

Community Education – Spring Quarter 2026

Course Title: Watercolor Beginning in Ridgefield

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Course Details

- Thursday, 4/16 to 5/21
- 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Ridgefield Campus, 7000 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield.
- Room 208

Course Description

Dive into the vibrant world of watercolor painting in this engaging beginning class. Throughout the course, you will develop foundational techniques while exploring the unique and fun properties of watercolor as a medium.

Course Schedule

- Week One: Class will focus on the types of watercolor paints, papers and brushes. We will begin painting in the Technique book with the color wheel, a quick mix of colors, mixing consistencies of paint, values, color theory, complimentary colors, creating a wash, glazing, shading.
- Week Two: Will focus on painting shadows, making clouds, playing with our brushes, abstract play, tracing, creating texture with plastic wrap, bokeh, sponges, wax resist, color charging, painting a pear using textured backgrounds
- Week Three: Painting a large flower using the previous techniques.
- Week Four: Painting a landscape
- Week Five: Setting up your painting and getting your drawing to paper. Choosing the colors, practicing the techniques you choose to use in your painting.
- Week Six: Finishing your painting

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

1. Compile a personalized technique book, documenting various watercolor methods such as wet-on-wet, color charging and creating different textures. This hands-on resource will serve as a valuable reference for future projects.
2. Gain insight into the fundamentals of color theory, including color mixing, harmony and the emotional impact of colors. Discover how to create dynamic palettes that inspire your artwork.
3. As we progress, we will apply these new skills to create landscapes, florals and still life.

Resources

Recommended references for further study:

Class Evaluation

- Class evaluations are sent by email.
 - If you don't see it right away, check your **junk/spam folder**.
 - Evaluations are **anonymous** and come directly from Clark College.
 - If you don't receive one, contact:
 - Email: continuingeducation@clark.edu
 - Phone: 360-992-2939
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Inclement Weather

- If the college closes due to weather, updates will appear at www.clark.edu
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