

On-line Classes with Maureen Carlson How it Works



Thanks, Everyone, for joining me for this on-line class. I'll do my best to make it a friendly, informative, creative class, as close to an in-person class as possible! Here's how it works.

Step 1. REGISTER: You register and receive an e-mail confirmation.

Step 2. JOIN YAHOO: Once you're registered for the class, you'll receive an invitation to join the Yahoo Group. It is then up to you to go into the Yahoo site and sign in or sign up for a Yahoo ID. The Yahoo site, sharings and information are private for **registered students only**.

Step 3. GET ACQUAINTED: Once you're in the Yahoo site, imagine that I'll greet you just beyond the first button click. Press the enter button and with a *swirl* and a *flash* you'll be magically transported to the virtual world of Maureen Carlson's Center for Creative Arts in Jordan, Minnesota, USA, and you won't even have to buy air tickets!



Perhaps it won't be summer when you arrive, but we'll pretend that it is! That's the **joy of imagination!** Ah, the gardens around Maureen's will be flourishing! The morning glories will be in full bloom and you may even hear a Kingfisher with its raucous call as it torpedoes down the river. If you have time you can stroll along the stepping stone path and say hello to the little wee folk, look under the fern for the guardian toad and rest a bit on one of the garden benches.

Once back inside you can choose a table space, get out your things and settle in.

Now float back to the world within your magical computer and Introduce yourself to fellow classmates by going into the **Conversations** part of the Yahoo group site and posting an email about yourself. Scroll back to the first group post and you'll see some suggestions for questions to answer. Optional, of course! Post photos of you and your work, too. I want to know who you are!



If you were here at Maureen's for an in-person class, you might assume that I'm in my office running off the last copies of the printouts!!! Or curling my hair in my storage room bedroom that's just off the classroom. Or downing that last spoonful of oatmeal. Perhaps it's a good thing that this is an on-line class. PJ's anyone?

While you're waiting for inspiration to strike, make a cup of coffee or tea and imagine your Santa or St. Nick creation. Design it in your head or on paper. Breathe. You might even get out that box of cookies that you've been saving for a special occasion. I love ginger snaps, by the way.



4. What's required of you for this class:

A. A high-speed internet connection is recommended as the video files may be quite large. Video files will be posted on a separate site, with info as to how to access that provided via email.

B. Working knowledge of your computer, how to download files to your computer and how to open files. Files may be in PDF format. You will need the free Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer In order to open these.

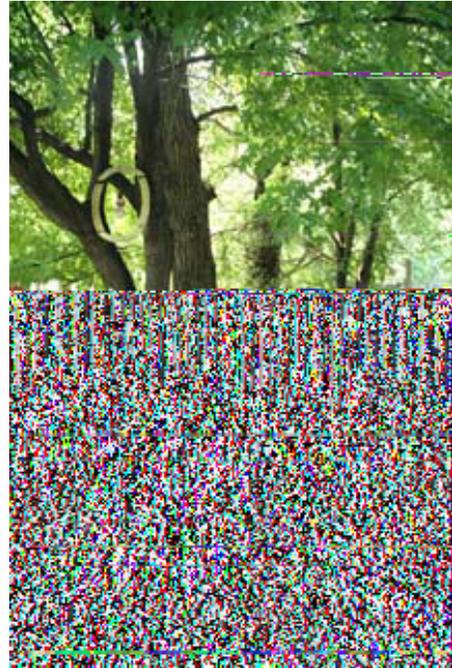
C. Curiosity enough to ask questions via the Conversations part of the Yahoo site. I'll do my best to be on-line on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at approximately 8:00 AM and again at around 7:00 PM CST, with check-ins at other times as my schedule permits.

D. Respect for fellow students. What is shared in class should stay in class.

E. Flexibility. Note that for this class, in contrast to an on-site class or a time-specific on-line class, you do not have to be at your computer at a specific time of day. And you can wear any perfume that you like! You can download files to your computer and use them at your convenience. Wee hours of the night are fine, too. And loud music!

F: Gathering the supplies needed for the class. The file is on the Yahoo Santa Playshop Group site.

5. Refunds: Refunds are allowed until class starts. After that there will be no refunds.



I think that's it for now! If I think of anything else I'll check back in. I'm not far away ... as close as your computer screen and just on the other side of imagination,

Maureen Carlson