Skies and Beyond

Watercolor Workshop Itinerary by Nancy Perucca

Let's take to the skies and practice some simple skies, crazy clouds, and scenic seascapes!

Day One: Demo and practice simple skies (wet on wet) with different color combination and mountains. After lunch we will practice adding clouds to our paintings.



Day Two: Demo and practice seascapes. Add birds, boats and hot air balloons to our skies. Practice dramatic skies with more intense colors using two washes. Go to Art Fair at Courthouse for lunch. Analyze Sun Rays and add them to your painting.

Day Three: Composition and adding simple foreground objects to sky paintings. After lunch demo/discuss addition of masking fluid, water blooms and ink pen techniques.

Day Four: Northern Lights demo. Framing, bookmarks, and box applications. Composition of your own projects using reference pictures.

Day Five: Practice more sky/cloud techniques. Suns, moons and sunset practice. Work on your own paintings and practice more sky cloud techniques.

Watercolor Paints:

I use Holbein Watercolor tubes, but all professional paints will work. (Winsor Newton and Daniel Smith are great quality paints). Bring whatever paints you have. I'm sorry I like a lot of different colors in my palette! You don't need this many colors for this class.

Here is a sampling of my Palette (and student palettes):

These are all Holbein unless indicated

Holbein/Brand Name

HWC 301 Peacock

HWC 298 Indigo

HWC 356 Paynes Grey

HWC 336 Sepia

HWC 277 Leaf Green

HWC 263 Cobalt Green

HWC 266 Perm. Green #1

HWC 275 Sap Green

HWC 290 Cobalt Blue

HWC 316 Lavender

HWC 292 Cerulean

HWC 247 Brilliant Orange

HWC 238 Perm. Yellow-Orange

HWC 222 Scarlet Lake

HWC 237 Perm. Yellow Deep

HWC 235 Lemon Yellow

HWC 274 Olive

HWC 333 Burnt Umber

HWC 331 Raw Umber

HWC 334 Burnt Sienna

HWC 342 Quin Gold

HWC 234 Yellow Ochre

HWC 209 Perm. Aliz. Crimson

HWC 310 Cobalt Light Violet

HWC 315 Perm. Violet

HWC 320 Quin Violet

HWC 211 Carmine

HWC 225 Brilliant Pink

HWC 213 Opera

(Graham) Azo

(Winsor Newton) Brown Madder



*You are welcome to email me and ask me questions about colors. I have some extra student palettes that I use in student classes. Feel free to email me and reserve a student palette to use while in Nebraska. There is a small fee, but it will let you try some colors before you purchase them on your own. It will save you money and you will have the same colors I have on my palette. (nancyperucca@gmail.com)

If you are just starting your paint collection, you may wish to purchase a variety tube set. Here are two sets that have many basic colors. This will be plenty of colors, and usually there is plenty of sharing among the students too. (Amazon)



Holbein Artists Watercolors Set of 18 or 24, 5 ml tubes



Holbein Artists Watercolors Pastels, set of 12 ml tubes