



**Cabarrus Art Guild**

## **Beginning Watercolors**

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**Thursdays 10:00 - Noon June 2, 9, and 23, OR**

**July 14, 21, 28 OR August 4, 11, and 18**

**\$35.00 each class or \$75.00 for all 3 classes. Starter set of supplies \$25.00 payable to instructor at first class.**

Beginning Watercolors is designed for people who have never painted in watercolors or have had very limited experience. The course consists of a series of three classes during one month. You may register for individual classes or all three at a big discount. To learn the full set of foundational watercolor techniques, register for all three classes. A starter kit of basic watercolor supplies is required and is purchased from the instructor on your first class. Purchasing the starter kit will save you the frustration of trying to learn with inferior brushes, paints, and paper. A student supply list is on the next page. We are offering this course (series of three classes) for each month. The course is repeatable. Each month, the projects will be different.

Maximum: 10 participants, so sign up early to reserve your seat

Level: Beginners and beginners with very limited experience

Costs:

- Beginning Watercolor Course: \$75 for all three classes. Or, Individual Classes: \$35 per class
- Starter Set of watercolor supplies: \$25 (purchase at your first class for the instructor)

June series dates: Thursdays on June 2, 9, and 23 from 10 AM to Noon

July series dates: Thursdays on July 14, 21, and 28 from 10 AM to Noon

August series dates: Thursdays on August 4, 11, and 18 from 10 AM to Noon

Each week of this watercolor course, you will observe and practice foundational watercolor painting techniques. Susan will lead you through a different step by step painting each week so that you can gradually build your skills and confidence. She will also discuss materials and supplies.

Week 1, you will use the wet into wet technique to paint a smooth sided subject

Week 2, you will use the wet on dry technique to paint a subject with interesting twists

Week 3, you will use the dry on dry technique to paint a subject with texture

The painting above demonstrates all three techniques in one complex painting. During the Watercolor Course, you will paint three less complex paintings. Each of your paintings will focus on one watercolor technique.



Advanced registration and payment are required. Register online at [www.cabarrusartguild.org](http://www.cabarrusartguild.org), call 704-795-1901 or stop by the gallery to register.

## Beginning Watercolor Supply List

Participants should bring these basic supplies to each watercolor class:

- Painting board: Gator board is popular but more expensive. Cardboard, project display boards, foam board (Hobby Lobby type stores), wood, Masonite, or acrylic panels all make good supports for painting. Your board should be no smaller than 12"x16". Optional: for paper backed boards or cardboard, you may want to cover it with contact paper to make your board last longer
- Masking tape or painter's tape for securing your paper to your painting board
- A small spray bottle: the 2-3 oz. spray bottles that you see at Walmart or drug stores in the travel size products section are good
- Water container: Cool Whip containers are a good size, also plastic coffee containers, whatever you have. You will want at least a quart size
- Paper towels or old cloth hand towel or dish towel that you don't mind getting paint stained
- Drawing pencil and eraser: any good #2 pencil will work. The best eraser is the kneaded type found with art/drawing supplies. The white erasers will also work
- 9"x12" sketch book with white paper, spiral bound ones are easier to use
- Optional: a small hair dryer, this speeds up drying time
- Optional: tote bag to carry your supplies. One with a flat bottom is the best kind. You will want to carry your pallet flat so that wet paint won't leak out. The pallet in the starter kit is 4 ¾"x10" when closed

Purchase from instructor: watercolor starter kit - \$25, purchase at your first class

Included in the kit:

- Watercolor paper: ¼ sheet 100% cotton rag watercolor paper, 1 -3 sheets depending on how many classes you are taking
- Watercolor paints: professional quality (high pigment content), all of the colors you will need for the class projects
- Brushes: a set of four Taklon synthetic hair brushes, sizes #2, #6, #8 rounds and ½" flat
- A folding pallet

## About the Instructor

Susan Lackey has been painting for many years and has focused on watercolor and mixed media painting. She has won numerous awards in area shows. Her work was accepted in the Watercolor Society of North Carolina annual show for the last two years. Susan currently teaches in Charlotte, Concord, and privately.