

DRAWING & PAINTING KENTUCKY BUTTERFLIES

SEPTEMBER 14 & 21

10:00 AM – Noon
River Birch Meeting Room
Lost River Cave, BG, KY

Several different art techniques can be used to create beautiful butterfly art in this class. In one example I started with a pen & ink outline using waterproof ink pens. Then, I painted the background with a simple watercolor wash. More color was added to the butterfly wings and milkweed plant with watercolor. This same butterfly drawing could be rendered with colored pencils with or without the ink outlines. We will talk about the supplies in the first class. Bring what you enjoy using and have available. Two 9" x 12" pieces of artist paper will be provided for each participant.



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MATERIALS TO BRING

Graphite Pencils

2H or HB, and 3H or harder pencils

Colored Pencils

A set of 12 good quality colored pencils. I like Prismacolor PREMIER Colored Pencils.

Pencil Sharpener

Good quality hand held sharpener, in order to get a good sharp point.

Black Drawing Pens

I like Micron by Sakura in a 3-pen set, 01, 03 & 05. Make sure they are waterproof, permanent pens if you will be using with watercolors.

Erasers

Kneaded, soft moldable, any brand, Pink pearl or white plastic eraser

Tracing Paper

3-4 pieces of 9"x12" standard tracing paper

Watercolors and Brushes

Yellow, Red & Blue good quality tube watercolor paint or a small set of watercolors. Several brushes in different sizes for large wash to fine detail painting. I used 3/4" flat wash, 5 & 3 round sable/synthetic blend brushes.

Other Supplies

Several tissues for clean-up

Tape, small roll of masking or other low-tack tape

OTHER SUPPLIES PROVIDED BY INSTRUCTOR

We will talk about the supplies in the first class, so don't worry if you are missing something. However, you will need pencils and erasers to start the drawing. Also, a sketchbook is handy for taking notes and practicing the techniques.

Two sheets of paper for the final artwork will be provided. If you have your own paper you like to use, feel free to bring it along.

I will have butterfly photos and books to use during class. Also, I will have a few butterfly specimens as samples in class. If you have a cell phone with a camera, bring it along to take your own reference photos for use at home. If there is a special butterfly you would like to draw, make sure to bring your own references.

And, I will have copies of 2-3 outline drawings of different Kentucky Butterflies available. Participants can use these outlines, if they do not want to spend time in class doing their own preliminary drawings.