



Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne
Term 2, 2021 Beginners' Botanical Art Workshop

Face to Face Sunday Fortnightly 10am – 3.30pm

Commencing 2 May

Instructor's Name: Amanda Ahmed

Class Description

This workshop is an introduction to botanical art learning basic drawing and watercolour in Botanical Art. There will be a focus on drawing and painting from observation using different techniques to achieve realistic renderings of botanical subjects. This will incorporate developing skills such as tonal variation; different mark making applications; understanding how certain geometric shapes can be found in nature and translating them into your botanical subjects; plus basic colour theory and different watercolour applications. This workshop is suitable for beginners with little to no experience in botanical art and is presented in a friendly and supportive environment.

Outcomes

At the end of this workshop you will have more confidence drawing and painting from life and learnt some of the different techniques associated with this genre. You will have gained an understanding of the materials used and their applications working on a series of exercises and small studies.

Class structure

This course will be presented as 4 x 5 hour fortnightly classes over the 8 week term. Each class will be in a similar format, however occasionally variances will occur. You will need to be onsite for the full six hours of each class where we will be:

1. practicing eye-hand coordination with a series of drawing exercises;
2. mastering the basics of drawing using 3- line method, plus learn about other geometric tools to assist with drawing natural forms;
3. learning graphite pencil applications and techniques;
4. learning different watercolour applications and techniques;
5. exploring tone, form and light with graphite and watercolour;
6. learning basic colour theory.

Time will be set aside to review work, provide feedback, discuss progress, and answer questions.



Date of Classes: Sunday 2, 16, 30 May and 20 June (classes will not be held on Sunday 13 June due to the Queen's Birthday long weekend).

Term Duration: 8 weeks (5- hour class each fortnight).

Venue: Domain House, Dallas Brooks Dr, Melbourne VIC 3004

Materials List

Please click on the following link for the Beginners' art kit at Eckersleys. Participants in Friends' Art Classes receive a significant discount for these materials.

<https://www.eckersleys.com.au/friends-of-the-royal-botanic-gardens-beginners-art-kit>

Also required is:

1. Cerulean Blue Hue 5ml watercolour – Schmincke Horadam Aquarell from either:
 - a. <https://theartshop.com.au/schmincke-horadam-aquarell-5ml-481-cerulean-blue-hue>
 - b. https://seniorart.com.au/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=24_42_109&products_id=425
2. A2 white foamcore board – <https://www.eckersleys.com.au/white-core-foamboards> (this cannot be sold as part of the Beginners Kit at Eckersleys as it cannot be mailed with the other items in the kit due to the high risk of damage).
3. Hand held flat surface magnifying glass – post office or Officeworks are good
4. Helping hands soldering stand from Jaycar Electronics or something similar
https://www.jaycar.com.au/third-hand-pcb-holder-tool-with-2-clips-and-heavy-base/p/TH1982?gclid=Cj0KCQjwsLWDBhCmARIsAPSL3_3y_fou_qO9Nt9ub08XZgChyrz7PAYGDQydQdC0pinw4tuMiG4RASgaAontEALw_wcB

OR

<https://www.jaycar.com.au/holder-pcb-with-led-magnifier-and-soldering-iron-stand/p/TH1987>

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