Visual Art Classes

Course: Drawing Figures on the Move
Program # 3412-16-LAAS
6 Wednesdays, June 10-July 15, 2015, 9:30 am-noon
Capitol Lakes Retirement Ctr, Encore Rm, 333 W. Main St.

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A welcome note from your instructor:

There is no better way to sharpen your observational and drawing skills than sketching people from life. It is habit forming and a lot of fun. The first class will meet at the Capitol Lakes Retirement Center, Encore Room, where we will go over sketching basics. Then, we will spend most of this class "in the field" drawing people, places and things at a variety of locations, such as the Farmer's Market or the Zoo. We'll do this with the goal of improving our efficiency through practice and different media and I'll give tips and demos along the way. We will meet at different destinations for class after that, or back at Capitol Lakes if weather becomes a challenge. We will make plans for each week as we go. We'll also design larger compositions in the classroom based on the sketches we've gathered outside. This will be a really fun way to explore the city and fill your sketchbooks.

Tips for success:

Control as many variables as you can. Have good tools and treat them well. You might not get satisfying results at first. Relax and keep at it before moving to a new location. Your warm-up time will get shorter each time. This is as much about seeing and observation as it is drawing, so take time to observe and understand your subjects before drawing. Keep a sketchbook with you at all times and practice as much as you can. Pack lightly.

Materials Fee: None

Supply List (Bring your own)

Note: All supplies are suggestions. Mention of a brand or retailer should not be considered UW-Madison endorsements. Students may make substitutions.
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Required supplies:

- Sketchbook- any size ranging from 8 x 5 to 14 x 17
- X-Acto knife or similar
- Prismacolor pencils- 2 of at least one color: Dark Umber, Sienna Brown, Terra Cotta, Tuscan Red or Mahogany Red
- Uniball Vision pens Micro or Fine, black

Optional items:

- Hat
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Small portable chair or stool
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Snacks
- Water