

Visual Diary - Sketching Nature

The New Mexico Art League - Vasili Katakis

You may use any sketchbook that you are comfortable with. Your sketchbook should be hardbound. (Coiled ring spine sketchbooks are discouraged). Paper should weigh *approx.* 60lbs. (able to handle a light color wash). **Size should not exceed 6"x10"**. No pocket size books. **I use 8" x 5" Moleskine or Shinola (hard cover)**. If you are using a heavier, more substantial (like watercolor) book, you must still acquire an 8x5 (ish) sketchbook to use for notes, diagrams, thumbnails, details, etc.

Other Sketchbook Brands:

Shinola Canson Bienfang Strathmoore 400 series Stillman & Birn Gama

Daler-Rowney ProArt 5x6 Alpha ProArt Epsilon ProArt 5-1/2 x 8-1/2

Black ink pens: Sharpie medium or fine, Faber, Pentel Hybrid Technica .03/.08, any of the Pilot pens: G-Tech .04, Precise V-5 and V-7", Flair, etc. Anything that you are comfortable drawing with. If possible, examine and try the pen before purchasing. Artisans can accommodate you.

Pencils & Erasers: Pencils: 2-B, 4-B or 6-B and a chisel tip 2-B or softer. White charcoal pencil. Kneaded eraser or hard eraser. Sharpener: you may choose mat knife, X-acto, sharpener, or sanding pad. Graphite sticks, eraser pencils and erasing templates are optional. Glassine and fixative are optional.

Watercolors, colored pencils, paint sticks, water soluble pencils, etc. Brushes. Only limited colors will be used, so don't purchase anything large & expensive. Tubed colors are acceptable. Tombos may also be used.

Scale-up: Toward the end of the course, we will translate one of your sketches (or details) into a full scale drawing or painting by using some of the techniques you've learned. You will need whatever medium (dry, or wet) you are accustomed to working in, along with appropriate support. If you do not yet have a favorite medium, Vasili will assist you with exploring options.

Field trips: Unknown at this time. Dates & Locations TBD. (mask & distancing will be in place)

Plein Aire Equipment: The "Keep it Light" rule applies to this class, as does keeping it simple. A zippered pencil case can accommodate most of what you will need in the field. A small, simple backpack also works well to carry more, including water bottle, poncho, seat cushion, etc. No need for Pochade boxes or easels.

Present this supply list at Artisans to receive a discount.

Please peruse this site prior to the first class and

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