

Laura Whitesides Host: Making Marks as Underpaintings with Negative Painting

1 Day Workshop – Friday, September 20, 2024, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

What can be more exciting than making marks! Learn to engage your intuitive creativity with marks that will make your art distinctly and uniquely yours. Laura Whitesides Host will offer many mediums and tools to make marks for underpaintings.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Laura will guide attendees as they continue to add layers to their “starts” and then use a shape as the main object (perhaps contour drawing) and start to bring it out by painting negatively around this chosen shape or shapes with more opaque paint. The contrast of opaque and transparent will define the surface even further. After we make a lot of underpainting marks, experimenting with a lot of different materials and tools and directions, etc., we will begin painting the negative – with more opaque and hazy passages. The subject will be the underpainting and the painted negative space will be the background. We will start by making a few starts and hopefully finishing some!

BIO

A lifelong resident of Michigan, Whitesides Host received a BFA from the University of Michigan Architecture and Design School majoring in painting and ceramics. After moving to Birmingham, she discovered the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and found her art family. After taking watercolor classes for 13 years, she began to teach experimental water color classes and has continued for 30 years. The excitement of playing with water colors led to acrylic paint and then a class in monotypes enlarged her focus to creating monotypes along with her water media paintings. In 1987, after a friend decided to change her art gallery to a cooperative gallery, Host joined the gallery roster. Laura is the last original member still in Lawrence Street Gallery and is currently the president. Active in the Michigan Water Color Society and the Birmingham Society of Women Painters since 1989, Host has served on their Executive boards for many years. Host has had numerous solo shows and has been juried into many exhibits both locally and state-wide. For more information go to:

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