

## **Silverpoint Drawing**

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A silverpoint drawing is one in which the drawn line and toned areas are created with silver wire held in a stylus. A specially prepared ground is necessary to provide sufficient 'tooth' or abrasion to remove silver from the tip. The process is much like drawing with graphite but the natural glow of silver creates a 'livlier' effect and will continue to change as oxidation causes the surface to tarnish slightly producing a warm patina.

In this two day course we will discuss the merits of a variety of grounds and will prepare several grounds on which to practice developing a range of values.

Each student will complete a small silverpoint drawing from an original idea, a transfer from another drawing, or the instructor will provide suggestions.

### **Materials:**

Silverpoint stylus

140 lb hp watercolor paper or

Illustration board

Saral graphite wax free transfer paper (instructor will share if you don't have this.)

Pencil for sketching ideas

A complete silverpoint kit can be purchased from instructor for \$20.00

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