



Drawing Foundations

Ages 14 + | Instructor: Noreen Schoder

Course Objective:

In this course, students will learn basic drawing tools, as well as hone their essential skills and techniques of drawing, while applying art elements.

Course Description:

Drawing Foundations introduces students to the essential skills and techniques of observational drawing using still life objects, reference photos, and a variety of traditional materials, including graphite and charcoal. Students will explore line, shape, value, proportion, perspective, composition, and shading through guided exercises and longer studies designed to build confidence and technical ability. Emphasis will be placed on developing careful observation and an understanding basic drawing techniques. Beginners are welcome, while more experienced students will have opportunities to refine their skills and deepen their personal approach to drawing. Open to students ages 14 and up.

Student Supply List:

- Drawing board and clips
- Newsprint pad
- Drawing pad
- Graphite pencils - 2H, H, 2B, and 6B
- Charcoal pencils - soft, medium, and hard
- Vine Charcoal
- View Finder (Optional)
- Kneaded eraser
- Ruler

Course Schedule:

Week 1: Discussion of materials. Begin experimenting with materials.

Week 2: Gesture/Blind Contour Drawing Lesson

Week 3: Contour and Line Drawing Lesson

Week 4: Shading and Texture Drawing Lesson

Week 5: Still Life Extended Drawing

Week 6: Continue Still Life Extended Drawing

Week 7: Fabric Study Drawing

Week 8: Fabric Study Drawing Continued

Week 9: Portrait Drawing Lesson

Week 10: Critique. Discussion of projects.