

ELENA PARASHKO GALLERY

ART CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Testimonials

"I had tried to complete this painting from a photograph for over a year and a half but every time I attempted to do the foliage, I became more discouraged. On first attending Elena's art class, she suggested that I begin again and then compare the two paintings. Under Elena's guidance, I have begun to appreciate the importance of starting with the undertones and gradually adding highlights, and I have gained some valuable insights into art. The classes are both rewarding and relaxing for me."

A contented customer, Kym



Before art classes



After attending 1 term of art classes

"After attending painting classes with different teachers on and off for the past few years and not really learning much, I finally found a great teacher in Elena. She has taught me a lot by going back to the basics of painting techniques, mixing colours, tonal values, perspective etc. I thoroughly enjoy my classes.

With the way Elena has taught me, I find painting a lot easier and not as frustrating as I used to. I also think that I have improved, and I am proud to put my paintings on display in my home".

A very happy amateur artist, Carol Havercroft





"I was impressed with Elena's article in the magazine *Artist Palette* and booked art lessons with her immediately. I knew I needed help with colour mixing. Being an impetuous soul I thought that colour mixing was too time consuming and kept a vast array of premixed colours. But deep down I knew that was an error on my part, and as a result, my paintings seemed to be missing something. In the first painting that I did with Elena, only two colours were used plus white (except for the grapevine and bottles). I learnt so much by mixing countless variations of these 2 colours and ended up with a unified piece of work. Thanks Elena."

Angela

"I have been painting for many years going to different art classes and often muddling my way on my own. I first saw Elena's work in Artists' Palette magazine and loved the way she does seascapes - something I had never attempted. I joined her classes and did my first seascape. I was so excited to actually be able to do my seascape with Elena's professional help.

Elena is an excellent teacher, as others have said in their testimonials. She covers all the relevant practical and theory of painting. Understanding why a technique works makes painting so much easier. I found the help Elena gave me on perspective was fantastic to paint this row of tenement houses in Glasgow. I hope to continue learning from Elena for many years to come as I think you never stop learning. Thank you Elena."



Nella Van Praag

"I found out about Elena's art classes when I attended her painting demonstration at Macquarie Towns Arts Society one evening. I had been captivated by one of Elena's botanical artworks which featured in my local newspaper. Upon getting a spot in one of her workshops, I was hooked. The help, feedback and tutoring I have received has been excellent. From mixing paint colours to actually framing the pictures, Elena has taught me everything which was needed to finish an artwork. The end product really speaks for itself.

The best present I have ever given myself is attending her classes. Thank you, Elena."
Dorothea



"I started drawing and sketching a year ago. Then I decided I'd like to work with colour, so I thought I'd try painting. As I had never painted before, I had no idea where to begin. A friend of mine was doing Elena's art class and suggested I enrol. She said, 'If Elena can teach me to paint, she can teach you too.'

Elena put me at ease from the first time I met her. At each class she gives me guidance and encouragement. I have just finished my first painting. I can't believe I did it. I have watched with enthusiasm as my painting has come to life. It has given me a great sense of achievement. There is no way I would have been able to do it without Elena's assistance. Thank you. I am looking forward to my next class and new painting."



Karen



"Thank you for your help and guidance in art class. I feel like I am able to understand what I am doing a lot more now. You are a great teacher and give us all such wonderful encouragement. When you look around at the paintings everyone is doing in the class, you can see quality. I feel this has a lot to do with the way you teach. Thanks for giving us so much pleasure."
Nella

"From the moment I saw Elena's paintings in Artist's Palette magazine, I was inspired. I had found it very difficult to find a teacher who could handle and teach the acrylic medium in a style that appealed to me. Elena has impressed me with her professional and pleasant manner in which she runs her classes and workshops. She has the gift of inspiring and guiding her students to improve. I am now tackling projects that I would normally avoid. I am delighted with the progress I have made using acrylics and find the classes an enjoyable and relaxing past time."

Robyn



"Elena's art class feels like the right place for me to explore the ideas I want to paint. It is free-ing to work at my own pace, as I've had a hard time with regular TAFE and Uni courses. I'll be first in line for any of her art classes."

Maria Macabenta

"I have been a student of Elena Parashko for almost two years. During this time, my artistic ability has improved extremely well. Elena has a talent that many envy. Her teaching style has brought out the best, not only in me, but in fellow students, whose progress I have been able to observe. In addition, I find that painting with other students enhances feedback on the development of my own work. Elena's classes have always been most enjoyable."

Shirley Anderson



"I was told about Elena's art classes by a friend and had also read articles about her in the local papers. I wanted to learn how to improve my seascape technique and so I enrolled in Elena's art class. After painting and attending lessons over the years at other art classes I finally feel I am now at last making progress with my paintings. Elena taught me, step by step, how to build a beautiful seascape. I am so happy with the results even

though I am still learning and perfecting my technique. I love painting in Elena's classes with other lovely people who share my passion for art. Thanks Elena for your dedication and inspiration".

Julie