



HISTORICON™

Historical Miniature Gaming's Biggest Summer Vacation! 2009

MINIATURE HOBBY UNIVERSITY – EVENTS, CLASSES AND CONTESTS

The University Staff has prepared excellent hobby/painting events in an ongoing effort to improve our curriculum and give you an outstanding convention experience – we continue to offer evening Paint 'n' Take Hours as well as an evening Speed Painting Contest! Our updated curriculum offers classes designed for every ability level of miniature painter as well as *NEW* terrain design classes and scenery building lectures. We have increased our staff of experienced hobbyists to give students an opportunity to learn new and different techniques. Even if you have taken a class previously, a different instructor will add to your repertoire of skills. We will be featuring: figures from Brigade Games, Reaper, Eureka Miniatures, Iron Wind Metals and Kryomek USA, Scenery Pieces from Acheson Creations, and paint from Howard Hues, Vallejo and Reaper Master Series (a special *Thank You* to these companies!) Class sign up sheets will be in the University Area at the convention (see onsite program for details); sign up early as class space is limited.

PAINTING EVENTS

Paint 'n' Take: Will be in full force with a new selection of miniatures from Brigade Games, Reaper, Eureka Miniatures, Iron Wind Metals and Kryomek USA to choose from as well as Howard Hues, Vallejo and Reaper Master Series Paints. Participants receive one (1) free miniature. Our Painting staff will be on hand for tutorials, just ask. Additionally, feel free to bring miniatures painted at home for gentle critique and helpful hints for improving your skills. As always, this event is free with your convention badge; it will be walk up and available throughout the convention! Event runs 4 times (*Evening Hours Friday!*): Thurs. 10 AM - 6 PM, Fri. 10 AM - 6 PM & 7-9:30 PM, Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM; Host: Heather Blush, Sponsor: Brigade Games/Howard Hues Paint.

PAINTING CLASSES

NEW - Ancients Painting for Children: Beginner's level class specially geared toward our youngest hobbyists. Kids will learn how to build figures out of simple craft materials and then paint them. This is a great hands-on class. Sat. 11 AM & 1:30 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructors: Matt Kirkhart; Sponsor: Howard Hues.

Painting for Complete Beginners: Is the primary color of your army primer? Have you been "hanging around" learning about the hobby, but haven't tried painting your own army yet for fear of scaring your opponents with your painting skills rather than your tactics? Have we got a class for you! Come learn painting basics in a friendly, non-competitive manner. You'll be amazed at what a difference a few simple techniques make. Students receive one primed 25mm miniature to paint and keep. Class covers prepping a figure, basic painting equipment, priming, color blocking, dry brushing and basic washes. Thurs. & Fri. 1:30 PM; 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Larissa Heffner.

Scenery Painting: Scenery painting is a different skill set from painting most miniatures. Come receive a 28mm terrain piece to paint and keep (terrain provided by Acheson Creations). We'll even show you how to finish your piece for a professional look. Fri. 1:00 PM & Sat. 3:30 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Allison Thiel (Evil Bob's Painting); Sponsor: Acheson Creations.

Basing: Great hands on class will demonstrate various ways to improve your bases – something that can make or break a well-painted figure. Water, snow & dark of night will be covered. Fri. & Sat. 11:30 AM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Jimmy Livingston

Painting Skin Tones: Are those naked celts giving you a hard time, does your Amazon army need help. Come learn how to paint skin tones – proper color choices will be covered. Thurs. 1 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Allison Thiel of Evil Bob's Painting.

NEW – Painting the 28mm Face: The every important "how to" for that extra tricky area, the face. Eyes and MORE (eyebrows, lips, skin, 5 o'clock shadow, moustaches, etc.) Thurs. 3 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Erin Warfield.

Painting a Small Scale Unit: Focus will be painting multiple figures at once and getting consistent results. Students will learn step by step how to paint 5 figures at one time during this class. Thurs. 11:30 AM, Fri. 11:30 AM, Sat. 1:30 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Jason Hyland.

Ask A Judge: This class will cover what judges are looking for in a competition miniature. We'll talk about common mistakes and simple fixes that will make your miniature competition entries stand out. Feel free to bring painted minis for critique and questions. Thurs. 5 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Painting Staff.

Painting the "2 Footer" (Figures that look amazing from 2 feet away): This class is so great 3 of our instructors rescheduled their classes so that they can take it! Teaches a unique painting style using *all* Craft paints and of all things Brown primer to create incredibly crisp, clean paint jobs that look amazing on the gaming table. Features Brigade Games Gnome Wars figures. Fri. & Sat. 11 AM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Jim Stanton; Sponsor: Brigade Games.

<p>Painting Seminar: Round Robin Open discussion with the Painting Staff members. Ever wonder why your blues look “muddy” when you mix them? What’s the big deal about “craft” Paint? What’s the difference between ink and paint? How do you “wash” a mini? Painted figure critique will be available during this time also. This is a perfect opportunity to start planning your next painting contest entries. Come chat with painters Jenna Korzen, John Newman and Erin Warfield – ask Dorothy Catapano those dastardly terrain questions, ask Heather anything you want! Fri. 5 PM, 1.5 hrs; Host: Heather Blush.</p>
<p>Sculpting – The Basics: Learn the foundation steps for creating your own miniatures. Everything you wanted to know about materials, tools, and techniques, but were afraid to ask will be covered by the infamous “sock puppet” sculptor, Don “Wee Sparky” Goddard, himself. Don sculpted the Iron Paintbrush Award Medallions and Lady Liberty for Cold Wars. Thurs 3:30 PM, Fri. 3:30 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Don Goddard.</p>
<p>NEW – Painting WWI French Infantryman: This class will focus on techniques to quickly turn out models and get your army done. We’ll be focusing on a WWI later war French soldier, but the techniques are applicable to just about any period. The model will be primed black, and we will paint it from start to finish using a mix of washes and layering. Students will receive a 28mm soldier they can keep. Thurs. 3 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor; John Newman.</p>
<p>Terrain Design and Layout, FOAM BOARD: This requires different skills and is important to making a great looking table. Your instructor will walk you through why and how to design a great looking table piece. This lecture class will cover buildings and much, much more. Fri. & Sat. 1:30 PM, 2.5 hrs; Instructor: Dorothy Catapano; Sponsor: TheWarstore.com</p>
<p>NEW – Airbrushing 101: It’s the basics and what you need to know about getting started with an airbrush. This lecture/demo class will talk about rudimentary airbrushing tool and techniques. Sat. 11 AM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor; John Newman.</p>
<p>Sculpting: Next Steps For advanced beginners and those looking to further beginning sculpting skills. Practice steps learned in The Basics and modify and create your own miniatures. Instructor: Don “Wee Sparky” Goddard, himself. A review of tools, various putties, and resources available. Materials provided by Kraftmark, makers of Procreate sculpting putty. Sat. 5 PM: 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Don Goddard.</p>
<p>NEW – Painter’s Tools & Supplies: Class covers discussions on paints, inks, brushes, paint additives and other tips and tricks for better painting. You’ll get important info on where and how to purchase great supplies inexpensively and as a bonus, we’ll demo how to make an inexpensive “wet” palette at home. Thurs. 5 PM, Sat. 5 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Heather Blush.</p>
<p>NEW Painting a 15mm Tank: Come and learn how to paint a WWI Soviet KV-1 FOW Tank. Yes, you read that correctly, Battlefront has donated FOW Tanks and we’re gonna teach you how to paint them! Max 10 students due to limited materials. Students get 1 Battlefront Soviet KV-1 Tank to paint/keep. Thurs. 1 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Dorothy Catapano; Sponsor: Battlefront USA.</p>
<p>NEW – Working with Mediums: No, there is no crystal ball and we’re not going to join hands with Madame Kartuski! This class will discuss what various acrylic mediums can do for you in working with paint and then let you experiment with what several types and mixes of mediums actually do. There will be brushes and paint you can use, and you can bring your own prepped mini or we’ll have some available. A handout will also be provided covering many of the most-popular mediums in use by the miniatures painting hobby. Fri. 7:30 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Heather Blush - NEW EVENING CLASS</p>
<p>NEW – Time-management: Collecting, painting and finishing an epic army: Get THAT army finished! You know you have the lead and you PLAN to get it all painted someday! Learn techniques to keep you on track and get that army painted. Fri. 7:30 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Professional Painter Lee Howard - NEW EVENING CLASS</p>
<p>Freehand Painting: Paint tattoos, patterns, scrollwork and more. Come learn the important basics of freehand painting which means inscribing a design or pattern that doesn’t exist on the miniature already. Great for painting shields. Fri. 3 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor; Erin Warfield.</p>
<p>NEW – Painting 15mm WWII Soviet Infantry: Shh. It’s a secret. We are teaching people to paint 15mm FOW infantry troops – so whether you are a hard core FOW player or just want to learn how to paint 15mm figures this class is for you. Students received 1 15mm Flames of War miniature to paint and keep. Fri. 11 AM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor; John Newman; Sponsor: Battlefront USA.</p>
<p>NEW – Worn and Weathered: Often, when working with miniatures, the vision in mind is going to be of something less than pristine. When the mini in hand is the soldier who’s been on the front lines for months (or years!) some basic rules and techniques apply. We’ll discuss the effect of wear and the elements on cloth, leather, metal and bone, and then do some hands-on practice with adding dirt and decay to your minis. There will be brushes and paint you can use, and you can bring your own prepped mini or we’ll have some available. Fri. 5 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Heather Blush.</p>
<p>NEW – Painting Gradient Colors: Jenna will demonstrate how to add a gradient effect to any smooth surface. This advanced technique is great for cloaks, banners, and shields, adding dirt or mud effects, and shading sword blades. This technique also works well for shading any surface. Fri. 1 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor; Jenna Korzen.</p>
<p>NEW – Shading Metallic Metals: Get realistic or super colored and verdigris metallic metals using washes and glazes over silver. Jenna will show you how to add depth and shading to your metallic’s as well as how to add chips, dings and rust to metallic surfaces. Sat. 1 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor; Jenna Korzen.</p>
<p>NEW – Intermediate Painting: For everyone who has learned the basics and is ready for the next step, this is it. If you’ve tried drybrushing and inking your models and you’d like to do more, this class will help you move to the next level. Covers layering, glazing, and other techniques Sat. 3 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor; Erin Warfield.</p>

NEW – Medieval Madness, Painting Heraldry: It's new. It's fun. It's time to learn to paint heraldry. These distinctive markings were of vital importance in medieval times. Whether you are painting barded horses, pennants or shields this class is for you. Sat. 1 PM & 3 PM, 1.5 hrs; Instructor: Rob Dean.

PAINTING CONTESTS

Speed Painting: Do you think you have what it takes to compete? You get 1 hour to paint 1 mini to the best of your ability. Prizes – paint sets, mini blisters, and more – for the best figure. Fri. 2 PM, 4 PM & 7:30 PM, 1 hr.

The Bring In Painting Contest: See info elsewhere in this brochure. Judging is Saturday.

The Iron Paintbrush: See info elsewhere in this brochure. Sat. 7 PM, 2 hrs.

Questions, comments or suggestions; contact Heather Blush, Painting Event's Coordinator: painting@historicon.org