

Studio Art Course Description

An introduction to and exploration of ways of seeing, skills of realistic drawing and painting, and some of the many materials that can be used for expressing the visual world, as well as thoughts, dreams, imaginings and feelings.

We often work from a live model, whether for portraits or figure drawings and paintings. In the spring, we go outside to paint and draw. In the winter, we meet at the Farnsworth Museum's beautiful studio at the Gamble Education Center, which has traditional north windows, allowing us to work by natural daylight, as artists have for centuries in their studios. We also go out to coffeeshops occasionally to practice being artists in the community, and to draw people on the move!

Some of the materials we will practice using include drawing pencils, pastels, watercolor pencils, gouache, acrylic and oil paints on paper and canvas, brush and ink, blockprinting and papier mache sculpture.

My Expectations for Students

In studio art, we learn by doing, therefore the most important thing is to come to class and on time. Have a positive, exploratory attitude and work hard. At the end of the semester, the work in your portfolio will show you how far you've come.

I try to write detailed, and I hope, helpful comments for the students and parents. I give out only "Credit" or "No Credit", not "Honors."

About the Instructor

Susan Beebe is a lifelong working artist who maintains a studio on Rockland's Main Street. She graduated from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston with a Four Year Fine Arts Diploma, and also studied with Lee Hirsche at Williams College. She has had several solo shows, participated in many group shows, and is currently represented by the Jonathan Frost Gallery in Rockland. She has illustrated three children's books and designed many paperdolls and other children's products published by B. Shackman Company. She lived for sixteen years on a Maine island without electricity, running water or central heating. Her artwork can be seen on her website www.susanbeebestudio.com