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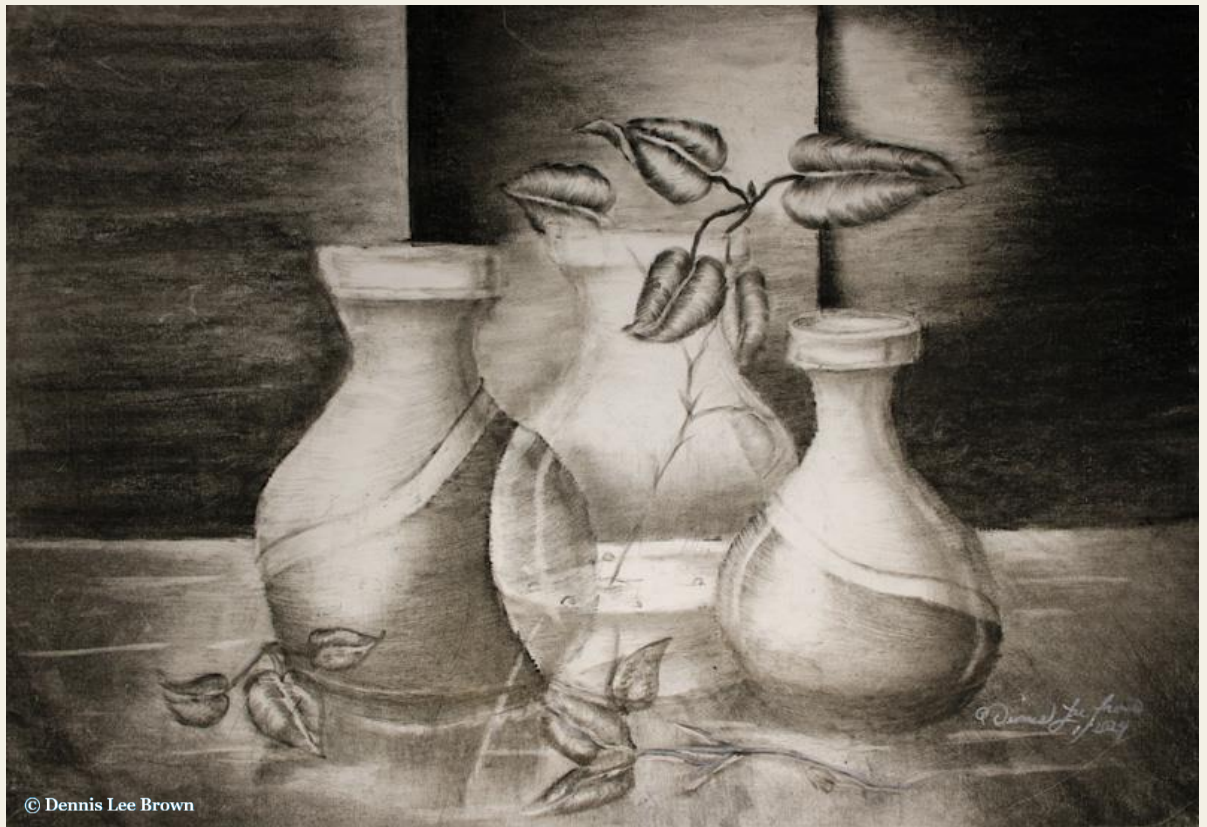
The Concept of "Chiaroscuro" Drawing

"Chiaroscuro Drawing" – Lighting Is All About Contrast.

This incorporates vivid drama, mood, depth, proportion, and emotion in charcoal drawings.

Although Chiaroscuro drawing in the popular sense of the word refers to charcoal drawing. The same technique can apply to any drawing or painting medium. However, for this tutorial, we are going to focus on drawing with charcoal. Practice the chiaroscuro lighting method while painting with acrylics, oils, or water paints. And use it when drawing with pastels and graphite.

Willow Charcoal or the Willow Tree, also called "vine" charcoal, is made of scorched willow wood. It is a smooth charcoal that is used to apply "grays," a mid-toned range between whites and blacks. Willow charcoal is the softest type of charcoal that is



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Drawing: 1 A CLIPPING A GLASS VASE
14" X 1"7w Still-life Composition
Charcoal & Graphite ON Bristol

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available in raw uncoated paper shaped like a round stick. It forms soft and light marks, making it appropriate for midrange sections on drawings, and shading effects on large-scale drawings.

What is Chiaroscuro Lighting?

From the beginning. "Chiaroscuro" comes from "light," and 'oscuro' means "dark."

In the art world, it refers to the use of strong contrasts between light and dark to achieve a sense of volume in modeling three-dimensional objects and figures. For anyone using charcoal as a medium, mastering chiaroscuro lighting can take your art far beyond the next level. The beauty of drawings, and shading effects on large-scale drawings.

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High Contrast
Chiaroscuro Charcoal
Painting?**

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Drawing: 2 BALLS IN A BOWEL
14" X 1"7w Still-life Composition
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In the Gallery

Coming Soon to the Gallery

Through The Tranquil Forest
& Chiaroscuro Still-life
Paintings
(Charcoal Paintings on Bristol)

of Winter 2022 through Spring 2024.

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Fine Art Techniques

Developing Chiaroscuro Charcoal Paintings

Chiaroscuro lighting in charcoal drawings is that it allows you to play with shadows and highlights. This technique can make your art more natural and impressive. It is not just about making an object look 3D — it is about creating a mood, conveying an emotion, and telling a story. Here is why: The mood in drawings is the emotional response, (affecting) a viewer has when looking at a piece. It is the atmosphere or feeling expressed in a painting. Artists can create a unique emotional response in their audience using color, theme, style, concept, and approach. These emotional responses can include happiness, calm, sadness, and anger.

“Draw with the skills of an advanced artist.”

Effects of Chiaroscuro Art

- **Creating a mood /disposition/ temper /” Mood”** The interplay of light and dark can create a range of moods in your artwork.
- A soft gradient can suggest tranquility, peacefulness, claim, harmony, and quiet. while harsh contrasts can evoke tension, stress, conflict, pressure,



Drawing: 3 **GROWING A SNAKE PLANT**
14”h X 17”w Still-life Composition
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Drawing Techniques Required Elements for Drawing Perfection

- **Pattern:** Shapes, Design, Outline, Form & Model
- **Contrast:** The difference, distinctions, disparities, & opposites
- **Emphasis:** Importance, Highlighting, & Distinction
- **Balance:** Equilibrium, proportion, symmetry, & stability
- **Harmony:** In Agreement, One-accord, Coherence, & unity
- **Rhythm:** The Flow of Objects, Shapes, Patterns, and Color Schemes
- **Proportion:** Ratio to Size & Location, Side by Side, background vs foreground

Figure 1: Required Drawing Techniques

Let's face it. Everybody can draw a little something. So, let's turn it into art. Learn the artist's required elements of fine drawing,. It will turn that old sketch into a fine work of art

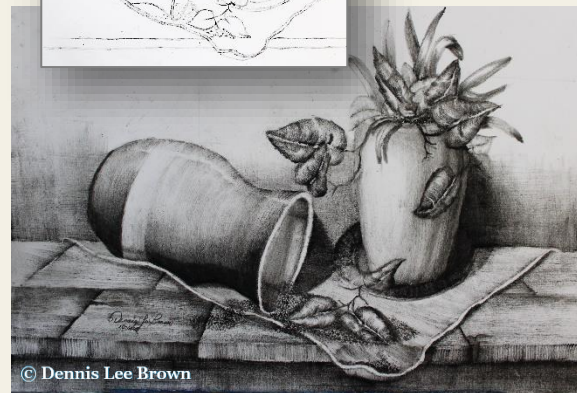
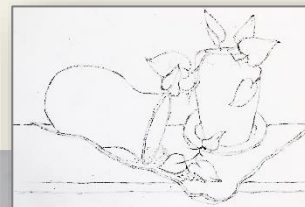
Skillful Art Abilities

Go Far Beyond Your Skill Level

Telling a story: Chiaroscuro is not just a competent process — it is a storytelling device. From the direction light travels, interacting with the objects in a composition hints at a deeper meaning and narrative from the artist to the viewer. To add a new layer of depth and contrast to your charcoal drawing, “chiaroscuro” lighting is a technique worth exploring and incorporating into your piece. In the upcoming section, we will in detail go over how to set up the lighting for your drawing and step-by-step instructions as to how to apply this technique.

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Drawing: 4: **A FALLEN PLANTER**
17”w X 14”h Still-Life Composition
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Resources/Supplies Needed for Charcoal Chiaroscuro Painting

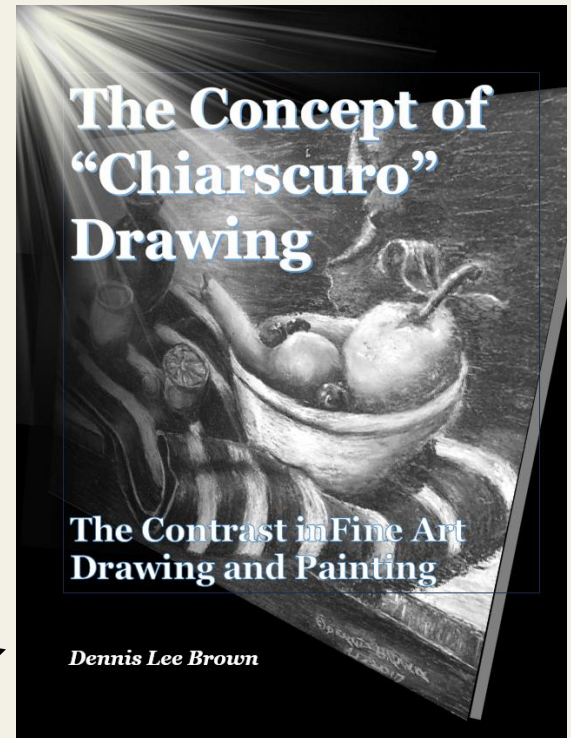
Before you start dabbling in the drawing arena of light and dark (tint) and (tone), collectively gather a few things. *Simple checklist:*

Charcoal: For chiaroscuro lighting in charcoal drawings, you can use either **willow** charcoal for its' light value, **vine** charcoal for its easy-to-erase nature, and **Compressed** charcoal for its rich, deep black tone.

Drawing paper: A heavy-weight (90 lb. bond or above) paper is ideal as it can withstand the pressure of charcoal drawing. Look for something with a bit of texture to hold the charcoal. Try different grains and smoothness to learn which surface performs best for your work.

Erasers: Yes, plural! A kneaded eraser is perfect for lifting charcoal and creating highlights, while a rubber eraser can clean up any unwanted marks. Use pencil erasers for intricate details.

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Contemporary Artist

“Try the Chiaroscuro drawing method to enhance the striking difference between the highlights and shadows. Practice applying the charcoal Chiaroscuro painting technique to your charcoal paintings, and discover the amazing lighting effect. Your paintings will jump off the support with contrast.

“Drawing and painting is a relaxing, calm activity that stimulates the mind.”

- Dennis Lee Brown

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Depicting the diverse drawing techniques of

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Vivid & Diversified, Contemporary Artist

Current Exhibitions

Art Exhibit:
**Through The Tranquil Forest
& Chiaroscuro Still-life Paintings**

Charcoal Paintings of Winter 2023-2024



Drawing: 5 STILL-LIFE ON A TOWEL 12h z 17w Charcoal & Graphite on Bristol Still-life Composition
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View The Full Collection, Right Now!

Join the new exhibit The new rich Charcoal paintings created in Chiaroscuro style painting. This amazing collection consists of 3d still-life compositions and the series of paintings known as Through the Tranquil Forest.

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Drawing: 6 THE BRIDGE TO BLESSING
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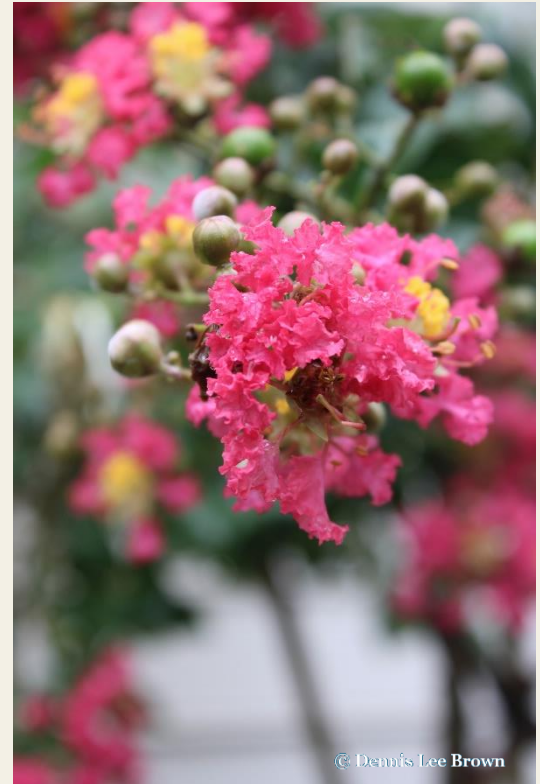
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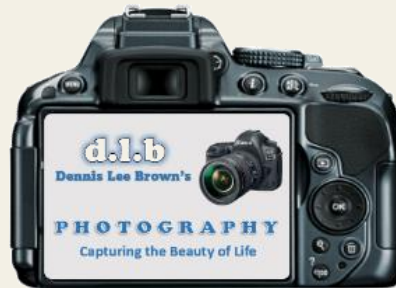


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Dennis's Botanical Garden Photography

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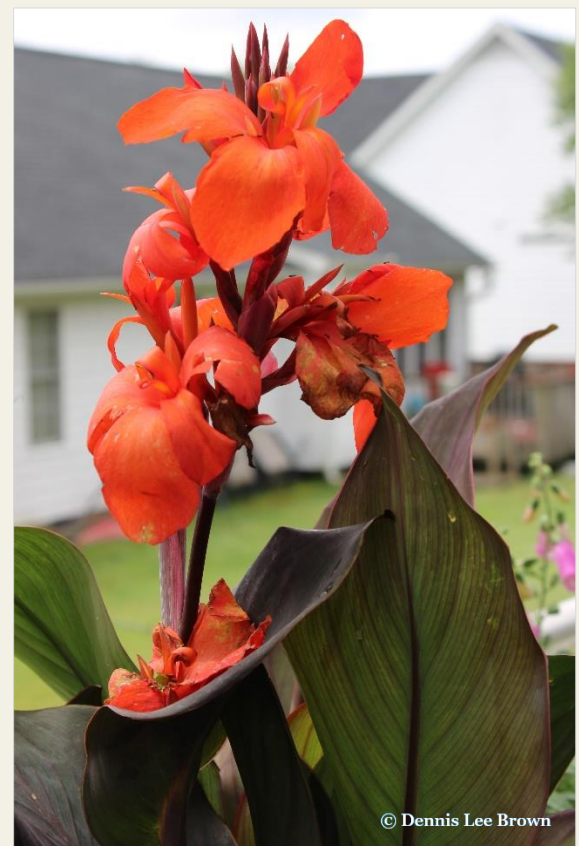


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Love the smell of the warm season of blossoms to brighten your day.



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