



Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne

Term 4 2020 Online Botanic Art Outline

Thursdays 1 pm – 3 pm & 5 pm – 7 pm

Instructor's Name: John Pastoriza-Piñol

Class Description:

This course will incorporate several painting projects and the demonstrator will assist with composition, painting techniques, colour theory, which will be offered in class and assigned for homework. The demonstrator will also show expand further on how masking fluid can be used to achieve very fine detail and will instruct students how to use dry brush to complete their artwork. As a result, your paintings will be brought to a new level of realism and detail. Students who enrol in this course should have completed some level of introduction to Botanical Art at be at an intermediate to advanced level.

Outcomes

At the end of this term you will have completed several painting projects and will have progressed your skills further in drawing, composition, painting techniques.

Class structure

This class will be presented each week in a similar format, however occasionally variances will occur. You need to be online for the full two hours of your class. Over the 8 weeks, via live demonstrations:

1. We will work on several painting projects, drawing the specimen correctly and not relying on photos!
2. Learn more even about masking fluid and how to use it to make your life easier
3. Expand on paint applications from wet-on-wet to dry brush technique.
4. Review.

Time will be set aside to review work, provide feedback, discuss progress, and answer questions. The remainder of the class will be time for learning and working on your artwork independently. If your artwork is not at the stage the demonstrator would like it to be by the end of the class, you will be asked to complete it for homework before class next week to ensure all students are at a similar stage of their artwork each week.

Starting Date of Classes: Week beginning 5 October 2020

Term Duration: 8 weeks (2-hour class each week)

Digital Platform for Classes: All classes will be presented using Zoom. The Friends of the Gardens have activated all possible security available via Zoom to ensure the platform is safe to use.

Please ensure you have downloaded the Zoom app on your computer/iPad well before the class starts. If you have downloaded Zoom previously, check the app does not require any updates by clicking on the App.

Computer Setup: From experience we recommend either a laptop computer or iPad however a desktop computer is also suitable provided you are also able to paint/draw in this space.

Engagement via a mobile phone is not practical as it is very difficult to see the fine details presented during demonstrations.

Preparation: If you do not already have painting space set up in your home, choose a quiet space to minimise disruptions. If possible, try to set up near a window to access natural light, with the window being on the opposite side to the hand you will use to paint. If you are unable to sit near a window, ensure you have suitable lighting.

Materials List: The materials you will require for your class are:

Watercolour Pigments

Strongly encouraged:

Winsor & Newton

Quinacridone red

Perylene maroon

Ultramarine blue

(green shade)

Indanthrene Blue

Schminke

Cerulean blue hue

Vanadium yellow

Indian Yellow

Additional colours:

Winsor & Newton

Perylene green

Perylene violet

Schminke

May green

Brilliant Blue violet

Brushes (suggestions)

- Taklon watercolour brushes Sizes 6 & 4.
- Size 2 & 4 spotter synthetic brushes
- ¼ NEEF Comb
- 4 Blending Brush

Paper

- Arches 300gsm smooth hot press watercolour paper. (loose paper sheets not block pads)
- Drafting film or tracing paper,
- Sketch pad (A3)
- Paper towel

Pencils - 3B through to 6H graphite pencils

Masking Fluid - Winsor & Newton Masking fluid, (please note if your masking fluid is more than 9 months old please purchase a new bottle)

Calligraphers nib - suggestion Hunt Globe 513EF (Speedball)

Palette - Watercolour palette with individual wells for paint and water

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