

CWA Outreach

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Concord High

Charlotte Huntley gave a watercolor painting demonstration at Concord High school on March 1 and twenty one senior art students in Mr. Warren Dean's Watercolor class enjoyed this CWA Outreach instruction. The artist started her demo with a discussion of the endless possibilities in using watercolor medium. Students had an opportunity to look at a book, Xtraordinary by C. Huntley and J. Betts, then they learned how to create a body of art by observing the series of Charlotte's paintings with Hats. Students were excited to see how watercolor paintings were presented in a printed format, yet the process of creating an original work of art was just minutes away. Charlotte chose a lovely landscape with a red bridge as the subject matter. The drawing was completed and the photograph served as the reference material. Step by step, Charlotte showed her skills, including her unique semi-realistic technique, and her passion for watercolor. Starting with the main subject, she continued working from light to dark. While painting Charlotte explained how colors mix together, how layering technique can help when making a cool color glow with warmth. Nobody noticed when the time was up; during this demonstration, students eyes were glued to the evolving painting amazed how the blank paper started "coming to life" revealing the sunny landscape in just an hour and half of the lesson.

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