



# Clayton Valley Charter School

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Michael Friedland demonstrates the large light areas. Reference painting.

High school students of Clayton Valley Charter School painted with Michael Friedland, Co-Chair Member Shows, in a CWA Community Outreach. The students painted with tube paints for the first time. Michael led them through a challenging project and they rose to the occasion.

The class had 32 students and was a generous 2 hours. Michael in his quiet way led the students through a 2-stage painting (reference painting left). In the first step painting over the whole page. He guided them 'Work areas from large and light to small and dark.'

Michael demonstrated and the students began. The classroom went almost quiet. A flat bed screen brought the demonstration live to the back of the classroom. They experimented with salt for texture. Michael gave each student a card paper 'compass guide' with a range of five values to check their colors and the reminder to 'Work areas from large and light to small and dark.'

He introduced the concept of mixing color on the palette... keeping light colors the consistency of tea, middle colors that of milk and middle dark colors that of cream.

This lucky class was given a wealth of information with remarkably few words from Michael. He painted with great concentration and most students followed his lead.

The Students



Sheila H. Cain holding a student's finished painting. Michael's painting on the right.

We thank Michael for taking the initiative in arranging and doing this Community Outreach for both the students and CWA.

*Sheila H. Cain*