

Who should attend this workshop?

This Encaustic Mixed Media Workshop offers a fundamental introduction to the fascinating world of encaustic art, catering to individuals who harbor a deep desire to embark on their artistic journey but lack formal training in painting or drawing. This workshop serves as a welcoming gateway into the realm of creative expression.

Participants will have the opportunity to explore the art of encaustic through a hands-on approach, combining it seamlessly with collage and mixed media techniques. What sets this workshop apart is its emphasis on personalization and individuality.

Attendees are encouraged to bring non-copyrighted images or personal photos of their choice, allowing them to craft truly unique pieces of artwork that resonate with their own stories and experiences. By delving into the world of encaustic as a versatile mixed media resource, this workshop empowers aspiring artists to discover their creative potential in a supportive and encouraging environment.

About the Instructor:

Wally Lafaiete is a passionate photographer and graphic designer whose artistic journey has taken him into the captivating realms of encaustic mixed media and assemblages. Presently, his unique encaustic creations are showcased at Helotes Art Gallery. Wally's creativity has not gone unnoticed; his assemblages have earned accolades in juried exhibitions, showcasing the depth of his artistic vision and craftsmanship. Moreover, his encaustic work has achieved international recognition, securing a coveted spot in an esteemed international encaustic art show in Ireland. Beyond his own artistry, Wally finds immense joy in sharing his knowledge and expertise with others, as an inspiring art teacher. Witnessing his students discover their own creative potential brings him profound satisfaction. For a glimpse into Wally's mesmerizing portfolio and to explore his captivating world of art, visit www.creativesparks.art.

What is encaustic?

Encaustic is an art technique that involves using a beeswax-based paint. The word "encaustic" comes from the Greek language and means "to heat" or "to burn in." This name reflects the process of melting and fusing the paint onto a surface after each layer is applied. It's typically done by heating the paint on a hot palette and applying it with natural bristle brushes. Encaustic allows for various artistic techniques, including layering, scraping, and creating three-dimensional effects.

Is this an advanced workshop for professional artists?

No, this workshop is designed for beginners and anyone interested in art, regardless of their level of experience. You don't need to be a professional artist or have any prior knowledge of art making, painting, or drawing to participate.

What should I bring?

All you need to bring is your creativity and a desire to learn. If you want to make your artwork personal, you can print a few of your own photos using your home printer and bring them to the workshop. Otherwise, all the necessary materials will be provided for you during the class.

What will I create?

By the end of the workshop, you will have created an 8" x 10" artwork that will be ready for framing. It's a tangible piece of art you can take home and display proudly.

Do I have to purchase any art supplies?

No, there's no need to buy any art supplies for this workshop. The workshop will teach you how to create beautiful encaustic mixed media art without the need for expensive materials, making it accessible and budget-friendly for everyone.