

Artist To Lead Figure Painting Class

Regionally and nationally acclaimed artist Grace Cole, a former Chicago Heights resident, will return to the area this fall to teach "Figure Painting" at Prairie State College.

"The calibre of Grace's portrait and figure painting has been well known locally for years," said Michael Henry, coordinator of the college's Fine Arts program. "More recently, her work has been receiving both regional and national recognition and we're very pleased to be able to provide our students the opportunity to study with an artist/teacher like Grace Cole."

Cole has been featured in "The Artist's Magazine", and has recently been accepted as a represented artist by Portraits, Inc. of New York.

"Figure Painting" (Art 246) will focus on both short and extended paintings from the live model. The class will meet the full day on Friday (9 to 11:50 a.m. and 1 to 3:50 p.m.).

Students interested in drawing from the model or in a more generalized painting course may select from several other classes offered at Prairie State in the fall.

"Life Drawing" (Art 161), which works primarily with live models, focuses on basic representational drawing skills and artistic anatomy. Students will produce drawings in various

media from brief through extended poses. It will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9:50 p.m.

Several other classes are offered for students of varying interest and experience, and all three will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 11:50 a.m. Art 201, "Painting I", is the basic introduction to painting materials and methods (oils or acrylics) with emphasis on color theory and mixing, and basic painting techniques.

Art 202, "Painting II", is a more advanced course in painting, geared towards the student with some prior experience in the medium. Emphasis is placed on improving skills and developing creative and personal directions for subject matter in each student's work.

Art 246-01, "Special Design Painting", is aimed at students with significant experience in painting who are looking for a more independent structure within which to continue their artistic development. Student goals and projects are agreed upon individually with the instructor at the beginning of the semester.

Fall semester at Prairie State College starts the week of Aug. 25. General registration will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 19 and 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.