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Understanding Oils with James Budden

Thursdays 1.30 pm – 4.00pm Autumn 2018

Sep 27 Oct 4/11/18 Nov 1/8/15/22/29

Small Hall, Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA

9 sessions — £155 or £140 for Friends of ArtsLink

James Budden is an experienced artist and tutor. Through his teaching and art demonstrations James enjoys inspiring others, sharing skills and supporting both beginners and experienced students alike. James is a graduate in Fine Art whose professional work has included 10 years as a commercial artist. He has undertaken many private and business commissions, is a regular local exhibitor and had his work shown at the Holburne Museum of Art, Bath. His personal art practice focuses on portraiture and figure studies, working mainly in oil, charcoal and pastel.

Course description

This course will help you develop your oil painting by taking the building of a picture layer by layer. The following processes will be addressed:

Drawing and composition. Make preparatory sketches. Learn to compose a picture on the canvas and control the drawing that will form your first layer.

Blocking in. Choose your colours for blocking in to define the composition and drawing.

Mixing colour and using the palette. Control the colour mixes, harmony and tonal values to build your painting.

Also an opportunity to explore:

Glazing. Refine light and shadows – add colour cast, softness and definition.
Brushwork. Highlights, low lights and impasto.

The course will cover two still life arrangements, each with their own approach supported by prepared examples for each stage. The aim is to take you through the process for each painting to achieve optimum results.



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All three arrangements will be set up throughout, and the class will move around to allow good proximity to the subject matter.

What to bring

Oil paints—a range of colours — James will advise during the course	
Linseed oil	Brushes large and small
Canvas or board	Large palette
Turpentine/white spirit and jars	Rags or strong kitchen roll
Clothes which can get dirty/stained	

Refreshments: Tea and coffee are provided. Please feel free to bring your own refreshments if you have a particular requirement. Small cups are provided by the venue, if you prefer to drink from a mug your are welcome to bring your own.

Parking: The Digby Hall has a public car park. Discounted tickets are available from the machine in the Digby Hall foyer.

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