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Teaching Proposal

Title: Pysanky: The Art of Ukrainian Egg Decorating Class

Description: Ukrainian eggs or 'Pysanky' are decorated using beeswax and dyes that are applied in layers. Participants will learn techniques, designs, and historical significance of this process and go home with a beautiful egg. No experience is necessary and ages 16 through adult are welcome to register. Participants will be provided with eggs and decorating materials. Please bring an apron or old shirt and an egg carton to bring your egg home in.

Experience: I have taught Ukrainian egg decorating and techniques in a variety of settings to a wide audience, from children to seniors. I have instructed several groups and held demonstrations at many Libraries, Art Centers and Art Museums on the East Coast including Brattleboro Art Museum in Vermont, Jerry's Artist Outlet in Montclair NJ, Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton NJ, a teacher's retreat in Hampton NH, the Chapel of Sacred Mirrors in Wappingers Falls, NY and the Center for Contemporary Art in Hudson Valley.

Special instructions/supplies: To carry out the workshop, I will need three or four long tables and chairs for each participant. *I would need permission to use candles, as candles are necessary for melting the wax onto the egg.* I can supervise up to 18 people at one time. My supplies are hard to find, so a materials fee should be added to the workshop cost. In the past, it was usually \$10 a person.

Preferred # of participants per workshop: minimum of 5 up to 18 participants. If there is a long waiting list, the # of participants can be increased to 20.

Preferred student type: No younger than 16 years old. Any skill level is welcome.

Preferred day of week and times: Every spring, my schedule fills up quickly as I am one of the few instructors in New Jersey teaching Ukrainian Egg decorating and exhibiting eggs. Please contact me as soon as possible to confirm dates for the spring, no later than November. Thank you for your consideration.

Should you need any further information, feel free to email or call me at:

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