

## Sabbatical Leave Report – Scott Shannon, Associate Professor

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In the spring semester of 2021, I applied for and was granted Sabbatical Leave to be taken during the Spring semester of 2022. While originally I proposed to spend the entire 6 month period in Spain, the continuing coronavirus pandemic led to a variety of complications to travel and difficulty in collaborating with local contacts in Spain. This resulted in a somewhat revised itinerary, however, overall, my original core activities were completed as planned in Spain (centered on hand & digital sketching landscapes of Andalucía's "Pueblos Blancos") during the months of January, February, and March based out of the city of Estepona. Sketches were made directly in the field using pencil, as well as exploring the use of digital sketches using a Microsoft SurfacePro tablet with pressure sensitive stylus and Sketchable software. Over 30 finished sketches resulted (each taking 2-8 hours to complete), as well as numerous quick studies & experiments with different media (watercolor, ink, etc.) in both traditional and digital format. Below are two thumbnail examples:



Pueblos Blancos visited included:

- Estepona (centro viejo)
- Casares
- Ronda
- Gaucin
- Algatocin
- Genalguacil
- Jubrique
- Mijas
- Cortez de la Frontera
- Arcos de la Frontera
- Jimena de la Frontera
- Castillo de Castellar
- Montejaque
- Benoajan
- Grazelama
- Zajara de la Sierra
- Senenil de las Bodegas

Additional cities & towns of note visited for study of urban design:

- Granada
- Cordoba
- Jaen
- Ubeda
- Baeza
- Malaga
- Nerja
- La Herradura
- Cadiz
- Jerez de la Frontera
- Tarifa
- Baelo Claudia

After exhausting my 90 day EU Schengen zone visa in Spain, I traveled to the UK, where I spent a further 6 weeks visiting and photographing 35 historic gardens and cultural sites, focusing on gardens of the Arts & Crafts movement (1880-1939), particularly those designed and influenced by William Robinson, Gertrude Jekyll, and Edwin Lutyens.

Gardens visited included:

- Sissinghurst Castle (National Trust property, designed by Vita Sackville-West & Harold Nicholson), Cranbrook, Kent
- Scotney Castle (National Trust property), Tunbridge Wells, Kent
- Great Dixter House & Garden (Historic House Association), Rye, East Sussex
- Bateman's House Garden (National Trust property), Berwash, East Sussex
- Hever Castle & Garden (Historic House Association), Hever, Kent
- Lamb House Garden (National Trust property), Rye, East Sussex
- Gravetye Manor Garden (Private garden, home of William Robinson), East Grinstead, West Sussex
- Chartwell House & Garden (National Trust property, home of Winston Churchill),

Westerham, Kent

- Knole House & Garden (National Trust property), Sevenoaks, Kent
- Bodiam Castle (National Trust property), Robertsbridge, East Sussex
- Montacute House & Garden (National Trust property), Montacute, Somerset
- Hestercombe House & Garden (design by Lutyens & Jekyll), Taunton, Somerset
- Lytes Cary Manor & Garden (National Trust property), Somerton, Somerset
- Knightshayes Garden (National Trust property), Tiverton, Devon
- Castle Drogo (National Trust property, designed by Edwin Lutyens), Exeter, Devon
- RHS Garden Rosemoor (Royal Horticultural Society demonstration gardens) Great Torrington, Devon
- Cotohele Garden (National Trust property), Saltash, Cornwall
- Trengwainton Garden, (National Trust property), Penzance, Cornwall
- St. Michael's Mount Castle & Garden (National Trust property), Marazion, Cornwall
- Godolphin House & Garden (National Trust property), Helston, Cornwall
- Trebah Garden, (private garden) Falmouth, Cornwall
- Lanhydrock House & Garden (National Trust property), Bodmin, Cornwall
- Broxwood House & Garden (private garden), Leominster, Herefordshire
- Snowhill House & Garden (National Trust property), Broadway, Gloucester
- Hidcote Garden (National Trust property), Chipping Campden, Gloucester
- Upton House & Garden (National Trust property), Banbury, Warwickshire
- Sandringham House & Garden (Royal Estate) Kings Lynn, Norfolk
- Oxburgh Hall & Garden (National Trust property), Swaffam, Norfolk
- Elsing Hall (Historic House Association), Dereham, Norfolk
- Helmington Hall Gardens (Historic House Association), Dereham, Norfolk
- Hoveton Hall Gardens (Historic House Association), Wroxham, Norfolk
- Kentwell Hall (Historic House Association), Long Melford, Suffolk
- Raveningham Hall & Gardens (Historic House Association), Norwich, Norfolk
- Cambridge University Botanic Garden, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire

Finally, as originally proposed, with the opening of the new gallery space in Marshall Hall (projected in spring semester 2023), I plan to mount a formal exhibition of selected sketches to share with the ESF college community.