

**Cabarrus Art Guild**

## Loosen Up! Acrylic Painting

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**Cost:** \$75.00 (all three classes) \$35 single class

**Skill Level:** Open to All Levels

**Day Dates:** (Thursdays) Feb. 9, 16, 23

**Time:** 10:00am – 12:30pm

Sign up early to reserve your seat as class size is limited. This “Loosen Up” painting course is designed for anyone that wants to have *fun* painting. It’s stress-free and designed for the professional painter who is stuck in a style as well as the beginning painter who wants to conquer their fear of painting. Susan will show you how to manipulate the shapes and edges, use dramatic color combinations and apply solid design principles to create expressible, abstract paintings. The techniques can be applied to any kind of painting, regardless of subject or medium.

The course consists of a series of three classes with different topics each week, one building on the other. Class participants will supply their own painting materials. You will receive a list of needed items when you register.

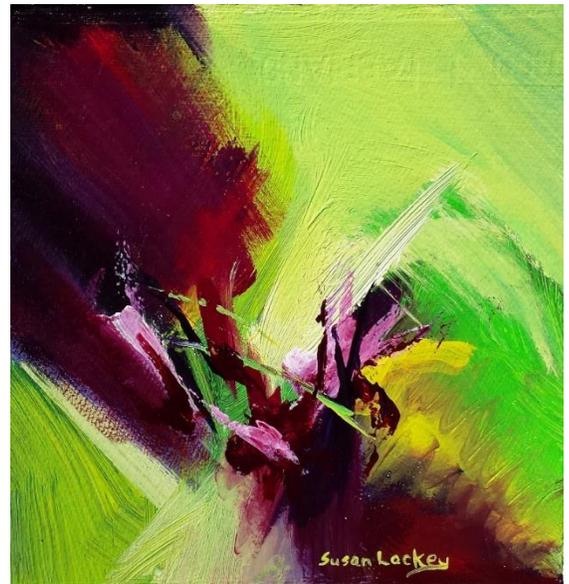
Susan starts each class with a short discussion/demo and then works with individuals to coach and answer questions about the daily topic. Each participant will finish one painting in each class.

**Session 1:** We will explore using black and white with a splash of color, and a variety of edges, shapes and lines.

**Session 2:** We will explore the complimentary color scheme, variety of shapes and controlling the variety of neutrals that appear with complimentary colors.

**Session 3:** We will explore the triadic color scheme, how to balance three colors in the composition and we will get serious about focal points.

Susan Lackey has been painting for many years and has focused on watercolor, acrylic and mixed media painting. The painting shown is an example of her acrylic work. She has won numerous awards in area shows. She is a signature member of the Watercolor Society of North Carolina. Susan currently teaches classes in Concord and private lessons as well.



# Loosen Up! Acrylic Painting – Supply List

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## Bring these supplies to each session in the course:

- **Canvas:** bring one 11"x14" stretched canvas to each class so you will need 3 canvases for the course. Walmart has had a good price on economy canvases, a package of 2 canvases for about \$5. However, bring what you have or what you like.
- **Acrylic Paints:** You will need at least one of each of the primary and secondary colors plus white and black. That translates to any red, blue, yellow, orange, green, violet, white and black. Bring with you have or get a starter kit that has at least one of each of these colors. If you are buying acrylic paint for the first time, a good starter kit is the Liquitex Basics Acrylic Paint 12 tube set that sells for \$16-\$17 depending on where you get it. Walmart does carry this set but you may have to get them to order it for you, so allow time for that. In the Liquitex set, you will get a few extra colors and the tubes are small but it is a good student grade starter set. I recommend paint in tubes, not bottles. It will be easier to blend the edges of shapes if your paint has a little body.
- **Brushes:** You will need at least a #8 round and a 1" flat synthetic or slightly stiff bristle brush; these are good workhorse brushes. If you have others that you like, bring them too.
- **Palette:** If you have one for acrylic paint that you like, bring it. If you don't, I use freezer paper taped to the table so it won't move around. It's cheap and disposable. If you are going to use freezer paper, don't forget some masking tape to tape it down.
- **Table cover:** Please bring a plastic table cover for you work table. The \$1 type from Dollar Tree works fine. It will make your clean up go much faster.
- **Water container:** Small plastic buckets are a good size, also plastic coffee containers, whatever you have. You will want at least a quart size. Some people like two containers.
- **Paper Towels:** Bring a roll.
- **Materials for note taking.** A lot of people take notes in a sketch book.
- **Optional:** Gloves, any kind of plastic or nitrile gloves will save your hands. Some people don't like these at all so it's your choice to use them or not.
- **Optional:** Small table easel; I find that I work better if I paint upright. Hobby Lobby sells a small portable table easel for about \$8 if you want to try one.
- **Optional:** Small spray bottle.
- **Wear** old clothes or bring a paint shirt or apron. Acrylics do not wash out of clothing easily