**Bolton Parks & Rec Art Classes – Adult**

**Outdoor Painting (En Plein Air)**

We’re very excited to have Ann Marie Hershberger (kahershberger@comcast.net) as our instructor.  I’m sure many of you know her already from her beautiful artwork that she’s shared throughout our Community. She’s lived in Bolton for 16 years.  She’s a lifelong artist and educator with a Masters in Education and a Masters in Mental Health Counseling specializing in Art Therapy. As she states on her website, “I look forward to continuing to learn from my students and enjoy the lifelong trajectory of growth and fulfillment that is intimately associated with the world of art, creativity and education.” My goal for this class it to have everyone finish the six weeks feeling confident in their abilities to apply the basic skills necessary to draw and/or paint outdoors and feel comfortable going out on their own or with a friend.

6 weeks from April 28th- June 2nd, will extend for inclement weather

Wednesday Mornings 9:30-11:00 AM – Adult anyone over 18+

Cost $150.00 per Adult, does not include materials, limited 12 spots

Meet at pre-determined locations in town (conservation land, Bower Spring for example, or possibly farms in Bolton, Field behind FSS, etc. . . .) or alternate indoor location if inclement weather to learn basic drawing skills and how to draw and paint outdoors. A finalized list of locations will be sent prior to start of class. Please let Ann Marie know if there are any mobility or learning issues prior to start of class so we can make accommodations. All are welcome.

Materials:

Adult students would provide their own material with a suggested list for new painters. The links provided are suggestions. You can find most materials at Michaels as well.

Suggested list would include:

outdoor easel if you have one or suitable support for drawing materials: <https://www.cheapjoes.com/catalog/product/view/id/39759/s/richeson-drawing-clip-boards/>

drawing pencils and eraser: [https://www.amazon.com/AmazonBasics-Sketch-Drawing-Pencil-Set/dp/B078J6ZRRG/ref=sr\_1\_5?dchild=1&keywords=drawing+pencils&pd\_rd\_r=2e485100-9987-4332-8ae4-3956d45a2989&pd\_rd\_w=ctf95&pd\_rd\_wg=QYaFF&pf\_rd\_p=9dad86ae-1554-484b-9cc0-f9673b44705e&pf\_rd\_r=SRYACW1BAY5ZHTA8NSH1&qid=1612973580&sr=8-5](https://www.amazon.com/AmazonBasics-Sketch-Drawing-Pencil-Set/dp/B078J6ZRRG/ref%3Dsr_1_5?dchild=1&keywords=drawing+pencils&pd_rd_r=2e485100-9987-4332-8ae4-3956d45a2989&pd_rd_w=ctf95&pd_rd_wg=QYaFF&pf_rd_p=9dad86ae-1554-484b-9cc0-f9673b44705e&pf_rd_r=SRYACW1BAY5ZHTA8NSH1&qid=1612973580&sr=8-5)

paint - \* Please see note below.\*

watercolor pencils-<https://www.amazon.com/s?k=watercolor+pencils&crid=3SZAA6DY1F2PT&sprefix=watercolor+%2Caps%2C176&ref=nb_sb_ss_ts-doa-p_1_11> or

<https://www.dickblick.com/categories/drawing/pencils/watercolor/>

Caran D’Arche, Derwent or Faber Castell are quality products

paper- <https://www.dickblick.com/items/canson-xl-watercolor-pad-11-x-15-euro-fold-30-sheets/>

brushes- please pick up a basic set of **watercolor** brushes at Michaels.

Nice to have but not required:

viewfinder and red lens:

[https://www.amazon.com/Guerrilla-Painter-Lynch-Secret-Composition/dp/B07JPJKQV4/ref=sr\_1\_22?dchild=1&keywords=viewfinder&qid=1612974866&sr=8-22](https://www.amazon.com/Guerrilla-Painter-Lynch-Secret-Composition/dp/B07JPJKQV4/ref%3Dsr_1_22?dchild=1&keywords=viewfinder&qid=1612974866&sr=8-22)

Items to pack from home:

water container with lid (recycled baby food jar or sauce jar with lid)

ruler

wet wipes

small trash bag

small tarp

camera or iphone

bug spray

sun block

brimmed hat

foldable stool or chair (like the ones brought to sporting events or camping- just make sure you can carry it a distance and if you have one with an attached side tray all the better- example: <https://www.cabelas.com/shop/en/bass-pro-shops-eclipse-director-chair-with-side-table>

paper towels

small notebook and pen

water bottle for yourself and for the watercolor pencils

backpack to carry everything.

\*Paint: A word about paint. You are welcome to use **any medium you are already familiar with**. If just starting out please do not use oil paint. If new to this, try starting with watercolor pencils, a limited palette of gouache or a travel watercolor set. You are welcome to just stick with traditional pencils, pen and ink or colored pencils as well. If you have any questions or concerns please ask before start of class.

Topics covered would be similar to those in student classes with some art history and handouts as well. Each class will start with a minimum of 30 minutes of direct instruction on a particular aspect followed by 90 minutes of supplemental instruction and guidance to individuals as they paint outdoors.

Topics:

Week 1: Tools/Preparation- packing up, staying dry, types of paper, drawing mediums,

 tools such as view and value finder, camera phone, big shapes.

Week 2: Composition/Subject Matter (big and small)- notans, background, midground

 foreground, transferring design

Week 3: Line-positive negative space, self-correction, edges, values

Week 4: Value-grayscale, tonal values, percentages-translating to color

Week 5: Putting it all together Part 1

Week 6: Putting it all together Part 2