



**GUESTS HONE ARTISTIC SKILLS AT OJAI VALLEY INN & SPA'S
ARTIST COTTAGE & APOTHECARY
Local Artists and Aromatherapists Lead Creative and Eclectic Endeavors**

OJAI, CA (2013) – The Ojai Valley Inn & Spa's hacienda-style Artist Cottage & Apothecary is the centerpiece of its unique arts program. In one of the only authentic art studios at a resort, Spa Ojai combines its world-class spa experience with programs designed to encourage artistic self-discovery. Classes range from mixed media, painting on glass, silverpoint drawing and silk scarf painting, to signature mandala drawing; an introspective and very personal class. Local artisans teach guests valuable techniques while promoting individual self-expression. In the Apothecary, guests may enjoy the unique experience of blending essential therapeutic oils to create a personal scent.

Spa Ojai's 1,200 sq. ft. Artist Cottage is nestled beneath a centuries-old oak tree, coined the "wishing tree," adjacent to Spa Ojai. A paseo-style tiled patio encircles the cottage allowing for plein-air painting. Expansive windows and doors open the interiors to the outdoors creating a versatile workspace without walls. The cottage houses old-fashioned artist's easels, art books for inspiration, high-quality art supplies, and plenty of raw materials to entice creativity.

Artist Cottage Highlights

Guests may select to participate in open studio time, in which they are free to explore their artistic whims under light guidance, group art classes, or private art sessions for more in-depth and personal instruction.

Art classes available include:

MANDALA: A Sanskrit word, meaning the center and the circle, mandala can be a focal point for centering in meditation, or a medium to find one's place in the greater scheme of things. Guests are led to consider seasonal, multi-cultural, astrological or numeric themes to create their own personalized circular symbol of wholeness.

MIXED MEDIA: Guests combine acrylic paints, oil pastels and a variety of found materials to create a unique collage. The finished product becomes a moment of their Ojai vacation. .

GLASS PAINTING: Visitors learn the art of painting on glass. They choose from a variety of vessels to create a beautiful piece for oneself or as a gift for a friend.

SCARF PAINTING: Using silk scarves as a canvas, guests are guided through the process of hand painting colorful designs to create customized wearable art.

The Apothecary

In the Apothecary section of the Cottage, guests may learn the art of custom blending essential oils. Instructors demonstrate how to distill herbs in an old-fashioned French alembic, to create an intense scent. In the blending class, guests choose from a wide selection of essential oils and blend their own personalized scent to use in their spa treatments or to take home with them. The Apothecary stores each personal formulation so that upon return home, guests can order additional quantities of their scent infused in a variety of products including soaps, perfumes, lotions, and scrubs.

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About Ojai Valley Inn & Spa

Since 1923, vacationing guests have sought the tranquil pleasures of the historic Ojai Valley Inn & Spa, a AAA Five Diamond property located on 220-tree shaded acres, located just an hour and a half north of Los Angeles and half-hour south of Santa Barbara. Affirmed by its many prestigious awards, the legendary Inn is one of the nation's unique hidden treasures. For reservations please call 1-800-422-6524 or visit www.ojairesort.com.

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