



Miriam M Hughes – Classes and Workshops for Winter Spring 2016

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Join me in one or more of several classes I offer through the region. I am particularly proud of my ability to help those who feel hopelessly uncreative soar into new areas. My classes are fun, engaging and productive. And then more fun, even as you work hard.

*Miriam Hughes, artist, sketcher and a generally good humored person will guide you on this journey. Originally a medical illustrator, Miriam also works in pastels, watercolors and fibers and she finds sketching **almost** daily to be more fun than eating ice cream, sleeping or doing real work. Miriam will bring several of her sketchbooks and tons of reference material to prove anyone can sketch. She personally feels keeping a sketchbook could be the most valuable mental health tool available to mankind and, if she could, every human on earth would be required to keep a daily sketchbook.*

Celebrate the Lunar New Year - The Year of the Monkey with Sumi-e Painting

The 2000 year-old art form of Japanese brush painting is spiritually rooted in Zen Buddhism. Sumi-e's earliest practitioners were highly disciplined monks trained in the art of concentration, clarity, and simplicity. We will be learning some very simple strokes to honor the year of the monkey as we learn about the art form and its meditative qualities. Sumi-e employs the principles of nature's vitality in its design and execution.

The art of brush painting, aims to depict the spirit, rather than the semblance of the object. In creating a picture the artist must grasp the spirit of the subject. Sumi-e attempts to capture the Chi or "life spirit" of the subject, painting in the language of the spirit.

Brush painting speaks simply from the power of its basic inspiration. Themes from nature are the subject matter, but brush painters do not try to imitate, copy or master nature. Rather, they appreciate every aspect of it and enjoy each natural process. They seek harmony with the universe through communion with all things. Artistic beauty most often lies in that which is natural and has personality.

Two Hours \$45 4-6:30pm. Thursday, February 4 2016, at The Studios in Flat Rock, Flat Rock Square. 2702A Greenville Highway, Flat Rock, NC 28731 • 828.698.7000.

Watercolor with Just Three Colors & One Black Pen Workshop Creating Florals with Ease (landscapes, birds, and dancers too!)

Watercolor painting has a reputation of being either very hard or very easy. Miriam has created a series of workshops that can show anyone how to enjoy painting in watercolor with great results quickly. The first in the series begins with the premise that you are stuck on a desert island with three tubes of paint, one brush and some paper. And one black pen. You will find yourself addicted to this simple and fun style that creates a craving for learning more about watercolor without the fear.

In all of these workshops you will learn about transparent and opaque watercolors and how and when to use them effectively.

Three hours \$45- 1-4PM. Thursday, March 3rd 2016 at Random Arts, 481 Louisiana Avenue, Saluda, NC (828) 749-1165

Yellow & Blue Do Not Make Red – Creating Your Own Color Wheel!

Finally, a fun and fascinating workshop that explains and explores how to effectively create the colors you want! For the first time ever create mud brown, dove grey and black using just three colors and on purpose. We will be creating a variety of color wheels and learning how to use them as references for developing your own unique palette. You will find yourself referring to these lessons over and over until one day you suddenly mix the colors intuitively. We will also explore when adding black is a good thing and how to use white, if needed. You will be amazed at the variety of colors, values and hues you can get from 2-5 tubes of paint. Probably one of the best and most useful workshops you can take all year.

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Bringing Your Pet to Life – Watercolors

In this unique workshop, Miriam will review the basic anatomy of most common domestic animals (cats, dogs, small pigs, gerbils and donkeys) and show you how to start drawing and then painting your pets. We will be working in watercolor to create simple, stylist pet portraits, creating your own unique style and visual voice. Some painting and drawing experience will help, but don't let that stop you! Students have created some incredible work without any experience. Bring your basic watercolors, brush and paper, plus photographs of your pets! You will never pay for your friend's presents again – as long as they have pets!

Three hours \$45 Thursday, May 19th, - 1-4PM. 2016 at Random Arts, 481 Louisiana Avenue, Saluda, NC (828) 749-1165

The Sketchbook Workshop – A New Obsession

Have you dreamed of sitting in a café sketching, or even in your kitchen? The only problem has been what to draw, time to draw, afraid to draw, people watching you draw and/or ruining that beautiful sketchbook you bought a few years ago!

Unleash a fun and creative part of yourself without agony or judgment. Daily sketching will become as important to you as daily vitamins, meditation or exercise. Not only will you learn to keep a sketchbook, but you will discover joy, humor and fascination in your observations. Unlike photographing your daily activities, or trips you have taken, a quick sketch will bring back minute memories and feeling of the moment.

Drawing in a sketchbook does not have to be perfect, you don't even have to share it, but you will find yourself becoming addicted to the process.

Supplies are easily available and simple. During this afternoon workshop, Miriam will start with quick exercises that will lead to a fun and healthy way to observe the world. After spending the first part of the workshop learning how to be free in our sketchbooks, we will unleash ourselves out into the world and sketch our surroundings as a group. Even non-artist are welcomed because sketching in your own style will be encouraged as you grow as an artist.

Each of us has a creative bone and Miriam will help you discover it. Open to all levels of artists and as we all have the potential to enjoy art and sketching. TWO DATES AND LOCATIONS.

- Sunday April 3 10-4pm UNC – OLLIE Osher Lifelong Learning Institute – **Reuter Center One University Heights, Asheville, NC 28804 828-251-6140** (call directly for more information)
- Thursday, June 9, 2016, 12pm – 4pm at **Random Arts, 481 Louisiana Avenue, Saluda, NC (828) 749-1165** Call Jane Powell to Register

Canvas & Cork Classes

Art MoB has introduced a fun new way to get together with friends, share a bottle of wine or other sorts of bubbly and paint away. You will be painting a 12x16 image on canvas in acrylics. Students are encouraged to choose their own subject from our choices and we guide you towards amazing success. We are adding new classes all the time including Pop Art Dogs (bring your own dog photo to work from); Cottage Garden by the Sea; Café Delights; Potted Flowers, a crazy lil' Chicken and a beautiful mountain landscape. We offer Bachelorette Parties, girlfriend's night out, date nights and special occasions. We will even come to you!

Two Hours - \$35.00 - all supplies included. Wednesday Evening 6-8pm. We can add classes to meet your needs. Call to reserve your spot. **January 13th, and 27th. February 10th and 24th. Art MoB 124 4th Avenue East, Hendersonville, NC 28739 828-693-4545**

A Day of Art with Miriam Hughes **SOLD OUT**

You are invited to join us for this special workshop on

WHEN: Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 9:30am – 4PM (bring a bag lunch)

WHERE: The Garden Cottage at 233 Davis St Hendersonville, NC 28739

HOW MUCH: \$75.00

Miriam is combining two of her most popular workshops that not only give you a well-rounded experience in learning two mediums, but you will also be delightfully successful in both. We will start the day with the sketching portion of the workshop, learning how to step away from our brains using only our eyes and hands to see and create. With some fun and insightful exercises you will find sketching becoming a new form of relaxation for you. The afternoon portion will be learning how to create astonishing watercolors with just three colors, a black pen and great paper.

Supplies required are minimal and if you need for me to bring them for you, just let me know before hand and I can order your set. *Contact me if you are interested in this workshop. There may be space available or we can schedule it for your own group.*

Watercolor Gouache Resist – Create Playful Watercolor “Wood Block Looking” Paintings.

This seven step mixed media process is fun and produces amazingly professional results. We begin with a simple pencil sketch, watercolor the image, add gouache and then add India ink over everything. Rinse the ink off and reveal a stunning image. Additional painting and embellishments are added and the image results look like a woodblock. All levels are welcome. Students will leave with at least two matted pieces ready for framing. We will be painting flowers, animals, landscapes and objects. Very little experience needed. All supplies are included in the cost of the class. \$45.00 Three hours –**1-4PM. The Studios at Flat Rock Dates To Be Announced 2702A Greenville Highway, Flat Rock, NC 28731 828-698-7000**

Beginning Drawing

Learn the basic drawing skills necessary to tap into your innate artistic abilities and creativity. Learning to 'see' as an artist sees will enable you to process visual information – using your eyes and hands and asking your brain and judgment to step aside! Minimal drawing supplies are needed. We will be using the book **You Can Draw in 30 Days** by Mark Kistler. Order on Amazon, Fountainhead Bookstore in Hendersonville, or the Blue Ridge CC Bookstore.

Bring a pencil, eraser and sketch pad (5x7 or larger mixed media) to your first class. Off-Campus location, 1:00PM-3:00PM **Wednesdays 1/13 – 3/2 OR 3/16-5/11** \$60 Hughes HC Athletics and Activities Center 106 CSP-8153-800 **Blue Ridge Community College Extension. CLASS IS HELD AT Henderson County Athletics & Activity Center on 708 S. Grove St. Hendersonville, NC.**

Intermediate Drawing

Concentrating on more in-depth techniques and drawing styles, students will be exposed and try a variety of new drawing materials from pastel to charcoal, conte crayon, scratchboard and mixed media. The differences in drawing papers and surfaces from rag to recycled to glossy and matte will be discussed and utilized in class projects. We will be working with color, perspective, and illusion. The goal is to create your own drawing style and have a better understanding of how to grow as an artist. A supply list will be provided upon registration. Off-Campus location, **Tuesdays 9:00AM-11:00AM 1/12-3/1 OR 3/15-5/10** \$65 Hughes HC Athletics and Activities Center 106 CSP-8189-800 **Blue Ridge Community College Extension CLASS IS HELD AT Henderson County Athletics & Activity Center on 708 S. Grove St. Hendersonville, NC.**

Intermediate Watercolor

This exciting class allows you to continue learning how to be proficient in watercolor. The student's knowledge and abilities will be assessed so we can will build individually on those abilities. Students will learn how to work in series a strong center of interest, create your own unique palette, gain a better understanding of color theory and mixing, and critique their own work. A supply list will be provided upon registration. Off-Campus location, please see page 36 for address. **Tuesdays 1:00PM-4:00PM 5/26-7/14** \$70 Hughes HC Athletics and Activities Center 106 CSP-8164-800 **Blue Ridge Community College Extension CLASS IS HELD AT Henderson County Athletics & Activity Center on 708 S. Grove St. Hendersonville, NC.**

Learning and Loving Watercolor – Miriam Hughes Class Description

This beginning class will introduce you to the excitement of achieving success in watercolor as we cover the basics of watercolor techniques - washes, bleeds, gradations and masking. Proper use of brushes, water and pigment with an emphasis on mixing your own colors. Experiment with a variety of effects, working realistically and abstractly, including Miriam's special three colors and a pen style. You will create your own reference color wheel allowing you to learn how to work with a limited palette before spending too much money. A supply list will be provided upon registration. Off-Campus location, please see page 36 for address. **Wednesdays 9:00AM-12:00PM 1/13-3/2 OR 3/16-5/11** \$70 Hughes HC Athletics and Activities Center 106 CSP-8033-800 **Blue Ridge Community College Extension CLASS IS HELD AT Henderson County Athletics & Activity Center on 708 S. Grove St. Hendersonville, NC.**

More workshops and fun adventures in art are always planned. I also create special workshops designed just for your group. Friend me on Facebook at Miriam M Hughes or Beaumont Cottage Studios.