

Explore Guatemala...



...with **Terry Gay Puckett** and her daughter, **Brook Rosser**.

Terry Gay is a native Texan and award winning artist, and Professor Emeritus from St. Philip's College. In 2009 she was named Artist of the Year for the San Antonio Art League and Museum. She has led several workshops to Mexico and Guatemala, focusing on drawing, painting, mixed media, enameling and collage.

Brook Rosser is a painter, graphic designer illustrator, and an Associate Professor of Print Graphics in the Dept. of Digital Design at San Antonio College. Brook's paintings and drawings have been exhibited in both group and solo exhibitions as well as juried shows including the Carrington/Gallagher Gallery, Lubbock Fine Arts Center, Texas Tech University, Blue Star, Southwest School of Arts & Crafts, University Autonoma de Mexico in San Antonio, The University of Texas at Tyler, and most recently at Anarte Gallery.

Terry Gay and Brook will share their sketching and painting techniques on location at the Hotel Atitlán, where you will be surrounded by sumptuous gardens, volcanoes, terraced mountainsides, and Maya Indian villages; as well as tips for journaling and sketching "on the move" as the group visits other awe-inspiring locations.

Based at Lake Atitlán, which author Aldous Huxley called "the most beautiful lake in the world", there will be lots of time for visiting markets and villages with opportunities for buying handicrafts and textiles known the world over for their beauty and quality.

Terry Gay will offer instruction in T'ai Chi Chih®, Joy through Movement, in the mornings for those who are interested. She is a certified instructor in this moving meditation. T'ai Chi Chih brings great peace and serenity to those who practice regularly. The slow, soft motions have a real effect on blood pressure, weight control and other physical aspects. It promotes creativity, relieves stress, and is said to increase quality of life as well as longevity. No special physical abilities, clothing, or equipment are required. Anyone can do it.

Workshop Setting and Highlights...

Guatemala City... Discover the beauty of **Hotel Vista Real** (www.vistareal.com) overlooking the City and facing the colossal "Fuego" and "Agua" volcanoes. Its feel and look is a resplendent blend of Guatemalan and Mexican art and architecture.

Lake Atitlán and Villages... Travel through the highlands of Guatemala with vistas of great mountain peaks, plateaus, and valleys. Lake Atitlán, "the most beautiful lake in the world", with its three towering volcanoes standing guard over azure waters and twelve Maya villages, is truly inspirational. The color, the dramatic landscapes, and the deeply entrenched Maya culture will create memories to last a lifetime. Stay at the **Hotel Atitlán** (www.hotelatitlan.com) on the water's edge, and surrounded by beautiful botanical gardens.

Chichicastenango... The markets are the "crown jewel" of Guatemala, brimming with beautiful hand woven textiles and splendid works of art and crafts in designs and techniques passed on from generation to generation. The Maya/Catholic rituals and open-air market of world famous Chichicastenango, and the blazing colors of everyday dress will enthrall you. Here you will stroll the market and visit the churches of this unique Maya village.

Antigua... In a verdant valley, surrounded by lofty volcanoes, the picturesque, time trapped city of Antigua will capture your heart. The romantic ambiance of its richly textured ruins, draped in vibrant bougainvillea, its peaceful parks, cobblestone streets, churches, monasteries, and colonial homes with courtyards provide artistic inspiration. Your stay in Antigua will be at the beautiful Palacio de Doña Leonor (www.palaciodeleonor.com) former site of the home of the daughter of Pedro Alvarado, conqueror of Guatemala. Built in the 1540's, the Palacio today is an elegant mansion tastefully decorated to invoke 17th century luxury.

Tikal Add-On (pre-workshop) May 9 - 10, 2010

Discover *Tikal*, the lost world once inhabited by the ancient Maya more than two thousand years ago, a legacy to one of the most refined civilizations in the history of the world. Mammoth pyramids with temples on top attest to the skill, intelligence, and high civilization of these ancient peoples. Who were they? Why did they disappear? Their voices speak from the dust through the ruins left behind, ruins that rival any Egyptian site.



To enroll...

Detach the registration form and send it with your deposit or full payment check (**group limited to 20**, date of registration request determines priority of space) made **payable to Explore Guatemala, L.L.C.** Upon enrollment, additional information will be provided to assist you in planning your trip. ***Do not make airline arrangements until you have been notified by Explore Guatemala to do so.***

Terry Gay and Brook Rosser's Guatemala Adventure

May 10 - 19, 2010

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Registration Request

Name as it appears on your passport: _____

Name you go by: _____

Passport Number (**Current passport required**): _____

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Occupation: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

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_____ I am on my own but wish to share a room.

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_____ I prefer the single supplement charge.

_____ Tikal Maya Ruins add-on (May 9 - 10, 2010)

Enclosed is check/money order

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Deposit: \$ _____ or Total Fee: \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Guatemala Adventure Tour
May 10 - 19, 2010
 Tikal Maya Ruins Add-on Tour: May 9 - 10, 2010

Tikal Option May 9 - 10, 2010

Sun 9th: Arrive in Guatemala City, 5:30 PM flight to Flores. (D)
Mon 10th: Spend a day of awe and fascination in the Maya ruins of Tikal. Return to Guatemala City. (B,L)

Workshop/Tour January 10 - 19, 2010

Mon 10th: Fly into Guatemala City where you will be met at the airport and taken to the beautiful Hotel Vista Real in Guatemala City, overlooking volcanoes Agua and Fuego.

Tues 11th: Take a scenic drive to Comalapa, where it is market day. Enjoy the colors, the people, and let your senses run free in this most colorful of Maya markets. Travel through the Guatemala highlands to beautiful Lake Atitlán. At Hotel Atitlán, you will be surrounded by botanical gardens, towering volcanoes, terraced mountainsides, and Maya villages. (B,L,D)

Wed 12th: Morning TCC (T'ai Chi Chih®). There will be on-sight instruction in the botanical gardens, overlooking the lake and surrounding volcanoes. Terry Gay and Brook will share their sketching and painting tips on location at the Hotel Atitlan, surrounded by sumptuous gardens, volcanoes, terraced mountainsides and Maya Indian villages. The afternoon will be free for individual instruction or exploring the nearby nature walk, or to go to the local village of Panajachel. (B,L,D)

Thurs 13th: Travel to the world famous Chichicastenango market where you will find colorful and exciting commerce and the best place in the country to buy textiles and handicrafts. Record your impressions with sketchbook and camera. The art of the 'fast draw,' a technique for quick sketches on-the-move, will help you to capture and hold on to your memories as we travel from place to place. (B,L,D)

Fri 14th: Morning TCC, and a leisurely boat ride with a stop at the scenic village of Santiago for an incredible cultural experience and a little shopping in the artists' colony. (B,L,D)

Sat 15th: Meet for TCC at the Ranchito, in the lower gardens of Hotel Atitlán, After lunch you will be free to enjoy the tranquility of the gardens, Do the *Cables Extremo* zip line, take the leisurely Nature Walk, or simply relax in the never ending Jacuzzi. (B,L,D)

Sun 16th: Next, travel to the colonial city of Antigua and stay at the beautiful Palacio de Doña Leonor, former site of the home of the daughter of Pedro Alvarado, conqueror of Guatemala. One of the most exquisite boutique hotels in Antigua; an elegant mansion tastefully decorated to invoke 17th century luxury, and just a few steps from the main plaza. (B,L,D)

Mon 17th: This morning artists will gather for plein air painting in the ruins of Convent Santa Clara. In the afternoon, visit the Jade Museum/Shop to hear of the "Lost Jade Mines of the Maya". Ruins to visit: San Francisco, Capuchinas Convent. (B,L)

Tues 18th: A little TCC for those who wish. Colonial architecture and shopping in the cobbled and colorful streets of Antigua. Or, the Parque Central offers more plein air painting. (B)

Wed 19th: Departure flights home. (B)

Explore Guatemala, your partners in travel:

The company founders: **Anita Rogers**, fluent in Spanish, lived in Guatemala for 25 years. Her family owns the beautiful Hotel Atitlán on Lake Atitlán. **John Korte** has traveled throughout Guatemala for over 20 years. Our Traveler's Assistant, **Roberto Uhlenbrock**, born in Lima, Peru, is fluent in Spanish, English and German. He was a guide for the largest tour operation in Guatemala. His study and experience in arts gave him the background to understand and communicate the beauty of Guatemalan arts and life. Everybody at Explore Guatemala understands local customs and business practices. They stay in the hotels, eat in the restaurants, and ride the transportation, personally experiencing every aspect of their workshop/tours. They know the "hidden treasures" as well as the little bits of information only the locals know. Their experience, relationships, and knowledge of the country allow them to provide a worry-free, life enriching travel adventure, providing a deeper understanding of the Guatemalan way of life, its culture, nature and society; in short, they will show you the real Guatemala in a way very few travelers experience.

Included in your Explore Guatemala Workshop:

- A superbly crafted travel experience to the most enchanting, magical land of the Maya...Guatemala.
- Travel, learn, and have fun with Terry Gay and Brook.
- 10 days, 9 nights at unique and luxury hotels with most meals included (per itinerary).
- Deluxe motor coaches and private boats viewing the most scenic and colorful venues...an artist's paradise!
- Hotel baggage handling, driver, and meal service tips, all entrance fees, and excursions included in itinerary.

NOT included:

- Airfare from your hometown to Guatemala City. Our flexible plan allows you to:
 1. use your Frequent Flyer miles to obtain your own tickets
 2. **or**, purchase your tickets through your own sources
 3. **or**, call travel coordinator Gretchen of G&G Travel at 877-809-8900. Tell her you are traveling with **Explore Guatemala - Terry Gay & Brook Group**. She will find the best airfare and arrange for you to arrive by the appointed time. She'll even arrange Frequent Flyer tickets for you.

Obviously, the sooner you make your reservation, the better the price and availability. However, **do not make airline arrangements until you have been notified by Explore Guatemala to do so.**

Prices:

- \$2150** Plus airfare (based on double occupancy).
- Single room supplement: **\$385**.
- Reservation Deposit: \$500**
- Tikal add-on:* DBL \$445, SGL \$495

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