

## Art Classes with Artist Don Kolstad

I have been a full time artist here in Alaska since 1982 and I started teaching classes and giving workshops in 2002. I really enjoy teaching and feel that it is important to give back and share some of the things I've learned over the years. I can help you to cut years off the learning curve of creating art and also have fun in the process.

**Watercolor 1** is an introduction into the materials and many of the techniques used with traditional watercolor. If you have never painted or just painted a little on your own, this is a perfect class to gain some good basic skills. We also learn about the use of color, composition, how to render reflections and shadows, atmospheric perspective, and the proper use of the brush. The course is 5 weeks long and we meet every Monday from 6:30-9:30 p.m.



**Watercolor II** is an advanced class using a full pallet of colors and an expanded use of techniques, with the focus on developing skills to help you create your own paintings. We paint a large variety of subject matter and most of the paintings take 2 or more classes to complete. This class can be taken over and over since we rarely paint the same subject more than once. Many of my artists in the class call it cheap therapy! The Class meets every Wednesday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and is 5 weeks long.



**The Drawing classes are broken down into three different sessions...1) Fundamentals and Perspective, 2) Faces and 3) Figures. Each one of the classes are 5 weeks long and focus on basic skills needed to create good drawings. By the end of each session you will know how to render landscapes, faces and figures. The rest is up to you...drawing is a lifetime endeavor and, with good skills, you can build your talent on a solid foundation. Each session is 5 weeks long and meets every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m..... two hours is enough drawing instruction.... after that your head blows up.**

**Fundamentals and Perspective deals with rendering shadows, line quality, composition, how to measure and understand relationships of objects to one another. Perspective deals with one point, two point and three-point perspective.**

**The Face class deals with the frontal drawing of the face and we take each part and break it down to it fundamental core.... eyes, nose, mouth, ears, hair, etc. By the end of the class you can draw a face and make it look like the person you are trying to draw.**



**The Figure class deals with very much the same procedure as the face...we break down the body into understandable proportions and gain a better understanding of the bones and muscles. There are literally hundreds of ways to draw the human form and I try to give you some simple but effective ways to get a good start for success. On the last evening, we have a clothed model come in and pose for the class...everyone is always amazed how they can render the model with good techniques! A strong foundation pays off.**



**The Oil Painting Class is open to beginners, intermediate and advanced students. The lessons are presented in such a way that everyone can follow along and find information and success for their own level of proficiency. We cover color theory, various techniques, subject matter, the use of mediums, etc. The class meets at my studio above Service High School every Thursday evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and we also have some dinner for you later in the class. The class is 5 weeks.**

