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A MESSAGE TO US ALL ABOUT ART FROM LYNNE DEANS

Hello. My name is Lynne Deans and I'm the tutor for the Drawings, Pastels PLUS class. We meet on Fridays between 9am and 12.20pm. It is a large class (36) but not everyone is always there. Apart from achieving wonderful work, the group comes together socially as well.

There's something about working with pencil, paint and pastel, etc. that is so rewarding and lifts the spirit. Quite necessary at this time! To start off with a blank piece of paper or canvas and create something is, I believe, very fulfilling and insightful. In our class we say that anything is possible. It "only" requires, desire, imagination, belief and most of all "having a go". Just to wander about looking at what the others are doing is always inspirational. We also believe that all media can be used singly or together to achieve something quite special. And it is YOUR creation.!

I often ask everyone to take notice how the shadows on everyday things give shape and form. Examine shapes and different colours and textures in foliage and clouds. To make sure that the subject can actually work in real life. Being observant of shadows, shapes and colour is so very rewarding and informative.

So at this time, gather inspiration from books, magazines, online painting and drawing tutorials and let that wonderful imaginative brain that you have.....
HAVE A GO!!!! You have only to gain and nothing to lose. You just might be surprised!

My email address is lynne@lynne.deans.com. If you'd like to contact me or discuss one of your paintings which you could include in the email, you would be most welcome.

Keep aware and well
Lynne