



## **Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne**

### **Beginner's Intermediate**

**Sundays 5, 12, 19, 26 February, 5, 12, 19, 26 March, 2023**

**2pm to 4pm online**

**Subject: TBA**

**Instructor's Name: Craig Lidgerwood**

#### **Class Description:**

This online beginners/intermediate class will introduce participants to the necessary observation, composition, drawing and painting skills to develop a botanic artwork using a variety of materials and techniques. Participants will be introduced to shading, toning and colour techniques to create a 3-dimensional artwork that is both illustratively realistic and artistic.

#### **Outcomes:**

Participants will have the skills to identify and develop a botanic artwork with fine attention to detail, and the confidence to develop their own individual style.

#### **Class structure:**

During this face to face class we will develop techniques, discuss approaches and begin to understand the materials utilised to create a finished botanic artwork.

The following will be covered:

1. Choosing a subject and developing a composition;
2. How to approach a subject and plan a painting;
3. Observing natural shapes and forms;
4. Shading and light values;
5. Transferring techniques;
6. The principals of washes and dry brush work;
7. Developing a watercolour artwork.

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

**Starting Date of term: Sunday 5 January**

**Finishing date of term: Sunday 26 March**

Duration: 8 weeks (8 x 2 hour classes) = 16 hours in total

## Materials

**Brushes** Large brush – size 4 or 3 or 2

Small brush – size 000

Blending brush – NEEF Sable Flat size 2 or similar

- Check when buying that the brushes have a good point
- Bring along any other brushes you think maybe useful

**Paper** Sketching pad or paper (A4 or A3 size is fine)

Tracing paper

Arches 300gsm smooth hot press watercolour paper (A4 Pad or loose sheets which could be cut up)

**Pencils** H or HB to draw with

A mixture of pencils for tonal studies eg: 6H to 6B

- Bring along any pencils you have in different tones
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**Palette** A white china plate (bread & butter size is fine) or similar

**Watercolour paints** Quinacridone Red or Permanent Rose

Cerulean Blue

Vanadium Yellow or Windsor Yellow

Cadmium Red or Scarlet Lake

Permanent Sap Green

Perylene Green

Quinacridone Gold

Chinese White

Ultramarine Blue

- Bring whatever watercolour paints you have

**Masking Fluid** Windsor & Newton

**Calligrapher's nib & holder – a general 'Hunt' nib works well**

**Other** A clean white handkerchief

Tissues

Water jar

Kneadable rubber

General eraser (eg. Staedtler or similar)



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Pencil sharpener

Ruler

Box cutter (or similar) for cutting up paper

Paper Towel or tracing film to use to protect your work

A small clean vessel (such a wine bottle top) to pour masking fluid in.

**If you have any questions, please contact me on [craigidgerwood@gmail.com](mailto:craigidgerwood@gmail.com)**