

## DRAW/PAINT KEYS TO REMEMBER

### Keys to Remember – Drawing

- 🔑 Forget any agreements you have with what is before you.
- 🔑 Drawing mechanics have to become a habit. Habits are created by daily practice.
- 🔑 Gesture first; quick and light in the beginning. Don't move on until it is correct.
- 🔑 Get the big picture first and then work to the smaller detail.
- 🔑 Step back often (don't forget your fixed position), and take breaks to stay fresh.
- 🔑 Keep all or some of your practice sketches so you can actually see that you are progressing.
- 🔑 Take your time and ENJOY. It is a process and like learning anything... it takes time and practice.

### Keys to Remember – Painting

- 🔑 Squint and scan in the beginning to see the overall relationships.
- 🔑 Basic block-in is the key and vital first step in painting.
- 🔑 Keep your initial layers of paint thin.
- 🔑 Value key... know your lightest and darkest shapes from the beginning.
- 🔑 After you have established your biggest shapes or masses then look for value shifts or variations of value within each major shape... also called modeling.
- 🔑 Keep your shapes geometric and as simple as you can.
- 🔑 Utilize good lighting, showing a wide value range. This is key to tonal painting.

### Evaluating Your Work When Painting (Realism)

**Drawing** – Is it accurate?

**Value** – Do the values work together to create 3D form?

**Color** – Do the colors work together to create 3D form?

**Handling/Technique** – Is it consistent?

**Composition/Design** – Does it make sense?