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APS Adventures in Pastel...Adventure AAAA1 "Going Wabi Sabi"

Welcome artists to our brand new series of APS Adventures in Pastel! Our first challenge is to paint in the style of Wabi Sabi. The term Wabi Sabi comes from Zen Buddhism and can be defined as a way of living that focuses on finding beauty within imperfection and peacefully accepting the natural cycle of growth and decay. It is a philosophy prevalent throughout all forms of Japanese art. For artists, wabi sabi is often described as one of appreciating beauty that is asymmetrical, imperfect, impermanent or incomplete.

Step 1: Choose a subject that you feel would be exciting to explore in the Wabi Sabi style. For inspiration, feel free to explore Wabi Sabi on the internet and see the illustrations attached below.

Step 2: Create your Wabi Sabi painting in any size, color palette, or surface you prefer. Remember we are exploring this style and no one is expecting a masterpiece!

Step 3: Take a photo of your painting and send it along with any remarks you would like to share about this challenge and how it impacted your ideas about design and composition going forward.

Step 4: Send the photo of your artwork, **title, size and any comments** to Kay Gordon (jkaygordon364@gmail.com) by January 26th at 6:00 PM.

Step 5: Remember, this deadline is firm and nothing can be posted that is received after **6 PM on January 26th**. NOTE: your painting does not need to be in its finished form. This adventure is to encourage all of us in exploring new techniques and then sharing what we are learning with each other.

On your mark; get set; GO WABI SABI!

