

## INTRODUCTION TO TWILIGHT STARS AND FAN BRUSH TREES

SAWG Virtual Class taught by Kathy McLean, September 15, 2020

### BIOGRAPHY:

Kathy McLean has been painting for over 20 years and has recently begun teaching sip-n-paint style classes. Her friendliness and long experiences with mistakes and successes, makes her the perfect teacher for the timid or beginner watercolorist who wants a happy experience, and something to show for it.

### CLASS DESCRIPTION:

Twilight skies (or snow storms if you see it that way) are easily successful paintings for beginner watercolorists and fun for all levels. The stars are made by sprinkling salt at just the right moment and the trees practically make themselves with a fan brush. With a little investment in quality paper and paints, you can paint these in a 2-hour on-line class and have two finished paintings to show for it.

### MATERIALS LIST:

Shopping List:	More info: Details and options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Printout of the cabin painting</li><li>•Carbon paper</li><li>•Pen</li></ul>	8x10 (black and white is fine) (Or you can sketch the building outline onto the paper.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Two sheets of 140 lb watercolor paper 8x10 or larger</li></ul> <p>(Arches Watercolor Blocks are easiest )</p> <p>(Prior to class, fastened down if using watercolor sheets)</p>	Arches Watercolor Blocks are easiest (but costly), size 8x10 or 9x12. Or sheets of 140 lb watercolor paper, fastened down with painter's tape around the edges or stapled to gatorboard. Do not use cheaper or thinner paper or a sheet that is not fastened down – it will buckle when wet
Watercolor Artist grade paints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•1) Payne's Grey</li><li>•2) Hookers Green or Windsor Green</li><li>•3) Prussian Blue or Thalo Blue.</li><li>4) Cerulean Blue (optional).</li></ul>	I currently use Windsor Newton artist grade. I also like Daniel Smith, Holbein and Graham.
Brushes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Flat wash brush (any size)</li><li>•Round brush (size 4,6,8 or 10)</li><li>•Fan brush (size 10/0 or 20/0)</li></ul>	Flat is just for wetting paper Round size – your comfort Fan brush (size 10/0 for a small 8x10 size painting, size 20/0 for 9x12)
Table salt and a cup of water.	

If you have questions about supplies prior to class, you may contact Kathy via her website: [WatercolorsByKathyMcLean.com](http://WatercolorsByKathyMcLean.com). It sometimes takes a couple of days to answer email.