

Materials List
Visual Diary - The Essentials
with Vasili Katakis

Sketchbook:

You may use any sketchbook that you are comfortable with. Your sketchbook may be hardbound or have a coiled ring spine. Paper should weigh approx. 60lbs. (able to handle a light color wash).

Size should not exceed 6"x10". No pocket size books. I use Moleskine and Shinola (hard cover).

Sketchbook Brands:

Shinola	Moleskine	Daler-Rowney
Canson	Stillman & Birn	ProArt 5x6
Bienfang	Stillman & Birn Gama	Alpha ProArt Spiral
Strathmoore 400 series		Epsilon ProArt 5-1/2 x 8-1/2

Black ink pens: Sharpie medium or fine, Faber, Pentel Hybrid Technica .03/.08, any of the Pilot pens:

G-Tech .04, Precise V-5 and V-7", Flair, etc. Anything that you are comfortable drawing with. If possible, examine and try the pen before purchasing. Artisans will accommodate you.

Pencils & Erasers: Pencils: 3 will be used: 2B, 4B or 6B and a chisel tip B or softer. Kneaded eraser and hard eraser. Mat knife, X-acto, sharpener, or sanding pad. Graphite sticks, eraser pencils and templates are optional. Glassine and fixative are optional.

Watercolors w/ chisel and fine tip brushes. Basic sets will be supplied for you to use, but you may use your own. Only limited colors will be used, so don't purchase anything expensive. Available at art stores, hobby shops or Walmart. Tubed colors are acceptable. Tombos or watercolor pencils may also be used.

Scale-up: Toward the end of the course, we will translate one of your sketches into a full scale drawing or painting by using some of the techniques you've learned. You will need whatever medium (dry, or wet) you are accustomed to working in, along with appropriate support. If you do not yet have to a favorite medium, Vasili can assist you with exploring options.

Plein Aire Equipment: The "Keep it Light" rule applies to this class, as does keeping it simple. A zippered pencil case can accommodate most of what you will need in the field. A small, simple backpack also works well to carry more, including water bottle, poncho, seat cushion, etc. We will not use Pochade boxes or easels.

Field trips: Dates & Locations will be announced.

Please visit this site prior to the first class and click on "Links to Artists"

pantherpro-webdesign.com/homepage/sketchbook/links2.html

Feel free to contact Vasili with any questions at vasilikatakis@gmail.com or call 505-255-0313