

Watercolor painting / Pastels

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Residency offered:

Watercolor or Pastel Painting – Whether your students are studying bugs, solar system, underwater creatures, etc., watercolor techniques or pastels can be explored while learning about various subjects. Students gain deeper understanding of subjects through close observations and recording their observations. Techniques such as: wet on wet, wet on dry, use of salt and crayon resist will be taught. Other possibilities include taking students outside to explore their environment. Landscape painting gives students the opportunity to learn how to interpret their world using watercolors or pastels.

Preferred age/Grade level: grades K – 6

Supplies, Equipment, Space, and Time Considerations: Watercolor paper, watercolors or pastels, tape, drawing boards, water containers, brushes of various sizes, pencils are needed. Students can work just about anywhere, in a classroom (although more space would be nice) or outside. Two hours a session is preferable. Extended projects learning various techniques could be spread over several weeks.

Teaching Experience:

- 2003-2006 Artist in Residence, Methow Valley 6th Grade- pastels in Nature, Virginia Grainger, Pateros Elementary School, grades 1-3: painting ala O'Keefe
- 2000-Present Elementary Art Specialists and Classroom Teacher, The Community School, Twisp, WA
- 2000 Procession of the Species Art Camp, Twisp WA, Natural history activities and costume creation for students of all ages
- 1999 Artist in Residence, Liberty Bell High School, Winthrop, WA.
Art Teacher for ceramics class at Liberty Bell HS
- 1998 Large Scale Mural on Methow Valley Elementary School depicting the seasons of the Methow, Winthrop, WA
- 1995-1998 Elementary Art Specialist, Allen Elementary School, Twisp, WA, and Methow Valley Elementary School, Winthrop, WA
- 1985-1995 Elementary Art Specialists, Alta, WY

Artist's Statement: My love for the natural environment inspires me to create drawings and paintings. I enjoy a quiet walk through the woods or a climb to the tops of mountains to draw and paint. Sharing my care for the natural world with students through art activities has been a part of my life for many years. I enjoy inspiring children to use their creative energy to produce works of art. Children's spontaneity and natural sense art elements abounds when given the opportunity to express themselves. Any subject can be explored through drawing and painting.

