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Understanding Oils with James Budden

Thursdays 1.30 pm – 4.00pm Summer 2018

26 April, 3, 10, 17, 24 May (no class 31 May)

7, 14, 21, 28 June, 5 July

Small Hall, Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne

10 sessions — £167 or £150 for Friends of ArtsLink

James Budden is an experienced artist specialising in portraiture and figure studies and working mainly in oil, charcoal and pastel. He 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 has had his work shown at the Holburne Museum of Art, Bath.

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. 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 towel

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 please 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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