

BARBARA NUSS

“DESIGNING THE LANDSCAPE”

Since there will be a lot of sketching and designing in this workshop, a large pad (12 x 16) is good for studio work. For on-location sketches, a good size is 5 x 7 or 6 x 8. Bring pencils in various degrees of softness plus erasers.

Bring several photos of landscapes that you think show promise and we'll redesign them in the class.

This workshop is for all mediums, so bring whatever medium and supplies you like, whether it is oil, watercolor, acrylic, or pastel. I am most competent in oil and watercolor. The essence of the workshop is basic design and composition rather than painting technique.

We will be working in the studio and outside, weather permitting. So bring gear for both situations. The oil painters must have odorless mineral spirits for studio painting.

For suggestions, below are the materials that I use.

In oil, I use a fairly limited palette of titanium white, cadmium yellow light, cadmium orange, cadmium red light, quinacridone red, burnt sienna, cobalt blue, ultramarine blue, thalo blue, thalo green, and Gamblin's chromatic black. I also use odorless mineral spirits and rags, which I prefer. For brushes, I like the filberts by Robert Simmons series 42, and some filbert Monarchs, sizes 2 and 4 for fine work. I use panels either gessoed or with canvas attached (8 x 10, 9 x 12, or 12 x 16 toned a medium value), Liquin, and soft vine charcoal for drawing.

In watercolor, I use cadmium yellow light, lemon yellow, yellow ochre, cadmium orange, raw sienna, cadmium red light, quinacridone red, burnt sienna, Winsor violet, cerulean blue, cobalt blue, ultramarine blue, thalo blue, thalo green, sap green, and white gouache. I use a variety of brushes and sizes. For paper, I like the Arches 140 lb. cold press, usually 12 x 16. Other materials I use include masking tape, a wipe-out tool, masking agent, and the Incredible Nib.

Miscellaneous items: an outdoor portable easel, an artists' umbrella, a hand mirror, trash bag, and camera. I also use the Prospek tool from Jerry's, which is an inexpensive proportional divider. I also have sun screen and bug spray handy.

If you have questions, please call me at 301-954-6447 or e-mail me at barbaranuss@verizon.net.