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"Dive In" at Raven Hill

The 2017 Luke Buck Watercolor workshop will concentrate on "diving in and divulging, you'll discover the many facets and advantages of the medium. It instantly becomes easy." For the eighth consecutive year, a special Luke Buck Watercolor Workshop is scheduled at Raven Hill Discovery Center for Thursday, June 22 and Friday, June 23, 2017 from 10 am to 3 pm. Luke Buck, a native "Hoosier", grew up and studied art in Indiana. His nostalgic paintings of Americana landscapes and American wildlife show a love for life, art, and nature. Many "locals" here in northern Michigan appreciate his talents and enjoy collecting his paintings.

"I'm looking forward to returning to the *Raven Hill Discovery Center* for another workshop session in watercolor painting. It has been my pleasure to share ideas and thoughts with such an energetic and knowledgeable group of artists during the course over the past few years. The group is a nice blend of painters, from the novice and beginner, to the more experienced and accomplished artist." Luke will be teaching his unique but traditional technique and approach to watercolor painting through lectures, demonstrations, and step-by-step painting with one-on-one instructions.

Beginner, intermediate, or advanced watercolor painters are invited. The workshop will focus on techniques for watercolor painting. Early enrollment is recommended as space is limited. Cost: \$250 for 2 days. Lunch is included. Call Cheri at 231.536.3369 or email her at info@miravenhill.org to register or for more information.

This year, there will also be a solo showing and sale of Luke Buck Art. The show will include original paintings, along with his complete collection of reproductions like the Ironton Ferry and Horton Bay General Store. The show opening with wine and hors d'oeuvres is from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Friday, June 23, 2017. The show continues on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from noon to 4 pm. The public is invited to the opening and show. Admission is free. Luke will donate a percentage of the proceeds from all sales of his art to Raven Hill. He will be present during the show to meet and greet friends, new and old. Luke has also donated his original painting of **The Old School House** to Raven Hill. Luke painted the Center's Schoolhouse in 2015. This painting is now available to the public in a beautiful edition of **Giclee Print** for \$30 each as a fundraiser for the Center. Luke will hand sign any print edition of **The Old School House** during the opening or show.

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