

Meet our Instructors!

Justin Young earned a Bachelors Degree from Iowa State University and is a Signature Member of the Iowa Watercolor Society (IWS). He also enjoys painting and drawing using pastels, watercolors, acrylics, charcoal since he was a youngster. His art creations include cityscape, pets, human and architectural portraits for which he has won numerous awards.

He has taught private and public art lessons for children and conducted student art workshops for K-12 and Universities.



Tanya Lichinsky

Tanya was born in Ukraine. She studied art and learned skills at the State Art Academy named after Ilya Repin. She moved to US with her family about 30 years

ago. Tanya has developed unprecedented taste and vision for art through years of industry and freelance experience.

Tanya has been drawing and painting since the early childhood. Creation has become a necessity, in any medium, be it watercolors, acrylic, oil or pencil, is utilized. Her muse may be exotic; but it can also be anything from everyday life, or even something out of a negative space that looks interesting. Tanya has done work in illustrations, murals, faux finishing and in portraiture. As an artist, Tanya feels a strong need for sharing her views and passions with an audience and has grown her audience through connecting online. website <https://www.instagram.com/tplstudio>

Kay Meyer loves presenting/teaching textile classes whether it's knitting, crocheting, weaving to how to spin sheep2shawls.

My love of plants, landscapes and nature is expressed throughout my artwork and now as I'm older I love getting "off pattern" and letting my creativity flow!



Betty Walker is an internationally recognized artist who uses a variety of mediums such as watercolor, coffee paint, ink, and graphite. She is also a muralist (window and wall) and her work can be found in local businesses and schools.

Originally from the Pacific Northwest, Betty came to Iowa 4 years ago and has invested herself in the community as an artist, educator, and resident.



Janet Mootz is the Director of Education and Community Engagement at Hoyt Sherman Place. She has an extensive background in photography including operating her own photography business for 15

years and working as an adjunct photography instructor at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Janet studied Art Education at the University of Iowa.

Candace Camling is the illustrator and author/illustrator of over a dozen books. She lives in Des Moines where she works in her attic studio. She holds a BFA in illustration from Kendall College of Art & Design. Candace enjoys solving visual problems, learning about new topics and creating joy in her work.

