



Class Title: Oil Painting Basics

Class Day(s) and Dates: Mondays, October 28 –December 2 (no class Nov. 25) 6pm-9:00

Ages: 13 Years and Older

Instructor: Susan Wilhelm sawstudio@yahoo.com

Class Description: Students will learn or review oil painting fundamentals. Techniques, concepts, and materials use will be demonstrated and practiced. This is a great class for new oil painters, those who would like to refresh basic knowledge and techniques, or those who want assistance in painting from reality. A non toxic cleaning process will be taught. Materials are provided.

Class Objectives/Goals: Students will gain a basic foundation in beginning oil painting and have enough information to allow them to continue on their own. By the end of the 5 weeks, we will have created color charts, studies, and finished oil paintings.

Week 1: Introduction to Working with Oil Paints

- Exploration of Materials: oil paints, solvents, mediums, brushes, palette knives, palette
- Setting up your palette
- Color studies: color mixing from primaries, creating tints, shades and neutrals
- Preparing your canvas
- Cleaning your brushes and palette

Week 2: Still life painting

Following the instructor's demonstration, students will go through the process of laying out shapes, painting a background of fabric or texture, and painting in shadows of fruit shapes. Class emphasis is on composition.

Week 3:

With instructor demonstrating the steps, students will paint the fruits using complementary colors, overlay and blending techniques to establish values, and will complete the painting with an emphasis on creating 3 dimensional forms.

Week 4: Choice painting

Students will work from a chosen image or photo to execute thumbnail sketches, and will begin a final painting. The emphasis will be working background to foreground, large to small, general to specific, as well as on shapes, values, and edges.

Week 5:

Students will complete the final painting of the chosen image or photograph. 1/2 hour at the end of class is reserved to review student work and share insights.

Supplies to Bring: *All art supplies provided by the Art Station; an apron or smock is highly recommended.*

