

BE PLAYFUL WITH ELEGANT WRITERS

HERITAGE FINE ARTS GUILD WORKSHOP

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This workshop will be one where participants will do a great deal of drawing with a wonderful drawing device called **ELEGANT WRITER**. It is a high quality pen than contains a load of fluid with which imagery can be drawn, and then (when subjected to either water or watercolor) will "bleed" out into a lovely array of fluid values.

These writers come in black and a few colors. For this workshop you need **ONLY** to purchase a **BLACK** one(s) ; however, you may wish to buy a few colored ones, also. The **DIFFERENCE** is the black ones "bleed" out several colors, but the colored ones "bleed" out only the color that is stated on the pen. After you have drawn your images you will then be asked to add a few touches of **WATERCOLOR** here and there to enhance your imagery. It is suggested you purchase two Black Elegant Writers (one broad one @ 3.0, and one thinner one @ 1.0). The retail cost is about \$5 each; however, use your Michaels' coupons, or watch for deals at Hobby Lobby and Arons!!! If you cannot find them, Phyllis will have a few Elegant Writers which she can sell to you at cost.

A demonstration will be given and examples shown. Everyone will start out with a small work in order to learn what the Elegant Writer will do. Thereafter, everyone will move onto a larger format to do more elaborate works. Bring a number of photos from which you can extract material for your drawing/paintings. Good subjects are: Flowers; Fruits & Veggies; Buildings; Landscape; Portraits; Animals; Birds, etc. Or, you may elect to do completely non-objective or abstract works. There will be plenty of time for you to do several "drawing/paintings" This workshop can be as simple or as complex as you make it. It could take as little as several hours or as much as five hours. This is a fun process, and your subjects will unfold "like magic!"

MATERIALS LIST

- **TWO BLACK ELEGANT WRITERS (one broad one @ 3.0, and one thinner one @ 1.0)**
- **Optional:** Several Colored Elegant Writers (only if you want them)
- Pencil and Eraser
- 2 water containers
- Masking Tape
- Watercolor Paper: Few sheets any size i.e. Arches; Windsor Newton, Kilimanjaro, etc. – NO STRATHMORE
- Watercolors: Anything will do: Prang 8-color sets; Student Grade Tubes, or Professional Grade Tubes (don't spend a lot of money on watercolors)
- One medium-size round pointed brush (cheap or expensive)
- Some kind of surface onto which you can tape your paper

NOTE: If you do not have everything you need, Instructor will have duplicates for you to use – NO CHARGE, plus will have some secondary materials you may wish to use in your experimentation. We'll have a good time!