

Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne

Intermediate/Advanced, Face to face class

Wednesdays, 26 April – 14 June

10.00 am – 12.30 pm at Domain House

Instructor's Name: Dianne Emery

Class Description:

During this term I would like to continue and build upon some of the skills developed in our 1st term.

- Again, looking at the importance of light in creating forms, textures, and surfaces.
- Mixing and using colours that can convey light, shadow, depth, and distance.
- Observational drawing in black and white and colour, using graphite, paint, and coloured pencil.
- Sketching from life using constructive techniques.
- Developing observational skills and drawing with confidence.
- Developing confidence and creativity with planning and composition.
- Subject matter will be seasonal plants, especially late summer and autumn leaves and fruits and seeds.

Some experimentation with different mediums will be encouraged. We may also use some Natural History as well as Botanical subjects.

We will also encourage the more experienced students to develop confidence in carrying out their own artistic ideas.

Personal one on one tuition will be available to those students who wish to develop their own direction and projects.

Outcomes:

Students will develop confidence and accuracy in drawing and painting from life. Their skills of accurate observation and rendering different surfaces will be enhanced.

Using tools such as constructive drawing and understanding light effects they will be able to improve the illusions of forms in space, as well as creating interesting compositions relevant to their subjects.

Class structure:

A class project will be available each week and homework will be recommended. Students working on their own projects will be encouraged and supported together with one-on-one discussions and tuition. All students will have one-on-one support and discussions about their work as well as there being general class discussions and critiques.



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Starting Date of term: 26 April

Finishing date of term: 14 June

Materials List

Materials will be recommended during the term according to the subject or project.

