

Local Artist Joie McClements presented "How to Produce Better Paintings"

Guild membership was treated to a slideshow presented with insights and examples of how to produce better paintings. As with anything, practice makes perfect and the first item she stressed was to "paint, paint, paint!"

Joie's points of interest were:

The Practice

1. Paint, paint, paint
2. Love the process
3. Be true to yourself
4. Take a class from a good teacher periodically
5. Visit museums and galleries often
6. Do quick studies periodically
7. Develop a friendship with someone you can trust to give you honest feedback.
8. Photograph your work in process.
9. Working from a photo? Once finished, put the photo away. Wait a couple of days and approach the painting on its own merit apart from the reference. Make the few changes it needs to bring it to life.

The Specifics

1. Composition
2. Color
3. Technique

All of the above were explained in detail along with examples from the slideshow presented on a large monitor (right). Joie provided hard copies of her presentation to attendees.



*Carla Ionita's art paired
with Joie's painting.*

Guest Carla Ionita brought us a sample of her beautiful work as a potter. It was the perfect sample to be placed with one of Joie's paintings (left).

Joie also brought two of her paintings – a landscape and an abstract which were gifted away using a "random number generator." Guild members Jackie Bishop and Barb Overholt were the happy recipients.