

Beyond The Brush - Mixed Media Art Techniques Workshop: Series One

Design, Layers, Texture, Tools

with Kathleen Ainscough

4 Sessions: October 15 – November 5th, 2025 12:30 – 3 pm

\$330 +gst

Student Supply Fee will be charged separately \$TBA

Connect to your creative possibilities through new techniques with mixed media. Curious beginners to experienced artists are welcome. Find your unique style through experiments with acrylic paints, gels texture mediums, collage, mono prints, found objects, mark making, distressing surfaces and more.

Students will work on cradled wood panels, building a grid format with paper and paint. Using the grid as a design guide to aid in abstract composition and design. Participants will have the opportunity to try many usual and less traditional tools and techniques. These tools can be applied to any style of artmaking from abstract to realism.

You will learn about the preparation of wood panels, working on a series of three 12 x 12" cradled panels. Sample making will be encouraged. We will create abstract designs with a variety of textures, using papers, spackle, different acrylic gels and mediums, mark making tools, collage, recycled papers, glazes, stencils, masks and much more.

Best practices for the studio will also be discussed, including set up, materials choices, paint disposal, and archival quality.

We all have a strong, basic need to explore and create. When we give ourselves permission to play like a child we rediscover who we are. Magic is invited in.

"Creative work is not a selfish act... it's a gift to the world." - Steven Pressfield

*Student Supply List will be sent once registration is complete.

Workshop Materials:

- Cradled Wood Panels
- GAC 100
- Water Based Varathane
- Black Tissue Paper
- Black paint for Base Coat
- Spackle
- Different gels, glaze and mediums
- Stencils
- Packaging cardboard
- found objects
- Cheese cloth, Tyvek and other fabrics
- Collage Papers
- Acrylic Paints, Pencils, crayons

Tools:

- kitchen implements
- paint scraper
- paint guides
- pattern transfer wheel
- exacto knives
- rollers, foam brushes, paint brushes
- trowels
- sponge scrubber
- sandpaper and sanding block
- silicone baking sheet