

Art Courses at Clouds Nest Art Studio

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Clouds Nest Art Studio in Gun Hill, Barbados is opening Art Courses for both professional artists and art beginners interested in developing a new creative phase in their life. Classes will be taught once a week and the hours can be arranged on an individual basis. The fee for each course is \$350.00 Bb for 6 classes paid in advance (Expect assignments and homework). See below for course descriptions. Feel free to call or send an email for more details.

All courses for foreign students will be taught daily and will include interdisciplinary artistic activities. The cost of the course will be adjusted to every individual's needs and time.

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COURSES:

1. **Drawing for beginners:**

The art of drawing is always spontaneously open to familiarize the observer with her/his surroundings. Via this practical course, the student will learn the basics of composition: line, contrast of value, and volume. Participants will learn how to render forms from objects and from nature in various techniques and styles. No previous experience required.

2. **Advanced Drawings Course**

In order to train perception, participants of this course will be encouraged "to see" and at the same time "to render" artistically what they are "framing" with their sight. Various drawings techniques from Western and Nonwestern cultures will be used in order to allow the student to develop her/his personal drawing style. Using class and homework assignments participants will integrate visual ideas with traditional and nontraditional art materials.

3. **Landscape Painting**

The “way” you paint is as important as the subject you paint. You can learn how to paint a landscape free from pre-established formulas created in the past. In this course you will learn and discover various new paintings techniques in diverse styles. You will also learn how to frame your vision in relation to the painting materials.

4. Painting from the imagination

This course helps the participants to explore and develop confidence in their own imagination as a main subject for their art. Dialogue about materials and their possibilities, personal emotions and visual ideas will be encouraged. Artists will work with multiple painting techniques and styles in order to find approaches that resonate with the artist’s inner world.

5. Art Book Making (using recycled materials)

The Art of Book Making is a special creative course for people who love to use their hands in order to communicate ideas and feelings. Creativity at a conceptual level will be encouraged simultaneously with handcraft abilities. This process can produce original and unique art pieces, which can be displayed on coffee tables and side tables at home, art galleries and art fairs!

6. Art appreciation for Artists, Art Collectors and Art Curators

Do you really know the difference between personal “taste and opinion” and “criteria”? Do you know when an art piece is bad or good and why? Do you want to know the main elements that need to be taken into consideration when buying an art piece? Do you want to create or to develop your own art collection? Do you want to enjoy a visit to an art exhibition? Take this course and you will be able to answer all these questions for yourself!

7. The Art of Sumi-e: Japanese Art

In this course the ancient Japanese tradition of Sumi-e comes alive with ink and a brush on rice paper but with a contemporary Caribbean flavor. Many techniques and styles will be explored in order for the student to find an individual expression. Students will learn how to evaluate a good Sumi-e art piece. Original art works in Sumi-e technique will be used as examples.

8. Free Movements and Drumming

Come to practice body movements with drumming and chanting in a free spirit, looking for the expressions of the inner creative energies that move inside us. Exercises that involve mind, body and soul will be practiced. In this course you will find a way to perform and to share your discoveries with others via the arts. The class has a multidisciplinary approach shared in a comfortable and safe artistic environment.

9. Rumba and Afro Cuban Rhythms with Hatha Yoga

Caribbean Rhythms are complex sounds that make us move areas of our bodies independently from each other. Shapes of linear drawings and music will be used as stimuli. In this class a Hatha Yoga positions will be combined with Afro Cuban movements and rhythms -- restoring patterns of healing energies. Each participant will explore her/his own possibilities. Happiness and revitalization will be the result of this class!

10. The Shamanic Path for an Art Creator

In this course you will be practicing:

Techniques guided by an artist/shaman, drumming and dancing exercises looking for inner spaces of consciousness that have never been explored before, and poetry that will turn in to images or images that will be converted into poetry... You will be developing nonlinear maps of creativity that may be used in many areas of your life, and you will be able to communicate them to others. Visual art works/ Performances/ and Interdisciplinary art pieces will be encouraged. All these activities will be practiced as tools of inner growing as a human being as well as an artist. After taking this course you will be able to see art practice as an inner journey towards new dimensions of your being.

Note: All courses are taught with a daily practice for the body and concentration. Yoga exercises will enhance students' concentration and creativity capability.