

## **DAY ONE**

***Kathy Beekman*** – Into the Forest: A Soft Pastel Workshop

**Duration of Class:** One Day (6 hours)

**Medium:** Soft Pastel

**Skill Level:** All

**Description:** Do you love trees and consider standing in a forest a breathtaking experience? In this relaxing pastel painting workshop, work from your own inspirational photos and learn to capture the essential character and spirit of trees while focusing on colors, shapes and the mood you want to convey.

With many demonstrations, experimentation, and plenty of individual instruction, you will learn Kathy's techniques for achieving emotion and atmosphere within the forest paintings you produce.

All of Kathy's workshops are grounded in technique, experimentation, and intriguing information about the subject at hand. Her number one priority is that every student is able to build their confidence level in a safe and playful environment.

### **Goals:**

- Learning to fingerpaint with soft pastel through layering and blending techniques
- Experimenting with different color palettes to create emotion
- Creating compositions that direct the eye
- Becoming confident with the subject at hand as well as this medium
- Strengthening observational painting skills

### **Student Supply List:**

- Basic 12-color box of Soft Pastels (**NOT oil pastels!**) A box with a larger pastel stick count is always acceptable. (Recommended pastel brands: Diane Townsend or Terry Ludwig Pastels)
- 2 – (or more) sheets of paper (Recommended paper brand: Rising Stonehenge in any color)
- Your own photographs of forests and trees
- Can of a pastel final fixative (not a workable fixative)
- Container of Wet Ones or Baby Wipes to easily clean your hands

### **Optional:**

- Dust Mask which will provide adequate protection against dry pigments and most dusts
- Disposable Latex Gloves for protecting your hands from pastels
- Newspaper, glassine, or kraft paper to protect your paintings during transport
- 2 sheets of 22 x 30 cardboard taped together on one side (so that you can transport your paintings safely)

The following are good resources for artist materials:

Online catalog at [dickblick.com](http://dickblick.com). Allow 5-10 days for regular delivery

Meiningers located in Denver at 499 Broadway, 303-698-3838

Terry Ludwig Pastels located in Littleton, CO, 303-795-1232 or on-line at

[www.terryludwig.com](http://www.terryludwig.com). Please tell Terry that your art instructor Kathy Beekman sent you.

**Provided by Instructor:**

If you choose to do so, sheets of black colored Rising Stonehenge paper will be available for purchase from the instructor at a cost of \$10.00 per 22 x 30 sheet.

**Class Size:**

Min # of students: 5

Max # of students: 15