



Peaceful Sunflower

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Inspired by art of Mihai Criste and Vladimir Kush



Inspired by the works of surrealist painter Mihai Criste and Vladimir Kush, students will create a picture within a picture. They will paint a sunflower, that, upon closer inspection, is a peace sign surrounded by pecking yellow birds in lieu of petals.

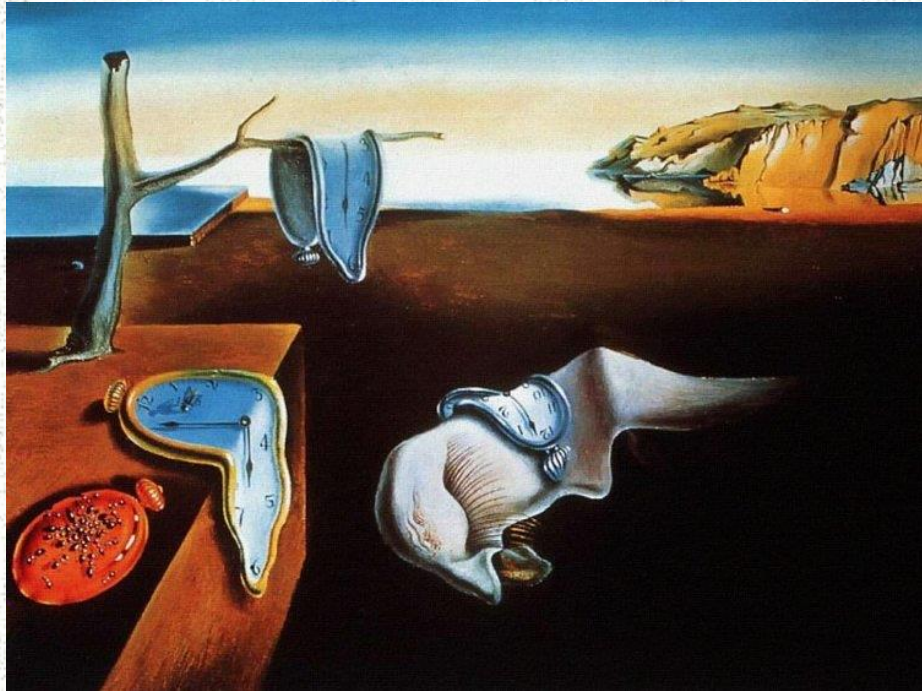


Surrealism

- Cultural movement from early 1920's
- Influenced by the theories of Sigmund Freud
 - Important thoughts are in the unconscious mind
- Images based on fantasy and the world of dreams.
- Find truth in the world through the subconscious mind and dreams, rather than through logical thought



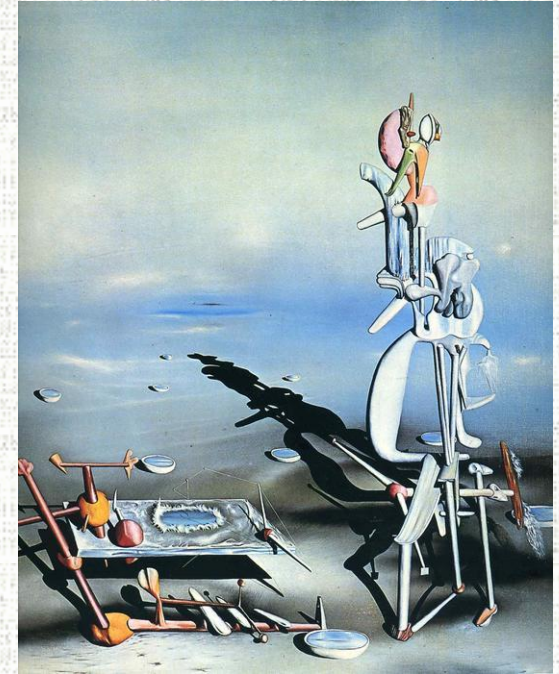
Surrealism



The Persistence of Memory, Salvador Dali



The Son of Man, Rene Magritte

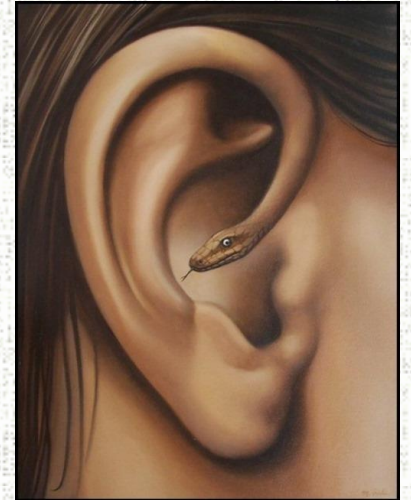


Undefined Divisibility, Yves Tanguy



Mihai Criste (1975 -)

- Romanian artist.
- Focuses on abstraction, mystery and surrealism.
- Paintings have religious influences.



Vladimir Kush (1965 -)

- Russian surrealist painter and sculptor.
- Currently living in Hawaii.
- In 2011 won “First Prize in Painting” at the Artistes du Monde International.



Project



Vocabulary

- Surrealism
- Highlight
- Shading
- Foreshorten
- Perspective
- Elipse



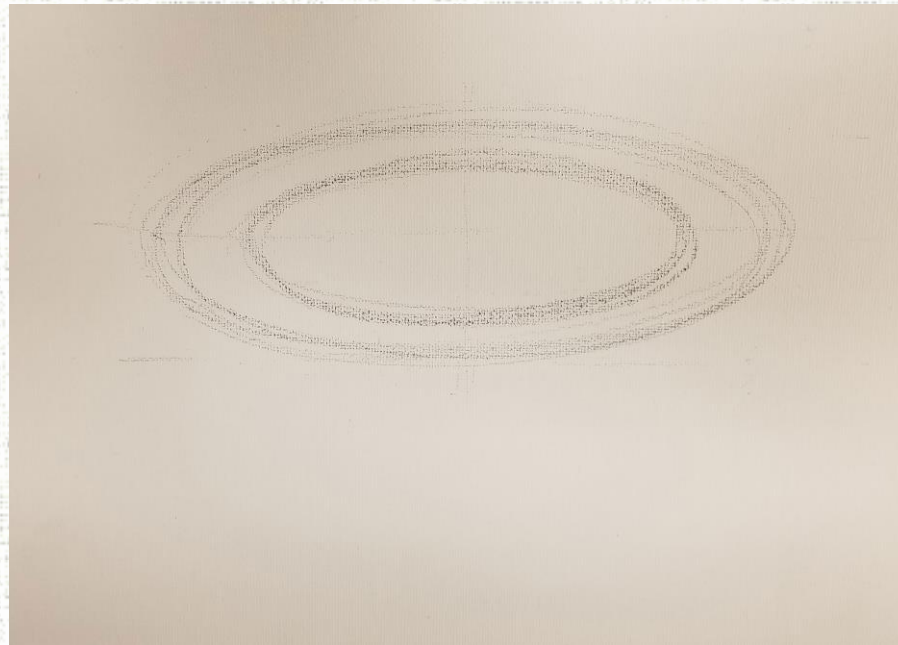
Supplies

- Scratch paper, pencil, and eraser
- 9x12 canvas board
- #1 round detail brush
- #8 round brush
- 1/2 - 3/4 inch flat brush (optional)
- Cup of water
- Paper towels
- Acrylic Paint: Cadmium Yellow Medium Hue, Pthalo Green, Cobalt Blue, Ochre, Black, and White



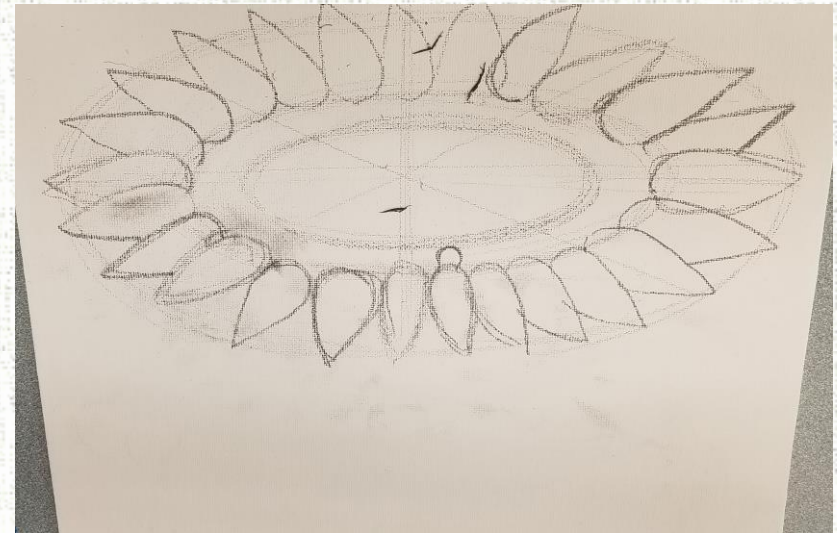
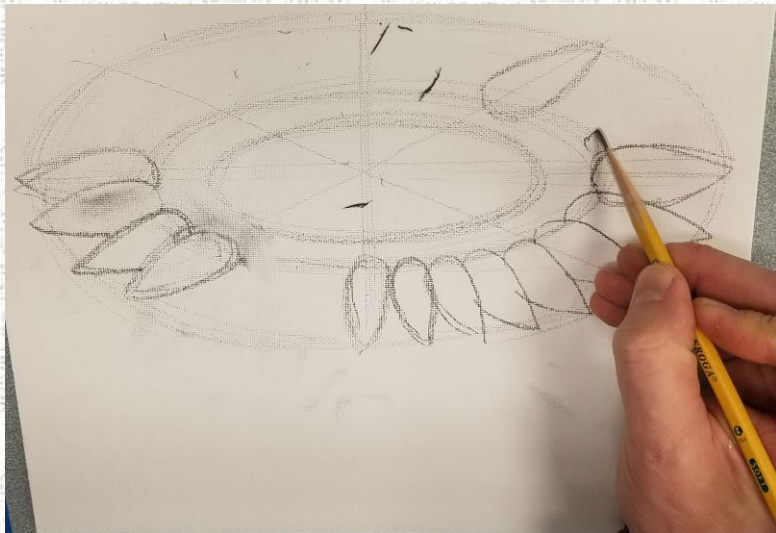
Drawing - Step 1

- Canvas board in horizontal position.
- Draw an ellipse about 1/3 of the way down the canvas.
- Add a smaller ellipse inside it.



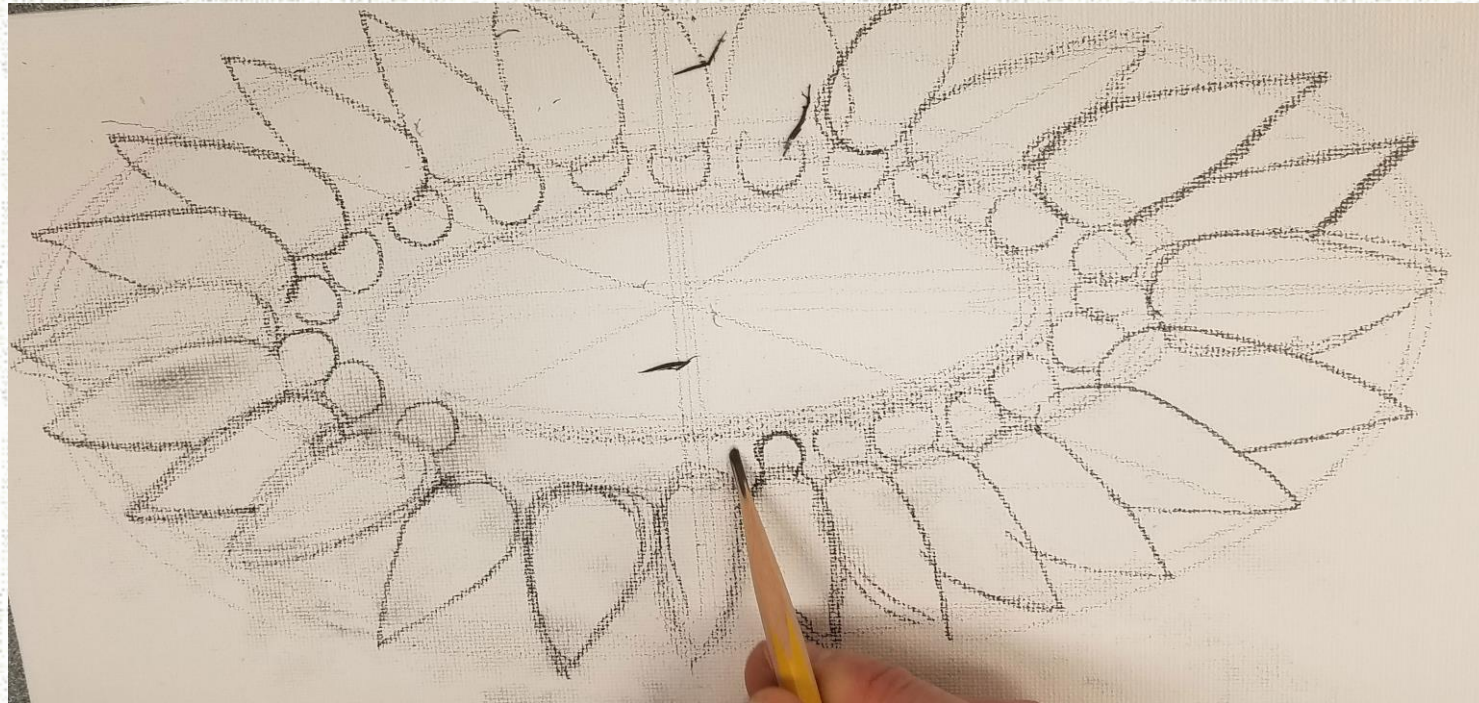
Drawing - Step 2

- Draw teardrop shapes around the outer oval, slightly overlapping them.



Drawing - Step 3

- Add rounded heads to your petals. They should overlap a bit with the body (teardrop shape).



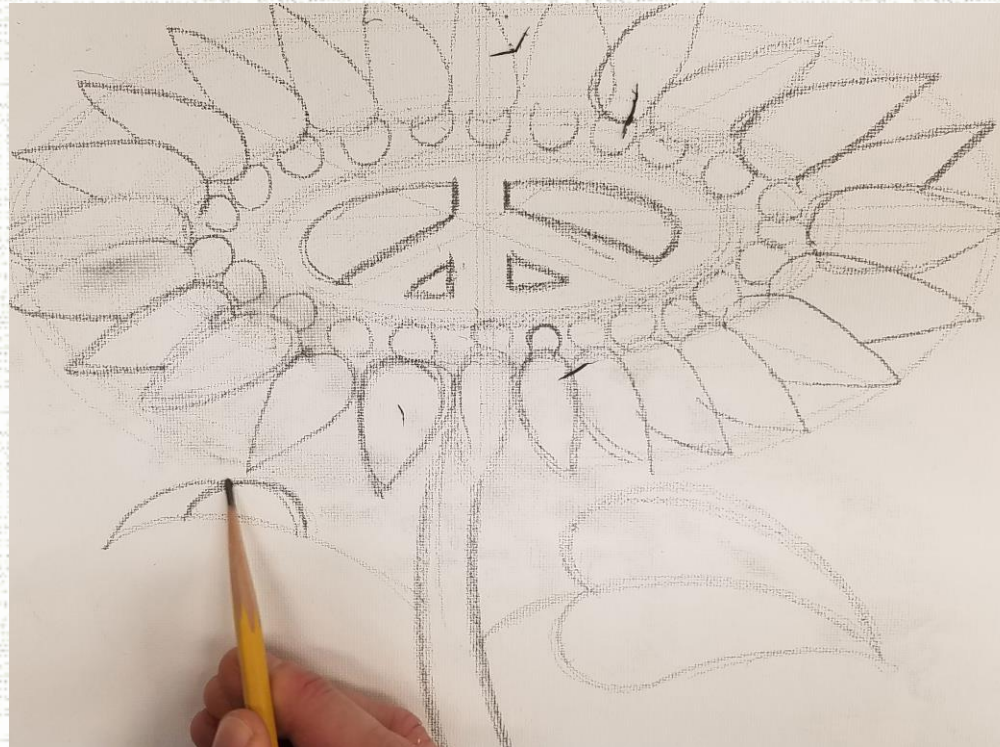
Drawing - Step 4

- Draw peace sign inside inner oval.



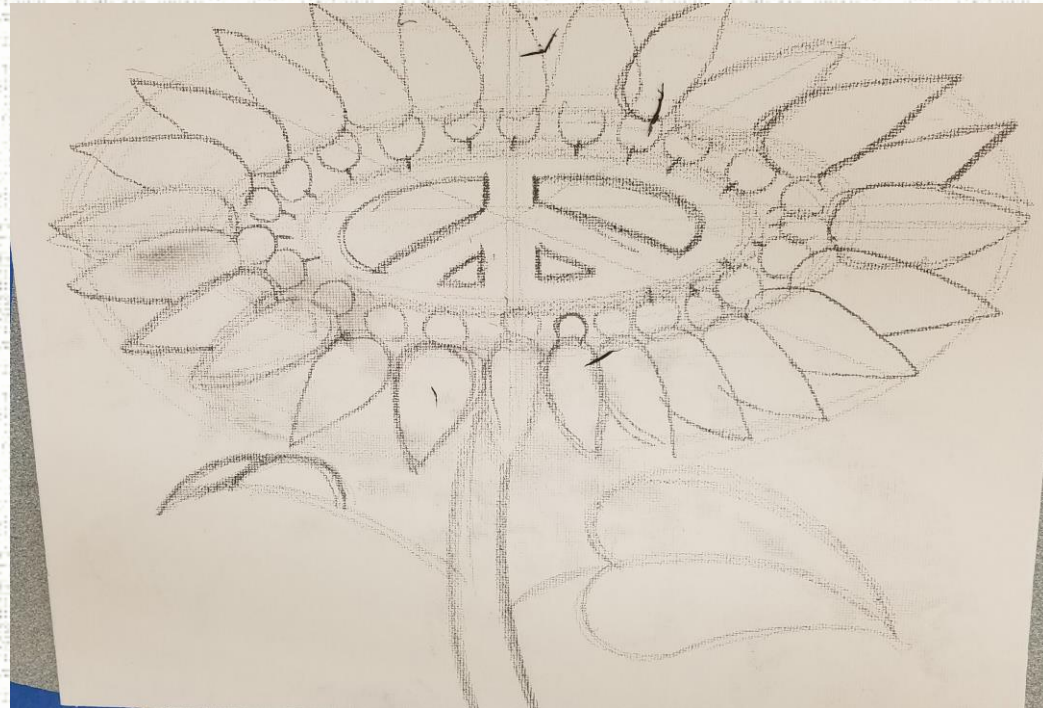
Drawing - Step 5

- From the bottom of the flower, draw a slightly curved stem and two teardrop shaped (or even slightly heart-shaped) leaves.



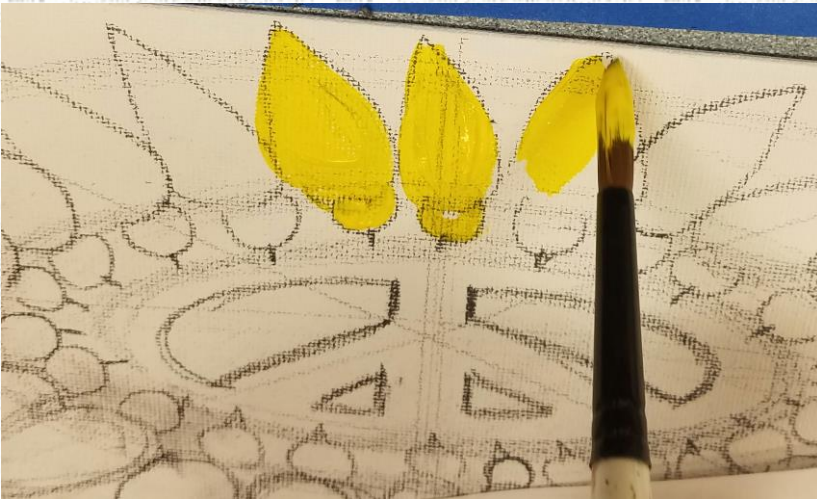
Drawing - Step 6

- Add beaks to birds and veins to leaves.
- Erase smudges and overlapped lines on birds.



Painting - Step 1

- With a pointy tipped #8 brush, use cadmium yellow to paint in the shapes of the birds.
- You can use a detail brush to add wings to a few birds.



Painting - Step 2

- Choose the location of your light source.
- Clean detail brush, if needed, and use white to add highlight to birds.



Painting - Step 3

- Clean brush, if needed, and use green to color stem and leaves.
- You can mix white and/or yellow with your green, to create different shades.



Painting - Step 4

- Clean brush, and use blue to color background.
- Do not paint close to birds (we will do that later with a detail brush).



Painting - Step 5

- Clean detail brush and use it to paint blue background around sunflower.



Painting - Step 6

- Mix a bit of white with your blue and use a detail brush to add a lighter blue around the sunflower.



Painting - Step 7

- Mix a bit of black and white to make gray, and paint the peace sign.



Painting - Step 8

- Use detail brush with brown to paint the inside of your peace sign and add shadowing to birds.



Painting - Step 9

- With detail brush and black paint:
 - Outline peace sign.
 - Add eyes and beaks to birds (could be brown also).
 - Add veins to leaves.
 - Add seeds to peace sign.



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