



5-Day Workshop  
with Thomas Jefferson Kitts

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# Volunteers Needed!

- Hi Everyone!
- The Woodlands Art League has been asked to help with the Waterway Festival again. This is a major fund-raiser for WAL and a great way to support the Festival this April 12, 13, and 14. We have been tasked with providing folks to help with the parking lot by taking payments for visitors. No cash will be taken, just cards to scan. It's easy to do and you will be helping WAL earn money. There will also be an opportunity to hand out some WAL literature and direct folks to our booth at the festival! Here's some details. First, we only have a few slots left to fill! If you sign up you get:
  - • *Volunteer Exclusive T-Shirt and Commemorative Pin when you finish your shift(s)!*
  - • *Show your volunteer PIN at the merchandise booth to receive a 10% discount*
  - • *Snacks & water provided during shift.*
  - • **Free Admission to The Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival before or after your shift.**
  - • **Sign up for 2 OR more shifts and receive an ADDITIONAL daily admission ticket to bring a friend or family member to enjoy the event.**
- Below is the Volunteer Registration link for The Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival. We are so glad The Woodlands Arts League will be a partner again this year.
- Registration link:
  - <https://thewoodlandswaterwayartsfestival.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=79326>
- WAL shifts require the following **password**:
- Town Center Parking Garage Attendant: **ParkingLot2024**

## Next General Meeting – on Saturday, April the 6th



Demo by Tetyana Aleksenko at  
March General Meeting

**The members will meet at 10 AM** at the WAL Studio. There will be a short business meeting with announcement of upcoming events.

The General Meeting of the Woodlands Art League takes place to let our membership know of any business, projects, and plans that the WAL Board is undertaking for the benefit of WAL.

Please Register to attend the meeting to provide some idea of the number of people to expect.

**You do not need to be a member to attend,** but membership is encouraged and memberships can be done on the website at any time.

**Location:** the Meeting will take place at the WAL Studio, 701 Sawdust Rd, The Woodlands, TX 77380.

# Workshops

## 1. “Ocean Escape” Pastel Workshop with Tetyana Aleksenko



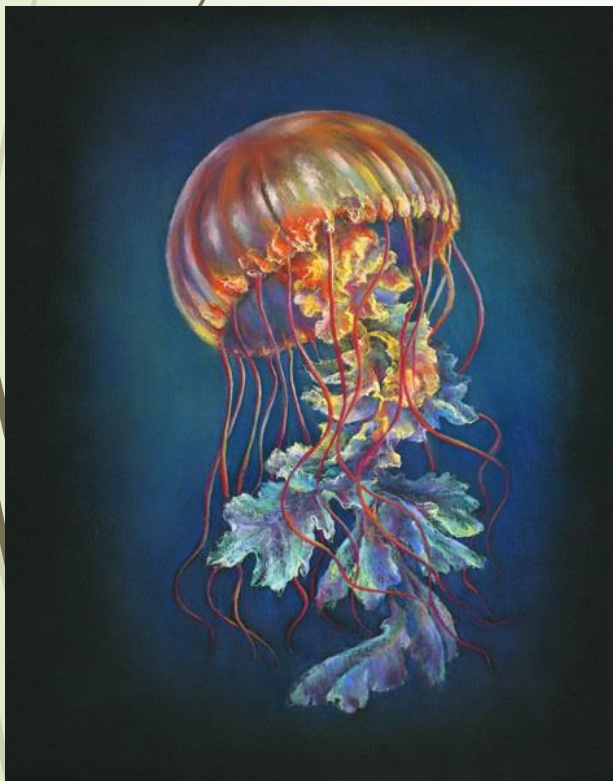
In this **Three-Day Pastel Workshop** with Tetyana Aleksenko you will learn how to paint with soft pastels. **All supplies are included!**

We will meet on Thursday afternoon, **March 21** (from 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm), **on Friday, March 22** (from 9:00 am till 5:00 pm) and **on Saturday, March 23** (from 9:00 am till 5:00 pm).

On Thursday afternoon, you will learn basic principles of working with pastels. On Friday and Saturday Tetyana will demo in the morning and help you work on your own projects in the afternoons. You are welcome to bring your own references or to work with instructor's references.

Cost **\$ 250 member or \$300 nonmember**. Space limit 8. If you have any questions, please email Tetyana at [taniadima@hotmail.com](mailto:taniadima@hotmail.com).

Location: Woodlands Art League, 701 Sawdust Rd,  
Spring, TX 77380



# Workshops

## 2. Plein Air to Studio Workshop with Thomas Jefferson Kitts



Spend 3 days learning new plein air techniques and painting the beautiful views around The Woodlands Texas in the springtime. Then spend the next 2 days with Thomas in the Woodlands Art League studio developing your plein air paintings into a finished studio work.

The workshop starts on **Monday, June the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 am** and ends on **Friday, June the 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 4:30 pm.**

Thomas is both inspired and exhilarated by the way light plays across the landscape and he has devoted most of his life to capturing it in oil. Thomas is a signature member of the Laguna Beach Plein Air Painters Association, an Associate Member of the California Art Club, a member the Oil Painters of America, and the American Impressionist Society.

Cost: **\$650 for members, \$750 for non-members.**  
Please register [here](#).

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Spring, TX 77380

# Workshops

## 3. **New!** Still Life and Plein Air Paint In



**Date:** Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm.

Mark your calendars for a fun painting event hosted by **Tom LaRock and Sally Bowers**. We will be setting up 15-20 Still Lifes all around the WAL studio, both inside and outside. Paint as many as you like, or take photos. Tom and Sally will be available to give assistance or guidance.

We will have a kick off on Friday evening at 5pm, where you can drop your gear and see which set-ups appeal to you. We will also have a table of props and lights, should you wish to set up something of your own. We will then meet up at **Pirate's Paradise restaurant** across the street to enjoy some food and drink, and get to know each other (your cost). You have to see their art piece, aka bar top!

Saturday is a full day of painting, starting at 8:30. We will break for a catered lunch, and then continue painting in the afternoon. At 4:30 we will stop for a **Happy Hour** and easel viewing of our paintings. You can bring a beverage to share, and invite your friends and neighbors.

**Cost: \$75 for members, \$95 for non-members.** Register here.

**Location:** Woodlands Art League, 701 Sawdust Rd, Spring, TX 77380



# NEW! Retreats

## 1. Art Journaling Retreat at Inspiration Ranch

**Date:** May 3, 2024 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm).

**Skill Level:** All levels are welcome.

**Retreat Facilitators:** Teri Valentine and Sara Saravo

Would you like to spend a day at a beautiful location, working in your art journal, getting inspired, and learning new techniques? If so, this art journaling retreat is just what you need. There will be optional **demos and door prizes!**

The beautiful Inspiration Ranch in Magnolia, TX will be the amazing backdrop to this peaceful retreat. Participants will have the opportunity to work in their art journals, watch demonstrations, use new/different tools and mediums, and be inspired by other like-minded art journalers.

**A light breakfast** will be provided. Participants should bring a sack lunch. Bottled water and coffee will be available.

**Cost:** \$125 for members, \$135 for non-members.

Please visit WAL website to register, for details, and for the list of supplies. For questions, contact Sara Saravo at [ssaravo@gmail.com](mailto:ssaravo@gmail.com) or Teri Valentine at [terilynn248@aol.com](mailto:terilynn248@aol.com).



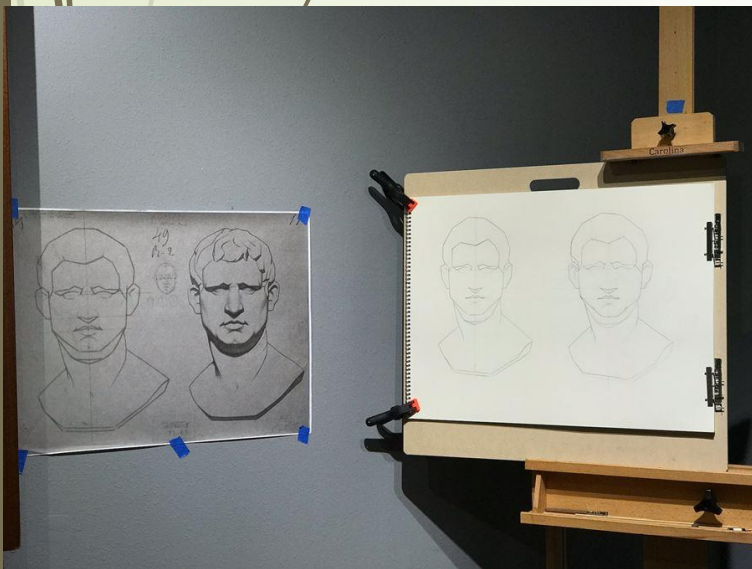
# Classes

## 1. All Levels Drawing and Painting with Tom LaRock



**Tuesdays, 2-hour class on April 09, April 16, and April 30 2024.** Your choice of 10am, 1pm or 6pm classes. This class is intended for beginning, intermediate and advanced students.

Beginning students will start with a series of drawing exercises from the Charles Bargue Drawing Course to develop a foundation of drawing techniques and terminology. Students will then be encouraged to complete more advanced projects.



Intermediate and advanced students will work on more challenging drawing and painting projects that may include drawing from reference photos and still life.

**\$135 for 3 2-hour classes Members or \$170 Non-members.** For questions and the materials list, contact Tom by email at [tom@tomlarockart.com](mailto:tom@tomlarockart.com) or call (281)292-4811.



# Classes

## 2. Beginner/Intermediate Pastel Class with Tetyana Aleksenko

**Thursdays, on April 18 and April 25, 2024, from 10 am till 12 pm at WAL location.**

In this class you will learn how to paint with soft pastels without having to purchase expensive materials and supplies. This class is suitable for beginners and intermediate level students. We will start with simple sketches to learn how to apply pastels and progress to more complex paintings.

Each student will be provided with pastel paper and a limited palette of hard and soft pastels during class. You are welcome to bring your own supplies that you are comfortable working with. We will work on some projects together and on individual projects of your choice.

Cost is **\$80 for 2 (two) 2-hour classes for members or \$100 for non-members** paid on a monthly basis. If you miss a class for any reason, please request a make-up lesson, no refunds. Make-up classes are usually done on Fridays. For questions, contact Tetyana by email [taniadima@hotmail.com](mailto:taniadima@hotmail.com) or text (832)-257-1381.



# Groups

## 1. Art Journaling Group



Upcoming dates: **Wednesdays, March 27, April 10, April 24, and May 3 2024**, from 10 am to 12:30 pm at WAL location.

This fun art journaling group meets the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month (except for during holidays and summer months)**. This group provides participants a chance to work in their art journal, get inspired, and meet other people who are also interested in art journaling. All levels are welcome. Bring your favorite art journaling supplies and join the fun!

**Just \$5 for WAL members, \$10 for non-members.**

Try it for free! There is no charge for your first group meeting!

If you have any questions, please contact Sara at [ssaravo@gmail.com](mailto:ssaravo@gmail.com).

# Groups

## 2. Paint Out Group



Woodlands Waterway  
Boathouse (February's  
paint-out location)

A paint-out is when a group of artists meet-up in a location to paint and draw together. When they meet at a scenic, inspiring outdoor location it's called a "plein air paint-out". It's a great way to share your talents, learn from others and enjoy the company!

Please check the website [here](#) for the newest information or contact organizers Pam Otfinowski (pamotmail@gmail.com) and Nana Midcap (skipnana98@yahoo.com)

Paint-outs are scheduled during the best weather months to avoid extreme weather conditions. **There is \$5 fee for members, \$10 non-members and registration is required.** When a paint-out is scheduled, an email is sent to members with registration details.

# Groups

## 3. Portraiture



Portraits are works of art that record the likeness of a live model in an interesting costumes and scenes.

There is no instruction for this group. All levels and mediums are welcome. However, please bring low odor products for turpentine, etc.

### Organizers

Please contact the organizer(s) prior to your first meeting to provide them your contact information. **Monday 9:30am - 12:30pm**

**Dave Malin** is the contact for the Monday meeting group. The cost is \$10. Phone: 936.714.3713

Email: [cdavidmalin@gmail.com](mailto:cdavidmalin@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 1:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Hilda Rueda** is the contact for the Wednesday meeting group. Monthly model fees are divided between participants and paid at the beginning of the month without exceptions.

Email: [hildalockley@hotmail.com](mailto:hildalockley@hotmail.com)

# WAL Artists Currently Displaying at the Woodlands Art Gallery and Studios



**SURREALISM**  
It Is, But It Isn't  
Juried Show Featuring Texas Artists

RECEPTION  
MARCH 21, 2024  
5PM - 8PM  
VALET PARKING

On display through May 10, 2024

208 Nursery Rd.  
The Woodlands, TX 77380  
832-668-5340  
[www.woodlandsartandstudios.com](http://www.woodlandsartandstudios.com)



Here is a list of WAL members displaying at the Woodlands Art Gallery and Studios for the March Group Show

**“Surrealism: It Is, But It Isn’t”:**

1. Destiny Ortiz
2. Carol Scheferman
3. Candis Smith
4. Audrey Sommer

**The Reception** will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. There will be live voting on the reception night to determine the winner, who will also receive a cash prize! If you are in the area, please visit the gallery to support local artists!



# Call for Art! Registration for WAL's Hyatt House Exhibit

Woodlands Art League Members

## CALL FOR ART!

For Hyatt House

18645 Residence Dr, Shenandoah, Texas 77385

Get creative for our upcoming exhibit featuring family-friendly art.

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### Save the Dates!


3/13/2024 - 4/19/2024: Registration open

4/20/2024: Art Drop-Off / Pick-Up / Hanging Art

8/17/2024: Art Take-In / Pick-Up / Hanging of Art

- 10 am - 12 pm: art drop-off & pick-up
- 12 pm - 4 pm: hang art
- Registration link: <https://wal.wildapricot.org/event-5654391>
- Must be a current paid WAL member to exhibit
- Join or renew at [www.woodlandsartleague.org](http://www.woodlandsartleague.org)

If you have any questions about the WAL Exhibit at the Hyatt House or other exhibits, email [walexhibitsdirector@gmail.com](mailto:walexhibitsdirector@gmail.com)



# Special Thanks to Naresh Setlur, CPA, CGMA

Special thanks to Naresh Setlur, CPA, CGMA, for his support and assistance on our yearly tax needs!

If you ever need tax assistance, please contact him via email [setlurn@gmail.com](mailto:setlurn@gmail.com), via phone (832)-620-4757, or visit website [www.cypresstxcpa.com](http://www.cypresstxcpa.com)

