

Dale Cochran's Exploring Watercolor Workshop at the Pickens County Museum

Two Day Workshop on Thursday, November 5 and Saturday, November 7

Expand your repertoire and unleash your creativity by experimenting with watercolor. During "**Exploring Watercolor**" on **November 5th** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and **November 7th** from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., artist **Dale Cochran** will share a collection of best techniques he uses when painting. On Thursday evening Dale will discuss the supplies & tools he uses and then lead you through an exercise that will blend a series of techniques to create a painting. Saturday will be a day of painting and critique with one-on-one instruction, demonstration and class discussion about problems and discoveries encountered while exploring watercolor. These sessions will be held in the Liz Smith-Cox Educational Studio at the Pickens County Museum of Art & History, 307 Johnson Street in Pickens.

The instructor for this workshop, watercolor artist and South Carolina native Dale Cochran, has a passion for revealing the uniqueness and beauty in things seemingly plain, illuminating the stories and spirits behind the ordinary -- an old barn, a basket of pecans, a listless smile, a crayon on pavement. Of his work and his teaching Cochran says, *"It's revealing the extraordinary; the ordinary experiences of life become extraordinary when we take the time to look, listen and enjoy them."*

Inspired by his father who moonlighted as a sign painter, Dale began his 27-year art career as an illustrator, penning and sketching cartoons, caricatures and line drawings for newspapers and other mediums. Although he received formal art training at Anderson College and Winthrop University, it was only after taking a class at the Anderson Arts Center that he found his true artistic calling: watercolor.

"With watercolor, experience is fluid ... not just in the brush strokes themselves, but in the interpretation of feeling and experience, of emotion and connection," says Dale.

Outside of painting commissioned portraits and exhibiting at galleries across the Southeast, Dale works as a creative director at Clemson University.

Pre-Registration is required. The workshop is open to student ages 16 and up and is limited to a Minimum of 5 and Maximum of 10 students on a first come, first serve basis. Tuition for the two-day workshop is \$75.00 (\$65.00 for museum members), payable to the Pickens County Museum or student may use their charge card by calling museum. Tuition includes basic supplies needed for the workshop. Dale's detailed supply list will be furnished during class and is available to participants at Pre-Registration. Tuition is not refundable after November 4. Lunch not included.

To register for this workshop or for more information, please call the Pickens County Museum at (864) 898-5963.