

Course Description: Oil Painting Basics

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Appropriate both for beginning and advanced beginning students. Students will get a good grounding in basic art principles and techniques important in designing and completing strong oil paintings. A step by step process to execute paintings will be presented, and students will be assisted in designing and completing their own paintings. Students with no previous experience will learn basic painting principles, techniques, and receive on-on-one assistance in completion of a painting. Returning and more advanced level students will further develop their personal style, improve color and design skills, and be presented with more advanced painting principles and techniques.

Students will learn:

- The importance of value in painting design
- Use of paint, medium, solvents
- Brush strokes, palette knife use
- Glazing techniques, toning a canvas
- Creating and improving a center of interest
- How to copy an image into a larger size, keeping it in proportion
- Color use, color modification, practical application of the color wheel
- A step by step method to design and complete a strong painting
- Palette set up and techniques
- How to clean brushes
- Precautions in dealing with toxic materials

Students will complete one or more oil paintings, depending on individual speed and level of detail. Each week the class will feature one or more new techniques or concepts, 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 at the first class.