



Community Education Winter 2024

Acrylic Painting: Abstract

Dates: Mondays, beginning January 8 - March 4, 2024 1:00-4:00

Location: Room 331 at Columbia Tech Center, 18700 SE Mill Plain Blvd

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

Mondays, 1:00 - 4:00; 1/8-3/4, 7 sessions, No class 1/15 and 2/19.

Learning Outcomes: *As a result of taking this course, students will:*

- Learn how the Principles and Elements of Design can enhance their current work
- Understand the history of abstract art and how it has evolved
- Apply subtractive strategies in order to pull the essence from photos and/or still life arrangements in order to create an abstract painting
- Discover how to do “process painting” one layer at a time

Course Schedule:

Week 1: January 8 Introduction to class format and materials. We may start out with some loosening up activities in a “get to know you” atmosphere. Simple figures will be the focus in this colorful exercise.

Jan 15 NO CLASS (Martine Luther King Jr Day)

Week 2: January 22 Shapes. Students will use a variety of shapes, provided by the instructor, to create an interesting abstract.

Week 3: January 29 This lesson is called ABC's/123's and will result in an abstracted image using only numbers and letters.

Week 4: February 5 Special lesson on florals "The Three Geraniums". Students will take a complicated image and learn how to choose an appropriate color palette and create quick sketches that capture the essence of the image.

Week 5: February 12 Bring in a photo or image of your choice to abstract.

February 19 NO CLASS (Presidents' Day)

Week 6: February 26 Let's keep going with the abstraction!

Week 7: March 4 LAST CLASS Final abstraction and time for completion of all projects.

Selected Bibliography/Resources:

Below you will find recommended references and online links to give you more information about the topics of this course. If you have a special interest on a topic we discuss, please ask me for further references.

- Robert Burridge <https://robertburrige.com> Bob Burridge is a generous teacher with a wonderful sense of humor. He offers loads of free youtube videos and a weekly "Bob Blast".
- Learn the color wheel. Canva offers basic understanding of the color and how to combine colors. It is a good site for general art questions. [wheel.www.canva.com/colors/color-wheel/](https://www.canva.com/colors/color-wheel/).

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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