



The Ohio Watercolor Society presents

Watercolor: Making Every Stroke Count

with **Bill Vrscak**, AWS

Level:
Intermediate
to advanced

Tuesday, August 6 - Thursday, August 8, 2019 Mansfield Art Center, 700 Marion Ave., Mansfield, OH



I have a "go for the essentials and make every stroke count" approach to painting, no matter the medium. I believe this lends a sense of freshness and clarity to the work. I also believe that the simplest statements make the most impact.

Emphasis in this workshop will be on helping students find the essential elements and qualities in the subject matter, and through demonstrations and group critiques show how to present these essentials in a simple, direct way. The object is to eliminate extraneous information and details, and simplify the subject. Students will be encouraged to look beyond the representational aspect of the subject to the dynamics of contrast, light, movement, space, etc; elements which help make paintings come alive.

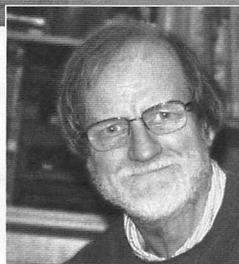
Classes will be held indoors. Students will work from their own photos or sketches. I will have some photos available for students to use if needed. Classes will start with a demonstration at about 9:30am, which lasts about two hours, after which students will work on their own paintings until approximately 3:00, (break for lunch or work while you eat). During this period I will be in class working with students on an individual basis. At 3:00 we stop for a group critique of about one hour before breaking for the day. Class is usually finished around 4:00 or 4:30, depending on the number of students.

I will provide a recommended materials list upon request, but students may bring whatever materials they usually use and are comfortable with.

This workshop is geared toward intermediate to advanced watercolor painters. Although this is not a beginners watercolor class, beginners are welcome but they should have well developed drawing skills and/or at least some experience with another medium and be aware that they may be hearing many things related to techniques, expression and design principles that they may not be ready for.

Students who wish to work in other media are welcome, i.e.; oils, acrylics, etc. However I will critique those works from a design and expression standpoint only. In those cases I will not offer technical critiques; that is, information related to instruments, brushes, pigments, mediums or supports, in media other than watercolor.

Bill Vrscak is a free-lance artist/illustrator and signature member of the American Watercolor Society, Associated Artists of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Society of Illustrators. Vrscak studied painting and design at the Ivy School of Art and worked in the graphic arts industry 16 years



before striking out on his own as a graphic designer and illustrator. He is a representational painter whose work reflects a strong sense of freshness and simplicity, consistent with his attitude that "the simplest statements make the most impact." A frequent national award winner, his work has been widely published in many major arts publications. His paintings reside in many corporate and private collections in the U.S., Canada, England, and Australia. Besides doing illustration and commission work he has taught painting workshops and seminars throughout the United States as well as Canada and the Virgin Islands. Bill lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Marlene and their ill-mannered dog, Riley.

Registration Instructions

Fee: Members: \$300 / Non-members: \$350

To register, please send a non-refundable deposit of \$50 by July 6, 2019.

Final payment must be made by July 20, 2019. No refunds after July 20.

Make checks payable to:
Ohio Watercolor Society

Send payment and completed registration form to:

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For questions or for more information call 419 512 4861 or email Karen at: klj1809@aol.com

Bill Vrscak Workshop: August 6-8, 9:30am - 4pm

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