

## **Water Soluble Oils - Beginners/Intermediate**      Instructor: Tom Andrich

Water soluble oils are a new version of oil paint but are non-toxic. They are a water clean-up type of paint so toxic solvents are not necessary. There are presently 5 brands available in Winnipeg but I have found the Winsor & Newton Artisan the best so far. Oil paints can be mixed into most of the water soluble oils but not more than 15%. A few of the manufacturers have mediums that can be mixed in the water soluble oils to make the paint feel exactly like oil paint but maintains the ability to clean up with water. The big advantage to these paints besides being non – toxic is that they allow a painter to work with the image from 2 hours to 6 or 7 days. A fast – dry medium can be added to cut the drying time to a few hours allowing the paint to be workable longer than Acrylic paint. This paint can be used on top of acrylic paint.

People who have previously worked with oils but stopped due to the health hazards will enjoy the water-soluble oil paints. The brushes used for oils and acrylic can be used with the water-soluble oils so the primary purchase would be the primaries in the water-soluble oils if you have already been using other paints.

### ***Materials List:***

- Paints: small primary set preferably Winsor & Newton Artisan
- Brushes: 3 oil - filberts, flats or brights, hogs hair bristles, small # 3-5, medium #5-8, large #8-12; 1 round hogs hair #5-8
- Palette: at least 12” x 12” plastic, glass, or varnished wood (preferably with a sealed cover, i.e.: like plastic food container)
- 12 oz. or larger plastic container to wash brushes in
- several rags or paper towels
- stretched canvas, canvas board, or primed hardboard (size is students’ choice)
- A photo or picture or object you want to paint

The above list is a starter list. Approximate cost \$150. If you have acrylic paints, acrylic or oil brushes or other compatible materials you want to try, bring them to the classes.

### ***Reference Materials:***

There are plenty of good books on Acrylic painting. Find the one that shows the way you want your paintings to look & use that as your guide.