



Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne

Beginners' Workshop, 3-days Face to Face workshop.

19, 20 and 21 April

10am to 4pm.

At Domain House

Instructor's Name: Jessie Ford

Subject: Please bring a couple of green pears with you.

Class Description:

In this three day workshop, Jessie will introduce to you the basics of botanical art. She will guide you through her step-by-step process on how to render a realistic drawing and watercolour painting.

Outcomes:

You will gain the knowledge and confidence in

- How to draw your subject accurately
- Different transfer methods
- Observing light, shade and form
- Matching and mixing the correct colour
- Watercolour techniques including wet-in-wet, blending and dry brush
- How to avoid muddy paintings and overworking the paper

Class structure:

1: Drawing and Lighting: exploring line drawing, foreshortening and a step-by-step process in how to render a realistic tonal drawing of a pear.

2: Watercolour techniques and basic botany: Exercises in key techniques and basic colour theory and botany

3: Step by step exercise in painting a pear using the watercolour techniques used the day before. We will cover how to avoid muddy paintings and a deeper understanding of when to use each watercolour technique.

Each class will include several demonstrations and one-on-one feedback.

Term 2 2023 – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Jessie Ford

If you have any questions, please contact me on hello@jessieroseford.com

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Materials list

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, 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.

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@frbgmelb.org.au

