

Visual Diary - Sketching Nature

The New Mexico Art League - Vasili Katakis

Sketchbook:

You may use any sketchbook that you are comfortable with. Your sketchbook should be hardbound. (Coiled ring spine sketchbooks are discouraged). Paper should weigh *aprox.* 60lbs. (able to handle a light color wash). **Size should not exceed 6"x10"**. No pocket size books. **I use 8" x 5" Moleskine or Shinola (hard cover).** If you are using a heavier, more substantial (like watercolor) book, you must still acquire an 8x5 (ish) sketchbook to use for notes, diagrams, thumbnails, etc.

Other Setchbook 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: 2-B, 4-B or 6-B and a chisel tip 2-B or softer. White charcoal pencil. Kneaded eraser and hard eraser. Sharpener: you may choose mat knife, X-acto, sharpener, or sanding pad. Graphite sticks, eraser pencils and erasing 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 bring 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 a favorite medium, Vasili will assist you with exploring options.

Field trips: Dates & Locations will be announced.

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. No Pochade boxes or easels will be used.

There will be a \$5.00 class fee

Present this supply list at Artisans to receive a discount.

Please peruse this site prior to the first class and click on "Links to Artists". Enjoy.

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

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