

Drawing a Person with Wendy Aldwyn

at Eno Mills Art Gallery
Orange County Arts Commission

Class Description:

Have you ever heard anyone say that they could draw a tree, but not a person? Or that they could draw a body, but not hands, face, or feet? It takes observation, practice, and compassion to change the rigid ways we are imprinted on ourselves, to actually see and express the human figure, the person, for what they are. Develop this critical skill for animation and fine art, or study the figure just to get more personal insight. Exploring a variety of media and methods, this course will meet once a week for six weeks. Will use a real person model for Weeks 4 and 6

Week 1: Still-life: Geometry, Line and Expression. Exploring basic shapes that one might also find in the human body, and “eyeballing” - getting the measuring right.

Week 2: Nobody’s Perfect Basic Anatomy. Connecting the parts. From various projected virtual images, including a skeleton ready for action.

Week 3: Face, Hands, and Feet: structure, expression, and how these most important features dynamically connect to the body.

Week 4: Wire-framing the Body in Motion. Animators do this.

Week 5: Drawing People in Environments, real and imagined. Where does your person/character live?

Week 6: Life Drawing (**clothed model if class members are under 18**)* Expression, shape, light and shadow. Gestural and some longer poses. Developing flexibility and imagination. How does your drawing of this person connect with your audience?

Please note:

Will work from still-life (Week 1), projected dynamic images (Weeks 2-5), and

***will use a live model for Week 6. Clothed, if class members are under 18.**

Suggested materials

Pencils, mix of hard and soft leads (from 6B to 2H)
Fine point markers, various colors
Charcoal sticks and pencils
Soft white chalk (and other pastel colors, if you like)
Sable brushes and ink, for ink washes
Conte crayon, assorted colors
Cheap drawing paper - large newsprint or brown packaging paper
Good drawing paper or bristol board - Strathmore is a good brand.
Drawing board

Suggested apps

Poseit 2.1 Pro, from Google Play (cost under \$6)
Google Arts and Culture (free)