



Watercolor Painting

Semester: Summer 2024

Days: Thursdays, June 6 – June 27

Times: 1:00-3:00 PM

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Course Description

This class is designed for beginning students to learn to compose and create a watercolor painting step by step. Starting with a light pencil sketch, students will learn watercolor techniques and sequencing while discussing color, composition, and perspective.

What will you learn?

Students will learn the unique sequencing of watercolor painting. We will discuss color, composition, and perspective.

Materials List for student to bring:

Watercolor Paints: Students are encouraged to buy an introductory set of watercolor tube paints. Recommended colors include: Cadmium Yellow Medium, Yellow Ochre, Raw Sienna, Black, Chinese White, Cadmium Red Medium, Cobalt blue, Hookers Green, Burnt Sienna.

Watercolor Paper: One sheet 22"x30"

One paper plastic watercolor palette tray to mix paint on

Brushes recommended: Watercolor brushes various sizes

One #2 pencil

Water tub for brush cleaning

Paper towel roll

One art gum eraser

Wood drawing board approximately 18x24

Class Schedule

Class 1: The course will start with a short discussion of the unique properties of watercolor paint. We will discuss the importance of preserving the white of the paper and how watercolors are painted from light to dark. Students will start to block in the subject matter.



Class 2: Students will be introduced to perspective as it pertains to landscape painting. Discussion of color theory and color mixing. Students will lay in the base washes.

Class 3: We will continue building our compositions. The different washes (wet-into-wet and wet into dry) will be discussed, as well as when to use each.

Class 4: Students will put the finishing touches onto their landscapes. There will be a discussion of how to add details to their work. There will be time set aside to allow students to discuss and reflect on their works.