

Graphite Sketches of Artist Retreats

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The incredible sunshine this weekend gave us a wonderful

opportunity to try to capture the chiaroscuro (light / dark) of the artist retreats at [Wysing Arts Centre](#).

This resource shares how students from the AccessArt Art Lab for ages 10, 11 and 12 grabbed drawing boards, Sellotape, water soluble graphite and brushes and went into the landscape to create wonderfully energetic sketches, in just over an hour. Starting with observation of basic perspective, and then a study of the darkest darks and lightest lights, we moved on to explore diverse mark making to ensure our sketches had character and a sense of place.

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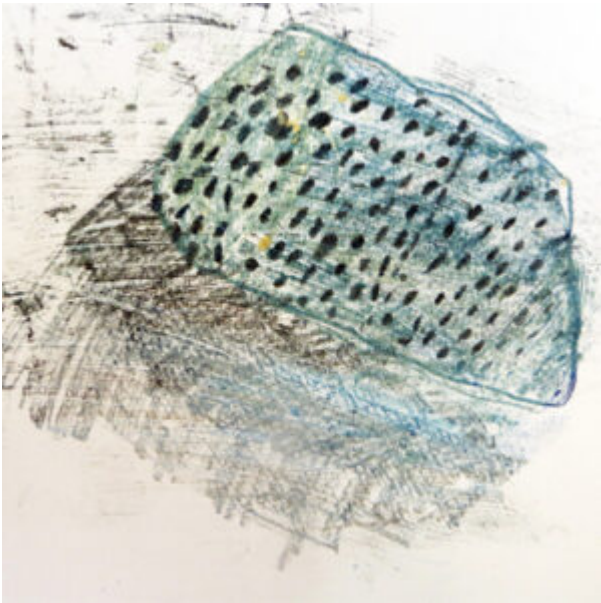


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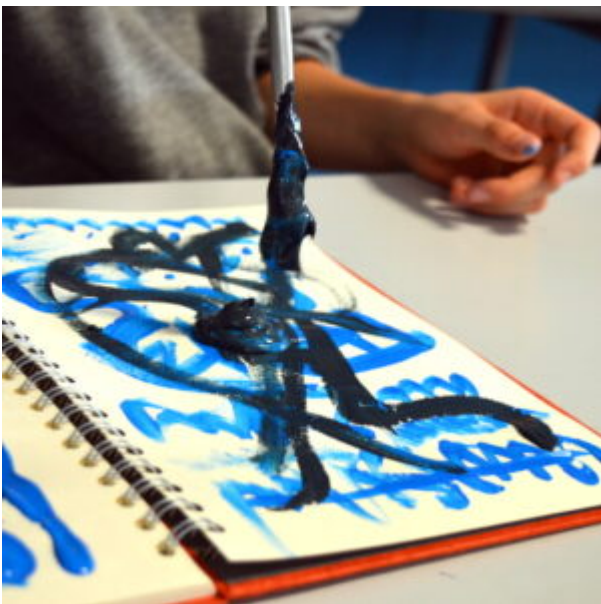
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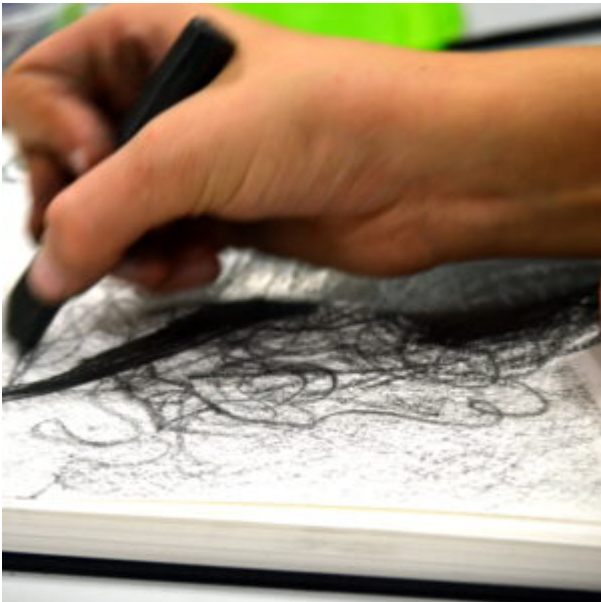
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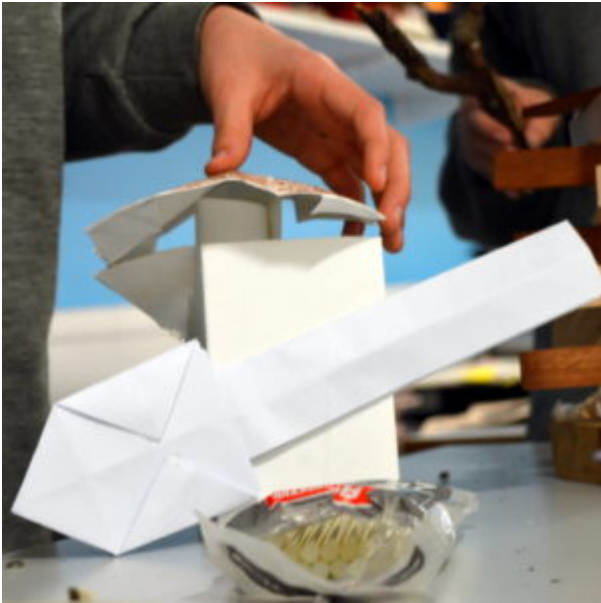
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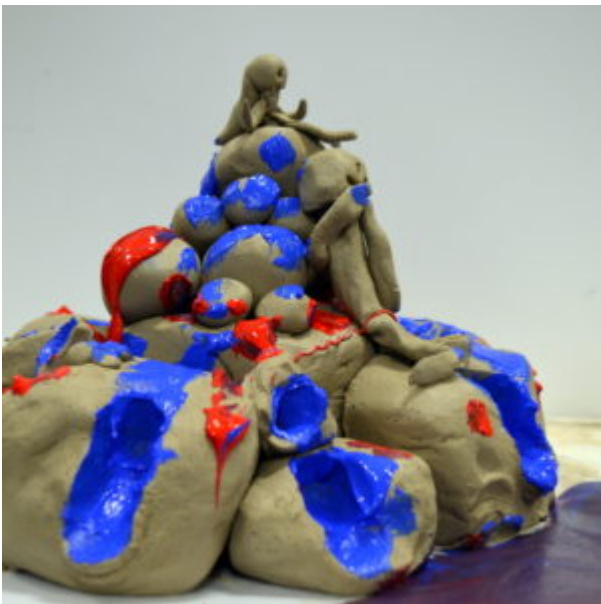
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Drawing Into Space with Melissa Pierce Murray

In this session, artist Melissa Pierce Murray invited students to create three-dimensional drawings from tape, string and

paper, using the entire room as our canvas.

Inky Objects with Melissa Pierce Murray

In this workshop I introduced the idea of thinking of the piece of paper as an object to shape, rather than a picture plane to fill.

Animating with Charcoal

Drawing with Objects by Melissa Pierce Murray

Teenagers explore ideas of placement with artist Melissa P Murray by arranging or assembling objects to make compositions or maquettes.

Teenagers Paint a Canvas with Scolaquip

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teenagers at AccessArt's Experimental Drawing Class, I brought in UV reactive paint and markers, and surprised students by turning off the lights and shining a UV torch on the palates.

AccessArt helps teachers at Belvue School to get ready for a Drawing Week

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Teachers Battle it Out in Conversation with Marks on Paper



Teachers embarked on an exercise whereby they made marks on paper to have a conversation with a partner. This was a playful and fun exercise and teachers very much enjoyed both the process and outcomes.

Teachers Explore Pattern, Shape & Texture with Charcoal, Graphite, Masking Tape and Pastels



This was the second session in the series and an introduction to pattern, shape and texture with charcoal and graphite, and an opportunity for teachers to break down any preconceived ideas about what drawing is and who drawing processes is for.

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Conversation with Marks on Paper

After a series of warm up exercises which introduced drawing through feel, teachers embarked on an exercise whereby they made marks on paper to have a conversation with a partner.

“Heart-Work” – A series of ‘Arts on Prescription’ style workshops for young people at Cambourne Village College with Arts and Minds; Led by Sheila Ceccarelli (Artist) and Yael Pilowsky Bankirer (Psychotherapist)

This series of workshops with students at Cambourne Village College was part of the ‘Young People’s Pilot’, coordinated and managed Arts and Minds, a leading arts and mental health charity in Cambridgeshire. The sessions were led by Sheila Ceccarelli from AccessArt (artist) and Yael Pilowsky Bankirer (Psychotherapist)

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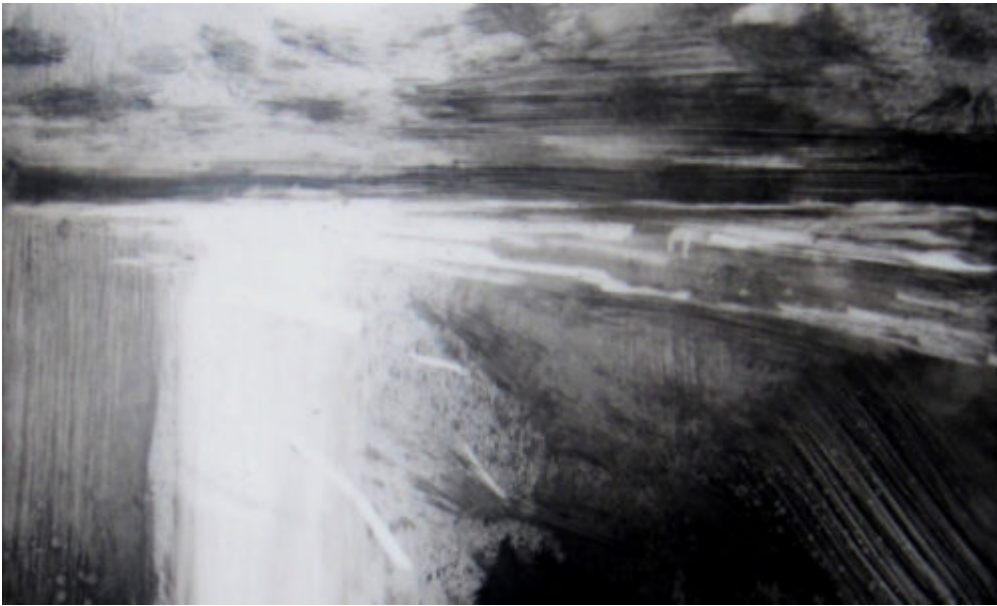
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[This introduction to landscape painting is an exercise in looking and](#)

discovering, browsing and daydreaming.

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In this post Hester Berry explores tone as a crucial aspect of landscape drawing and painting.

Landscape Painting: Plein Air Painting



Plein Air painting is the practice of painting outside, normally in front of one's subject.

Landscape Painting: Colour in the Landscape



Hester Berry shows how working with colour can be broken down, simplified and approached in a pragmatic way.

landscape Painting: Expressive mark Making



Practice and hone technical skills, use of tone and colour, observation and time spent in the landscape.