“The Shape of Water”

 FWCG March 2019 Program

1. Tape your paper down on the cardboard using painter’s tape. Then trace out your subject (cherry blossom tree) lightly with a pencil.
2. Best to paint over the entire area with a watery wash. This example will have a hint of light yellow and orange creating a sunset or sunrise sky. Make sure that you add enough water but not too much in your painting.
3. Then paint the tree branches using brown, some yellow and a tad of black. Trees are not just solid brown.
4. Then to add blossoms on the tree branches use a brush dot method with a mixture of red and white, making pink. Or you can use purple colors for the flowers.
5. Paint in some grass below the tree trunk using green and a little bit of yellow mixed in.
6. On the opposite side of the illustrated tree use the open space for arranging your quote using any calligraphy script.

Plan your letter spacing and count how many words your quote has.

1. Once your painting is complete with lettering. Let the painting dry over night before slowly removing the painter’s tape.
2. If you need to dry your water-color painting quicker, use a hair dryer.
3. Carefully remove the tape properly and slowly so that you don’t tear your finished water-color painting.
4. Your creative water-color painting is now ready to be framed!

I hope you enjoyed this painting class and will continue to learn more about watercolors.

 Sincerely, Christina Fore