

## *Painting with Friends*

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An artist friend invited four artists, including myself, to spend a couple of days painting on her family island on the North River (near the Virginia shore). This quaint period home, with its outbuildings and marshes surrounded by woods, water and boats, was an ideal place to paint landscapes, seascapes and even interiors. It was once used as a location for a Tom Cruise movie.

Everywhere you turned was another painting opportunity. On this day, the strong wind was whipping up the yellow marsh grasses and causing the clouds to dance in the sky. This particular study interested me primarily because I could stand out of the wind and sun. I was attracted by the pool of water that echoed the color of the sky against the grasses and rocks. I was drawn to the various textures and contrasting values.

When painting outside with friends, no matter how the painting turns out, the experience is the prize.



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