

Class syllabus

Instructor: Robin Scholl

Beginning Art Series: Introduction to Watercolor

Week 1: “The Theory Of Robin’s Rounded Shapes in Nature” - Creating dimension and depth on a flat piece of paper. Basic structure of class- combination of exercises with demonstrations by Robin and individual work. Light source game. Each student should either select a photo from my photos or have one in mind of them. Explanation of viewfinder and placement of photos in viewfinders. Go over supply list.

Week 2: Value Squares. Learn how much paint and water to have on your brush. Learn Values and how to thin the paint by subtle degrees by adding water. Individual work.

Week 3: Washes: The importance of watercolor washes. Learn how to apply washes In watercolor. What they are for and how to build them up. Plain washes and graded washes. Individual work.

Week 4: The rounded Ball: Everything in Nature is based on a Rounded Shape. Rounded Ball Exercise to help learn how to create rounded shapes on a flat piece of paper. (bushes, rocks, flowers, trees, mountains, waves, etc.,) Individual work.

Week 5: Mixing Color in Watercolor- My palette and how to mix colors. Pay special attention to greens. I will have handouts on this day. Individual work.

Week 6: Edges, lifting and the art of correcting mistakes in watercolor. The misnomer that watercolor is an unforgiving medium is untrue. Demonstration on the lifting technique and correcting mistakes with applying pastels and or gouache. Individual work.

Week 7: Sky demonstration. Individual work.

Week 8: Flowers: Still life set up, wet into wet technique, students should plan on learning a different type of watercolor today.

Week 9: Flowers: Still life set up, continue from last week.

Week 10: Individual Work, continue all lessons. Request Robin do re- demos.

Week 11: Individual Work, continue all lessons, Request Robin do re-demos.

Week 12: Individual work, last class- Art Show, share work and congratulations and general pat each other on the back. This is an “ART SHARING” day where each student gets to see the progress of the whole class, and it is always very rewarding and fun.