

Latrobe Art Center Class: **Beginning Oil Painting (Part 1)**

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Length: 2-2 1/2 hour class once a week for 4 weeks running February 12, 19, & 26 and March 4

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4 Classes:

Class 1: Color Wheel: Primary colors, mixing **Secondary Colors**, mixing **Tertiary Colors**

Class 2: Color mixing-Chromatic Grays, Color Theories and Complementary Color Schemes

Class 3: Importance of Value, Value Chart and Identifying Values of Tube oil Colors

Class 4: Composition: Planning a painting—drawing small plans called Thumbnail sketches

Materials:

1) Oil paints

Recommended brands: **Gamblin** and **Utrecht**, from online stores; DickBlick.com, Utrecht.com, Jerrysartarama.com, Amazon.com and CheapJoes.com Look for sales which occur often!

Student grade paint is less expensive because it contains a lot less pigment. Buying oil paint **online** is one way to save money over buying paint in a local art store, like Michaels.

Avoid these brands: *Winsor & Newton and Winton, Artists Loft and any set of 12 to 36 tubes for a very low price on Amazon, etc.* Because these paints contain low pigment, they will not perform as well as professional brands. *You will end up **spending a lot more money** in the long run* if you buy student grade paint and frustration is a real possibility. (***Gamblin 1980 of the student grade paints, is the best....if you do not want to invest in professional grade oil paint**)

Required Oil Colors:

37 mL Tubes

Titanium White (cool)

Cadmium Yellow Light or Hansa Yellow Light (cool yellow)

Cadmium Yellow Medium (warm yellow)

Cadmium Red Light (warm red)

Alizarin Crimson (cool red)

Phthalocyanine Blue (phthalo blue) (cool blue)

Ultramarine Blue (warm blue)

2) Palette: a disposable paper palette....approximately 9" X 12" is a good size or you can use waxed paper or parchment paper with masking tape or a styrofoam dinner plate

3) Brushes: long handle -Flat brushes sizes #2, #4 and any additional sizes you desire (some artists like bristle brushes and others like softer Taklon or nylon brushes)

4) Canvas Boards size 11" X 14" or 9" x 12" You need at least 4, usually sold in a bundle

5) Gamsol Odorless Solvent in a container with a tight-fitting lid.

6) Palette knife: a small palette knife for mixing paint, it can be plastic, although they break.

7) 1 inch-3-ring Binder: A place to put the instructional handouts and photos. You will be able to refer to this later when you are painting on your own.... like having your own textbook.

8) Latex or Nitrile gloves are optional, but are a good safety measure. (buy at Harbor Freight)