

Art–Drawing and Watercolor Fall 2017

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This class focuses on the skills needed for learning to draw. We find inspiration in various artists' work while using artists' vocabulary. Drawing is a skill that can be learned; we draw with different mediums during the year. Elements of art and composition are taught as students continue to improve his or her skills. We use gouache as watercolor transparently and to paint opaquely in the second half of the year. In the first part of the year we focus on drawing; which is very important for our paintings to be good. Before we learn to paint we understand color and how to mix and apply color.

Week 1: Exercises to help us see outlines. Blind contour, negative spaces, upside down drawing. Artists who use contour lines.

Week 2: Exercises to help us see volume. Blind and semi-blind contour, cross contour lines to show volume. Artists who use cross contour lines.

Week 3: Value lesson with graphite. Balance exercise with value graphite.

Week 4: Balanced composition value with crosshatching.

Week 5: Cross contour line drawing.

Week 6: Colored pencil drawing.

Week 7: Mark making and stippling with pen.

Week 8: Volume and form.

Week 9: Depth

Week 10: Foreground, middle ground and background.

Week 11: One point perspective.

Week 12: Two point perspective.

Week 13: Scratchboard and ink drawings.

Week 14: Scratchboard.

Week 15: Rubbings.

Grading:

60%–How class time is spent working/daily grade

40%–Finished projects

There is no final exam.

I do not grade projects based on talent.

I grade on whether or not I feel they worked well with his or her abilities.