

Oil Painting Classes

for

New-ish Artists, or Artists New to Oils

Tuesday class starting May 1st runs weekly through June 12th

or

Saturday class starting May 5th runs weekly through June 16th

7 weeks == \$175

Six students per session maximum

Each class **9am to 2pm**, including a lunch break

Bring your sketches, photos, studies, or still life objects to create two paintings. We will work individually and in a group setting to make your art come alive. Classes will be in studio with natural light. There will be some talk, but mostly doing. We'll aim for two complete paintings, and leave you with a start to finish process.



We'll start with what you find interesting in your subject, whatever it is. What do you feel about it, why is it worth representing as an oil painting? Do you have a particular emotional or pictorial message? Then we'll discuss the formal structure, the composition of the image. What's dark, what's light, why does it matter? We'll talk about the painting techniques you find attractive. For example, very loose, "brushy"? A lot of texture, or smooth and photographic? Saturated, vibrant colors, or colors that emphasize drawing, line, and space? With an understanding of the subject, an appropriately sized canvas, and an idea of the eventual "look" of the painting, you'll create a solid composition. Then we get into color. We'll talk about properties of paint. As you finish the painting we'll make sure you have the right process to make the special look of your subject "work" on the canvas.

As we go along, we'll stop to share points of interest with the other students. Everyone should benefit from what other students learn, while everyone gets individual attention. I myself work in "realism", abstraction, and paper collage, so we can tackle a reasonably diverse variety of painting.

Easels and cleanup will be supplied. Students will bring their own paint, brushes, canvases/panels, pallet knife. Emphasis is on what suits your style.

There will be some **suggested reading and some pre-class consulting available** on choice of subject matter for a fast start.

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