



Sketchbook Journals, Book Arts, Drawing, Watercolor and Printmaking
Artist: Sonia Allen



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Grade Level:
K-12

About the Artist:

Sonia has been a teaching artist in the Salem area for over 12 years. Her classes include: watercolor, drawing, printmaking and book arts. Locally she has worked with children and adults and has taught art activities to underprivileged children in Brazil for a number of years. Sonia's professional art background includes watercolor, egg tempera painting and artistic critique. She has a Master's degree in Audiology and a B.A. in Communication Disorders with an emphasis in Child Development. Sonia's teaching style is creative and energetic with the goal of empowering students to access and express their creative natures.

Objectives:

- Appropriate and confident use of a variety of art materials for personal expression
- Creation of unified compositional works in the chosen medium
- Functional use of fundamental techniques in the chosen medium

Activities:

- **SKETCHBOOK JOURNALS:** Students will construct simple sketchbooks used to create visual chronicles of observed events or settings. Drawing activities will include: borders, drop caps, visual maps, and expanded drawings.
- **BOOK ARTS:** Students will be introduced to the components of a book. They will construct a simple signature book with decorative end papers and attached covers.
- **DRAWING:** Using line drawing and color theory techniques, students will create the illusion of 3-D forms. A final drawing will utilize techniques learned. Mediums available include: colored pencil, drawing inks, charcoal and pencil.
- **WATERCOLOR:** Students will explore basic painting techniques, color theory, and special effects, culminating in a final watercolor project.

Workshop Size Limits:

- After school art: 10-15 students per class
- Residencies: classroom size with adult helpers

Special Equipment:

- Tables and chairs, sink, whiteboard, storage area for work in progress, printing press (Use of the artist's portable press can be arranged for minimal rental cost.)

Space Needed:

- Self-contained classroom

Connections to the Curriculum:

- Literature/literacy: terminology, descriptions, journaling, story-telling
- Science: observational skills
- Mathematics: measurements, 2-D and 3-D forms, comparisons, estimations
- Social Sciences: cultural art forms