

TALLAHASSEE SENIOR CENTER for the Arts ART WORKSHOP INFORMATION SHEET

Paint Your Pet

Instructor: Diane Dyal

December 12th and December 19th (two-day workshop)

Friday mornings 9am to 12 pm

Cost: \$20 for seniors (age 50+)

Course Description

Paint your cat or dog, bunny or bird—any animal—on small- or medium-sized canvases with acrylic paints for display in your home or as a thoughtful gift. The instructor talks about the art supplies used, technique and painting theory and starts demonstrating with step-by-step instruction for you to apply on an 8"x10" or 11"x14" canvas; concentrating with more detail to finish one painting in the two-day workshop OR for those of you with more experience, finish two pieces of art in the two days (one each day). In class you'll paint your pet, friend's pet or even holiday-related animal (your choice) in your own personal style. You will start with the basic shapes and then add highlights, midtones and shadows and finally the details. Class includes demonstration, discussion and hands-on. The final product could be used as a decoration or a perfect gift for a friend. This course is for any skill level (even if you've never painted before), although some knowledge of drawing or painting can be helpful it is not necessary--new beginners will be able to handle this.

Instructor

Diane Dyal has an AA degree in art from Community College of Rhode Island and has worked as a typesetter, paste-up artist and graphic designer. She has representation at Fat Cat Books where she sells her paintings, hand-made blank art journals and greeting cards. Also exhibits at area galleries such as 621 Gallery and Jefferson Arts Gallery. She won 1st Place recognition in *The Artists' Magazine* annual competition with a painting of her cat. Ms. Dyal has been teaching in the area for over ten years, including volunteering for seven years with the seniors at Wakulla Senior Center.

Art Supplies Students Bring to Class

- 8"x10" or 11"x14" stretched canvas (one or two: optional)
- Acrylic paints (Liquitex Basics or Artist's Loft—Academic Level) in a five- or six-tube set of basic colors plus a tube of burnt sienna (brown), 2 oz. size or larger OR separate tubes of red, yellow, blue, black, white and brown).
- Three brushes: 1 small round, 1 small flat or bright (approx. ¼" wide), and 1 medium sized flat or bright (approx. ½" wide). For example, Royal & Langnickel, Cotman or Artist's Loft. Synthetic is good (there should be a section for "acrylic" brushes), and short handles are good for working on smaller canvases. Bring extra brushes if you'd like such as a fan brush or a smaller round brush.
- Bring a few styrofoam plates to use as palettes (paper will work).
- Plastic cup for water.
- Pencil and paper (copy paper OK) for taking notes and sketching ideas.
- Several reference photos of animals and/or pets that you want to portray (can be on your phone).

Art supplies can be bought at Michaels, Hobby Lobby and Walmart or on-line. Specific questions about the class or supplies contact **Diane Dyal**, dollydoldyal@comcast.net. For information regarding registration/payment contact **Heath Hilary McRae**, 850-891-4016, heathhilary.mcrae@talgov.com.