



Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne
Introduction workshop
Saturday 14 and 21, Sunday 15 and 22 January 2023
10am – 4pm at Domain House

Instructor: Dianne Emery

Subject: Introduction to botanic art

Class Description:

This face-to-face beginners' 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: Saturday 14 January

Finishing date of term: Sunday 22 January

Duration: 2 weekends (4 days x 5 hour classes) = 20 hours in total

What to bring:

You do not need to buy any materials at this time. Your teacher will talk to you about art supplies during your first class however, Dianne, your Tutor, has asked if you could all bring a white plate for mixing paints.

The Friends provide a COVID safe environment for all art classes however you may still prefer to bring your own mug/cup. Tea and coffee will be provided. You will need lunch each day. You can bring your own or purchase on of the local cafes.



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The contact email for your tutor is: dianneemery@bigpond.com

If you have any concerns, which are not related to the specifics of art, but related to fees, absences, payments, etc, please contact the Friends on (03) 9650 6398 or botanicart@rbgmelb.org.au