

Course Description: Acrylic Painting Basics

Instructor: Holly Stone

Class is appropriate for beginning and advanced beginner level students. Students will be offered a good grounding in the basics of the acrylic painting process and techniques. A step by step process to design and execute strong paintings will be presented.

Students with no previous experience will learn basic painting principles, techniques, and get one-on-one assistance in completing a painting. Returning and more advanced level students will further develop their personal style, improve color, composition and design skills, and be presented with more advanced painting principles and techniques.

Students will learn:

What supplies and techniques are appropriate for traditional acrylic paintings

How (and why) to create hard and soft edges

Use of medium, use of water

How to modify color, how to match colors

The importance of value in painting design

How to accurately copy a drawing or design

A step by step process to create a strong painting from start to finish

Various brush techniques, glazing

Use of a palette knife

Proper palette set up

How to clean brushes

Precautions in dealing with toxic materials

Students will complete one or more acrylic paintings, depending on individual speed and level of detail. Each week the class will feature at least one new technique or concept, with carefully constructed exercises for students to immediately put the new information into practice. Many demonstrations will be given, as well as critiques of ongoing progress and paintings. Class is offered in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Weekly suggestions for homework to further the student's learning will be offered (though not required).

A supply list is available. Supplies will be discussed the first session.