

WORKSHOP 20TH JULY - LENNOX HEAD

LIGHT, LIGHT, LOVELY LIGHT

We started by painting a ball - and used this exercise as a warm up - looked at the source of light. We also discussed how with any surface there is rarely ever just a change in tone, there is usually a shift in hue as well.

The difference between shifts in tone and shifts in hue was explained as follows:

Shift in tone is a shift in the darkness or lightness of the colour (ie adding black or white)

Shift in hue is a change in colour (eg from blue to red).

We then did an exercise in gradation of colour with sky:



Then there was another exercise in gradation - in the sky but also in the shaded area of a tree - and we explored the concept of warm and cool colours, and how they make a difference to your paintings, ie warmer colours closer to the light source, cooler colours further away.

Mark demonstrated the usefulness of a gradation of colour by painting water - the gradation of colour, refraction and highlights on the surface.

Mark explained how steeper breaking waves had sharper and harder lines, and gentle waves in deeper water had softer, less distinct lines. We painted a gutter in the deeper water just to emphasise the control you have over creating depth by altering the hue.

Hope you all had a great day! Hope to see you at the next one.

For more information about what you learned today, check out the following Youtube clips:

How to Paint Landscapes - Light Effects

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2 JSb9iJVY>

How to Paint Tree - Default Settings

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXbtL9HrgUs>

Sunset Painting

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51fpxO dIOY>

Sunset Painting - Gradation

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNJkgJROfpQ>

How to Paint Clouds

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltHUmFdpOZ0>

And these webpages....

<http://www.explore-acrylic-painting.com/sunset-painting.html>

<http://www.explore-acrylic-painting.com/how-to-paint-clouds.html>

<http://www.explore-acrylic-painting.com/skyscapes.html>

<http://www.explore-acrylic-painting.com/how-to-paint-water.html>