

ARTS AT THE CENTER

PASTEL PAINTING with DEBORAH DONAHOWER

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This class runs with combined experience levels. The first two weeks of the course are attended by beginning level students only, to learn how to create a sketch and apply the pastels. Weeks 3-8 will be available to all students, beginning and experienced skill levels.

This class will introduce students to basic techniques of using soft pastels as they work alongside the instructor to create landscapes, still lifes, animals and flowers. Learn to layer colors to create luminous, painterly effects. Beginners are guided as they work on the image provided each week; more experienced students may choose to work on an image of their choice. No prior experience is required. This eight-week class (beginner level) will introduce students to basic techniques of using soft pastels as they work alongside the instructor to create landscapes, still lifes, animals and flowers. Learn to layer colors to create luminous, painterly effects. Beginners are guided as they work on the image provided each week; more experienced students may choose to work on an image of their choice.

Note: Participants are expected to provide their own materials.

SUPPLY LIST:

- Faber-Castell Soft Pastels set of 72 half sticks
- Pad of 9" x 12" Sanded Pastel Paper, 400 grade recommended
- Set of 12 multicolor General's Pastel Chalk Pencils
- Roll of white artist tape or blue painter's tape
- Pentel Clic Eraser and/or a white "Magic Rub" eraser
- ¼" wide flat Acrylic Paint Brush (to remove pastel from your artwork when needed)
- ½" wide flat Acrylic Paint Brush (to remove pastel from your artwork when needed)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Moist hand wipes or baby wipes (not Clorox type cleaning wipes)
- 2 Terrycloth hand towels
- A smooth board such as Masonite to tape down your artwork
- Box from aluminum foil or plastic wrap to raise the top edge of your artboard

Note: If you have questions about any of the above materials feel free to email the instructor directly at d.donahower@gmail.com.

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