Painting Instruction at Water Tower Rec Center

Water Tower Recreation Center will host an introductory/intermediate painting class designed to introduce new students to the skills required to accurately render what they see and for the more advanced artist to gain some visual and creative practice in drawing and painting that will enhance any artistic endeavors.

The class objective is to provide the "tools" necessary to draw and paint with confidence and to develop within the student the ability to see the world the way artists see. From there, assignments will lead the student to express their own individual creativity.

There will be six two-hour classes offered for \$75 on Thursday evenings, April 9-May 14, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.. Walk-ins will be welcome for \$15 per class. Easels will be provided for participants and all painting mediums are welcome. Artists should bring their own supplies.

The classes will be taught by Dean Hartung, a resident of Mount Airy. Hartung studied at Kent State University, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Cleveland Institute of Art, and the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture. After college, he was an assistant to Jack Beal on several large paintings and projects, including the mosaic subway mural commission in New York City. He also received a fellowship to attend the La Napoule Art Foundation, and was invited to paint at the Forbes Trinchera Ranch in Colorado.

Hartung's paintings have been included in many museum and gallery exhibitions, including several one-man shows at Gross McCleaf Gallery in Philadelphia. He has been commissioned to create several important murals, including nine for Montefiore Hospital and six for the Delaware County Courthouse. Hartung's paintings are in private and public collections and he has taught at several institutions including the New York Academy of Art, the National Academy of Design, Pennsylvania State University, Swarthmore College and the Community College of Philadelphia.

For more information, call 215-685-9296 or stop by the <u>Water Tower Recreation Center</u>, 209 East Hartwell Lane, Chestnut Hill, to fill out a registration form.

