



Teaching Proposal

Title: Pysanky: The Art of Ukrainian Egg Decorating

Description: Pysanky is a celebrated art form that is 1000's of years old. These decorative eggs are created using beeswax and dyes that are applied in layers using a batik method. Participants will learn techniques, designs, and historical significance of this process and go home with a beautiful egg. No experience is necessary and ages 18 through adult are welcome to register. Participants will be provided with all materials. Please bring an apron or old shirt and an egg carton to bring your egg home in.

Experience: I have taught Ukrainian egg decorating and techniques in a variety of settings to a wide audience, from children to seniors. I have instructed several groups and held demonstrations at many Art Centers, Art Museums, Libraries, Garden Centers and Galleries on the East Coast including Brattleboro Art Museum in VT, Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton NJ, Newport Art Museum in RI, the Chapel of Sacred Mirrors in Wappingers Falls, NY and the Center for Contemporary Art in Hudson Valley.

Special instructions/supplies: To carry out the workshop, I will need four long tables and chairs for each participant, including an extra table for dyes. *I would need permission to use candles, as candles are necessary for melting the wax onto the egg.* I can supervise up to 18 people at one time. My supplies are hard to find, so a materials fee should be added to the workshop cost (\$10 cash per person the day of is a typical fee). For a 2 ½ hour workshop and material fee, I usually charge about \$40 a person but it is negotiable.

Preferred # of participants per workshop: minimum of 5 up to 18 participants. If there is a long waiting list, the # of participants can be increased to 20.

Preferred student type: No younger than 18 years old. Any skill level is welcome.

Preferred day of week and times: Every spring, my schedule fills up quickly as I am one of the few instructors in New Jersey teaching Ukrainian Egg decorating and exhibiting eggs. Please contact me as soon as possible to confirm dates for the spring, no later than Sept 1st. Thank you for your consideration.

Should you need any further information, feel free to email or call me at:

-Jenny