



Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne

Beginners' Botanical Art Workshop

Face to Face at Domain House

Instructor's Name: Craig Lidgerwood

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 have 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 over four days from 10am – 4pm each day (excluding 1 hour for lunch). Each class will be in a similar format, however occasionally variances will occur. Topics we will cover:

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

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

Date of Classes: 10am – 4pm, Thursday 20, Friday 21, Thursday 27, Friday 28 January 2022

Venue: Gallery 1, Domain House, Dallas Brooks Drive, Melbourne. Paid parking is available in both Dallas Brooks Drive and Birdwood Ave.

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. The Beginners' Kit can only be ordered online.

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

Also required is:

1. Cerulean Blue Hue 5ml watercolour – Schminke 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>

If you have any queries about this workshop, please do not hesitate to email the Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne on friends@frbgmelb.org.au however please note the Friends' staff will be on annual leave from 5pm, 22 December 2021 – 9am 12 January 2022. We will reply to all emails on our return.