twin beds in studio apartment.



Courtyard entry to Ruderino.



View from top of stairs at Il Ruderino.

# DRAW CIVITA 2014 Workshop Costs

## Costs: Workshop

Cost for the Draw Civita workshop is \$825/person if deposit is received by March 1. Workshop cost increases to \$875 if deposit is received after March 1.

Workshop payment includes:

- 5 intensive days of immersion instruction, demos, one-on-one critiques
- Very small group instruction, only 4-6 participants
- Benvenuto and Arrivederci dinners at Alma Civita, lunch at Alma Civita on Sunday
- Welcome Basket with grocery basics for your apartment, including coffee, tea, sugar, milk, bread, cheese, eggs, olive oil
- Free Wi-Fi
- Free laundry facilities

You are responsible for:

- Transportation to Italy and to Civita (detailed instructions on traveling by train from Rome to Orvieto, bus, taxi, will be provided.) Travel light!
- Most breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. This is also a chance to relax or explore on your own! You can utilize the kitchen in your apartment or eat at the several excellent and reasonably priced restaurants in Civita. Groceries can be purchased in Bagnoregio and carried back to Civita, or you can order groceries and have them delivered the next day—an order form will be available.
- Sketching supplies (a list will be provided to participants in April.)
- Because Civita is only accessible by foot, you'll need to be in pretty good physical shape to get you and your luggage up the bridge to Civita and back/forth to Bagnoregio.

Cost for accompanying guests who do not participate in the workshop but join the group for meals and events is \$250 (183 euros) /person.

## Costs: Lodging

First come, first served, so reserve fast! You can select which apartment you like if it is available. Payment for lodging is made by check to "NIAUSI", paid in full and mailed to instructor Stephanie Bower by May 1. NIAUSI prices are low compared to hotels, etc. in Italy because it is a non-profit organization. If the NIAUSI apartments are filled, there are two B&B's in Civita—Alma Civita and Antica Forno, but book rooms early as they each have only 2-3 guest rooms.

Total prices for workshop lodging are:

- Lo Studio -- 1-2 guests, 6 nights, total \$700 (511 euros) (additional guests are \$10/person/night)  
This would be a great space to share as a group.
- Il Giardino – 1-2 guests, 6 nights, total \$610 (445 euros)
- Il Ruderino – 1-2 guests, 6 nights, total \$550 (400 euros)

**Payment Deadlines** -- Reserve a spot ASAP! Space is limited!

\*\*March 1, 2014 -- \$275 (200 euros) deposit is due for workshop, by check or bank transfer from Europe to "Stephanie Bower". After March 1, workshop cost increases to \$875 (640 euros).

\*\*May 1, 2014 -- remaining \$550 (or \$600) to "Stephanie Bower" + check to "NIAUSI" for 6 nights lodging is due.

In the event the workshop is cancelled, all deposits and payments will be returned in full.

**Hope to see you in Civita!!**

## DRAW CIVITA 2014 Additional Information



### **Instructor, Stephanie Bower**

After winning the 2012 KRob international architectural delineation competition for Best Travel Sketch, Stephanie was asked by NIAUSI to organize instructional sketching workshops in Civita. She brings over 25 years of experience in architecture (licensed architect in New York), architectural illustration, and college-level teaching to this workshop. Stephanie is an experienced and popular drawing instructor, having taught architectural sketching for 10 years at Parson's School of Design in NYC, with Frank Ching at the University of Washington, and since 1998 at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle.

In 2013, Stephanie was awarded the prestigious Gabriel Prize, an architecture fellowship to draw and paint for three months in France. She is also a blog correspondent for Seattle Urban Sketchers, and while in Paris, was a blog correspondent for Paris Urban Sketchers! Her sketches posted to Flickr have had almost 10,000 views, and you can visit her blog at [www.stephaniebower.blogspot.com](http://www.stephaniebower.blogspot.com) to see drawings and read about her experience in France, Italy, and Spain. In addition, Stephanie recently qualified to be a signature member of the Northwest Watercolor Society.

If you have ever wanted to really learn and understand architectural perspective, this is your opportunity. In addition to sketching and painting Civita's picturesque, winding stone streets and courtyards, we'll sketch gardens, caves, Etruscan and Roman artifacts, the dramatic hilltown landscape, interiors, and even our food! This workshop offers a rare opportunity to focus on architectural sketching as well as a unique experience for lots of one-on-one instruction in a small group of only 4-6 participants. You'll learn how to accurately create the bones of a sketch and really understand perspective as well as develop your pencil, pen and watercolor technique--all inspired by Civita's extraordinary setting.

### **Getting There**

Civita di Bagnoregio is approximately 60 miles north of Rome in the state of Lazio. Why not coordinate this workshop with other travel in Italy? To get to Civita directly, fly into Rome, take the bus to Termini Train Station and take the train to Orvieto (on the Rome-Florence line), then the regional bus (7 euros) or a taxi (50 euros) to Bagnoregio, then it's a short shuttle bus and long walk across the bridge into Civita! There are no cars in the town. You can also stay a few nights in Rome on arrival to adjust to the time change and see the sights and colors.

All participants must carry medical insurance that covers them in case of accident or hospitalization in Italy.

Be prepared to walk. Travel very light, as you'll be hauling luggage everywhere on your travels. It will be warm in July, so you won't need a lot of clothing!

Contact Stephanie at [stbower@comcast.net](mailto:stbower@comcast.net) for additional information.  
See you in Italy!!