

Mixed Media and Collage Experimental Adventure with Tania Blanco

Tania Blanco is a partly self-taught, partly mentor-taught artist who has attended watercolor, acrylic and printmaking classes as well as a wide range of artists' workshops. She continues to earn and experiment through online opportunities. Her current work is the result of this evolution. Blanco combines acrylic, collage, found objects and other materials to create textured and layered paintings. She uses many tools, such as paint brushes, stencils, sponges, corks, twigs, brayers, and homemade stamping tools.

Blanco enjoys making one-of-a-kind art cards. These cards are her "sketchbook," allowing her to experiment and mess up. Her approach includes doubts and self-criticism, part and parcel of the creative process. Tomorrow may take her in a new direction, and she will be ready. She thinks of her work as a visceral poem, informed by nature, art history, her personal interests and her life experiences. As a longtime member of the Midwest Collage Society and its Vice President for the last few years, Blanco enjoys the camaraderie of fellow artists, and she organizes an artists' retreat every fall.

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By experimenting with mixed media and collage, workshop participants will first make a few decorated papers using a variety of techniques. Artists will then discover the magic of layering materials, combining collage papers, paint and other elements into a progression of layers and textures. Participants will explore multiple ways of adding cryptic marks and dimension to create a finished 6" x 6" piece of art. A second piece of art on 10" x 10" canvas, which can be either abstract or representational, will be started and is to be completed later.

DATE | Saturday, March 25, 2017

TIME | 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

PLACE | Addison Trail High School Art Department (Room 140) located at N Lombard Ave., Addison, IL 60101

FEE | AAG members: \$40; Non-AAG members: \$50

SUPPLIES | See separate sheet; *artist will also bring many supplies*

LIMIT | 15 people

DEADLINE | March 18, 2017

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