

SUPPLIES for WATERCOLOR for BEGINNING & INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS

with Becky Bense

Supply expenses will be kept as low as possible as Becky wants this to be too much of a financial investment, she just wants to get you painting!

You can choose what direction you want to go in:

Ideally Becky would like students to use 100% cotton cold pressed paper- and recommends arches which runs \$10.00 per sheet- which would cover 2 to 3 classes- so students would need 2 to 3 sheets. Becky also likes water color blocks- they run about \$35 and they are great. If students do NOT use a block then they will need a masonite board or plexiglass board to tape their paper to. As far as paint goes - Becky likes Winsor Newton tubes, students should have a red, blue, yellow, and a brown- they run between \$6 and \$15 per tube- she recommends the student grade to start as it is slightly cheaper.

For folks who are truly just exploring they can pick up a set of prang watercolor paints Under \$5 (like what we used to use in grade school) they are vivid colors but are opaque unlike the tubes of paint – it can be a cheap way to start without making a major investment.

Students will also need something to mix color on- it should be white plastic -a water color palette is a nice investment maybe \$15.00 BUT not necessary- indeed a paper plate covered with Saran wrap will do!

OK now brushes- initially pick up a cheap set for under \$10. Try to get a pointed one maybe size 8 or 10, a flat one same size and if you like, a smaller one as well. If you want to splurge, get yourself a "mop" brush too. Becky has secured sets for as little as \$8.00 on amazon, so don't feel like you have to spend a lot to get started.

All this is said- Becky will have extra stuff folks can use for the first night or two while they figure out what they want- or they can even purchase some of what she brings.