



Watercolor Class Information and Materials List with Leslie Wilson

Welcome! You are free to work on any project that interests you. This class focuses primarily upon drawing and watercolor painting. Below are a few notes about materials and objectives for drawing and painting.

Objectives:

- Better understand and improve drawing techniques
- Learn how to use a “direct” painting approach without a lot of color mixing (colors mix on the paper)
- Learn about planning your painting for an interesting composition

Materials list: (these are my suggestions only – bring materials you are comfortable with)

Sketchbook or notebook for drawing and taking notes during demonstrations

#2 office pencil or mechanical pencil HB (medium soft lead)

Kneaded eraser

Small spray bottle (to keep paints moist)

Watercolor paper: 140 lb. (cold press suggested). A watercolor block or pad is a convenient option and available by several manufacturers. I use Fabriano Artístico Rough, Extra White. If you use individual sheets, then the paper should be clipped or taped to a board similar in size to your paper.

Paints: tube colors are best, but you may use half or quarter pan colors if you desire. My suggested colors are below, but bring colors you are comfortable with:

Reds: alizarin crimson or carmine, cadmium red light

Yellows: permanent lemon yellow, cad yellow light, cad yellow pale, new gamboge

Blues: cerulean, cobalt, ultramarine blue deep

Earth colors: raw sienna, burnt sienna, raw umber, burnt umber

Greens: I usually mix my own greens and only rarely use tube greens

A travel watercolor set may work for you if you don't have tube colors.

Palette: I use a small/medium size hand held palette. Bring a palette you are comfortable with.

Brushes: I use round Kolinsky sable watercolor brushes, but they are expensive. Synthetic or combination will work fine but they don't hold as much water and paint. Bring brushes you are comfortable with – don't go out and spend a lot of money on brushes.

Water container

Paper towels and/or tissues

Cloth towel

Feel free to call or email me with questions.

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Art materials stores: Aaron Brothers, Cheap Joes, Blick

Online options are usually less expensive than in store.