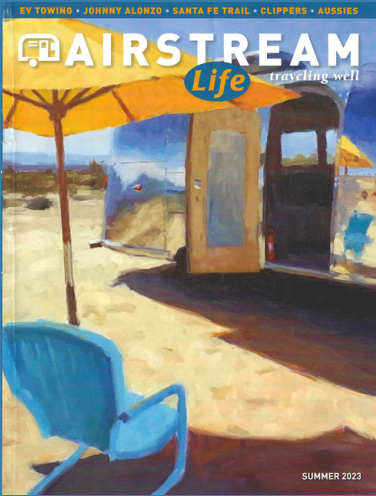


'Paint By Water' 7-page feature article

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know, that whole effect of nature and how it calms you so you get an equilibrium back. That whole being is what "trying to go by."

Painting on the Road

Richardson makes intentional time for painting while traveling. Her studio on the road is essentially a portable studio for a small, lightweight piece of fabric-covered canvas that she can roll up and take with her. She uses a variety of paints, including watercolor, gouache, and acrylic. She also uses a variety of brushes, including a large, soft-haired brush for broad strokes and a smaller, stiffer brush for detail work. She also uses a palette and a container of water. She sets up her studio in a variety of locations, including a campsite, a parking lot, and a scenic overlook. She also uses a variety of techniques, including wet-on-wet, dry-brush, and glazing. She also uses a variety of subjects, including landscapes, still life, and abstract. She also uses a variety of colors, including natural pigments and synthetic pigments. She also uses a variety of textures, including smooth and rough. She also uses a variety of lighting, including natural light and artificial light. She also uses a variety of backgrounds, including plain and patterned. She also uses a variety of frames, including none and various styles. She also uses a variety of mediums, including paper, canvas, and fabric. She also uses a variety of tools, including brushes, palette, and water container. She also uses a variety of techniques, including wet-on-wet, dry-brush, and glazing. She also uses a variety of subjects, including landscapes, still life, and abstract. She also uses a variety of colors, including natural pigments and synthetic pigments. She also uses a variety of textures, including smooth and rough. She also uses a variety of lighting, including natural light and artificial light. She also uses a variety of backgrounds, including plain and patterned. She also uses a variety of frames, including none and various styles. She also uses a variety of mediums, including paper, canvas, and fabric. She also uses a variety of tools, including brushes, palette, and water container.

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both, and she said, "Oh, I've never tried watercolor. It must be so relaxing." And I said, "Yes, it is. It is very relaxing, but probably not how you expect it. It's so relaxing as to be a relaxing because it takes all of your focus," she says.

"Everything, all the other details in your mind, just go away because there's no room for them. You're just trying to absorb the painting and be in the moment. What's the next step?" and "What would make this better?" all that other stuff goes away. That's why painting is so relaxing because it's so focused."

As the years, Richardson weighs factors like the amount of water on the paper, the amount of paint on her brush, and how those two might impact creating layers of paint below some pieces. She's a recent convert to both by 2023, painting of an island reflected in a lake, requires me on wet painting, where the paper soaks water and you're painting the scene. Richardson painted the sky and lake on wet, creating the entire page with water before adding huge amounts of paint from top to bottom. Painting wet, you can see a piece that she never met but just seconds to get both water and paint onto the paper—and in the right spots before the water started to dry.

"The sun dry, you'd come back and put the next coat on, it takes probably five or six coats before you get that lovely smooth surface of a lake reflecting the sky," she says. "That is probably the easiest way to do watercolor."

Smaller paintings might seem more straightforward but still require careful planning and attention. To build color and

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Richardson paints a portrait of paint beams. Then, while painting, she carefully notices the position on the page to avoid clashing areas of paint below. She also practices patience while each layer dries, a process that takes about 24 hours in her home studio, she typically waits on outdoor painting as it dries, switching between them as layers dry.

Richardson has an art studio in her home in central Ontario. She has been painting for over 20 years. She also practices for collectors in more than 20 countries, with annual traveling for her work in recent years. She does not travel for her work, but she says that she does have fun—only if it's really.

"It's a very special, it's so comfortable. In making the watercolor, in a small sense. Each painting has that effect, it's not a big impact to be able to share the joy of an art and artist."

For larger prints without an easel, she says that she would be my life, but it's just being right." ☑

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ADVICE Richardson keeps a Lake Superior in Ontario's Pukaskas National Park. **OPPOSITE:** "Some Extended Evening."

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