



Community Education Spring 2025

Acrylic Painting: Abstract

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Course Description:

Explore acrylics with a focus on color, composition and pattern. Demonstrations on color mixing, shading and texture. Work on projects of your choice or suggested demo projects.

Learning Outcomes:

Outcome #1: Discover where to find inspiration and how to interpret it abstractly

Outcome #2: Use the Principles and Elements of Design to enhance paintings

Outcome #3: Develop creativity and find your personal style thru interesting activities

Course Schedule:

9 Sessions - Mondays, 1:00 - 4:00, April 7 - June 9, 2025. No class on May 26, Memorial Day
Classroom: Room 331 at Columbia Tech Center, 18700 SE Mill Plain, Vancouver, WA 98683

April 7: Create a personal and colorful color palette

April 14: Create an abstract landscape with a limited color palette

April 21: Creating textures inspired by your surroundings

April 28: Observing natural patterns and designs from nature

May 5: Miami Art Deco style - combining pastels and tropical plants

May 12: Distortion - take a classic and make it your own

May 19: What if.....?

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May 26: No Class Memorial Day

June 2: Zooming in like Georgia O'Keefe

June 9: Last Class. Finishing projects

Selected Bibliography/Resources:

- *Robert Burridge Studio Weekly BobBlast* <https://www.youtube.com/c/RobertBurridgeBobBlast>
- *Celebrate Your Creative Self* - Mary Todd Beam
- *Painting Abstracts* - Rolina van Vliet

Class Evaluation: Class evaluations are sent by email. Sometimes the email will be delivered to your “junk mail,” but we can assure you it’s from Clark College only. Your responses are completely anonymous. If you do not see your evaluation immediately after class, look in your junk mail and send it to your email address. If you do not receive an evaluation, please email Continuingeducation@clark.edu or call 360.992.2939.

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