

## Plein air workshop – Gene Costanza

**Dates:** April 11, 12 & 13, 2010

**Cost** \$375

**Contact:** The Morean Arts Center, 719 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL  
33701 Phone: 727.822.7872

Gene Costanza is a contemporary realist painter of traditional subject matter, focusing primarily on landscape and man's interaction with it. Costanza is equally "at home" in his studio as well as outdoors, painting "en plein air." Taking advantage of hindsight, he explores far ranging and diverse artistic methodologies to craft his unique and engaging paintings.

Though mostly "self-taught," he has studied via the workshop experience with a number of great contemporary artist/teachers including Kevin Macpherson, Matt Smith, Jeffrey Watts, and has a long standing close personal and professional friendship with Scott L. Christensen. It is Christensen whom Costanza credits with most of his growth. Frequently these two can be found painting, fishing, hunting or just enjoying the fellowship of intimate friendship.

**MUSEUM COLLECTIONS:** *The Academy Museum Easton, MD Private collection of the St. Joe Companies*

**RECENT AWARDS:** *AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 2009 American Impressionist Society, HONORABLE MENTION Top 50 Greenhouse Gallery Salon International 2004 American Impressionist Society 2006,2007 (First Annual) ARTISTS CHOICE/PATRONS AWARD - Painting the Forgotten Coast - 2008*

**PUBLICATIONS:** *American Art Collector December, 2009 International Artist Magazine - How Did You Do That? 100 Ways to Paint Flowers and Gardens, 2004*

*PLEIN AIR NEW MEXICO - Jack Richeson art book productions*

**SHOWS:** *Best and Brightest - Scottsdale Artist School, 2004 Juried Salon International - Greenhouse Gallery, San Antonio, TX; 2004 Solo Exhibition - Fraser Fine Art, San Francisco, CA; 2005 Plein Air New Mexico Juried - Invited artist*

**RECENT JURIED/INVITATIONAL EXHIBITIONS:**

*May 2004 Best of Plein Air - Laguna Plein Air Painters Assoc. 2007 (2 pieces)*

*American Impressionist Society - 2006*

*American Impressionist Society - 2007 (2 pieces)*

*American Impressionist Society - 2009 - Award of Excellence*

*Plein Air Easton - July 2007 Salon Invitational - Hilligoss Gallery, Chicago, IL*

*2007 Oil Painters of America - Western Regional 2008*

**AFFILIATIONS:** *Professional Member - National Academy of Professional Plein Aire Painters (NAPPAP) - 2005 - 2007 Signature Member - Plein Air New Mexico 2005-2006 Artist Member - Laguna Plein Air Painters of America (LPAPA) Artist Member - Oil Painters of America (OPA) Artist Member - The American Impressionist Society Member -California Art Club (CAC)Member -California Art Club (CAC)*