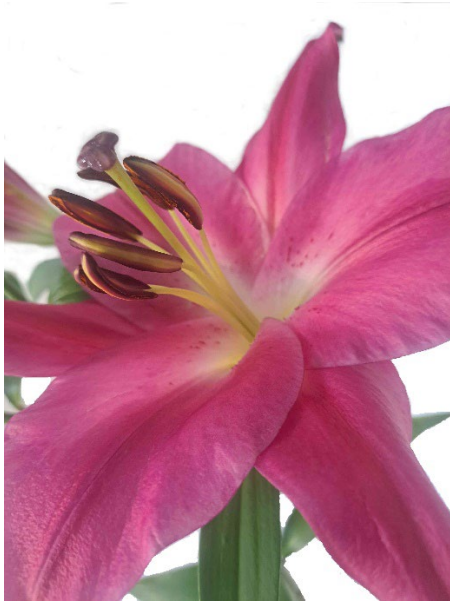


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Beginners and Continuing Beginners – Drawing with Coloured Pencils

Friday 19 Jan, Saturday 20 Jan, Sunday 21 Jan 2024

10am – 4.00pm at Domain House



Instructor's Name: Miffy Gilbert

**Subject: Beginners and Continuing Beginners –
Drawing with Coloured Pencils**

Pink Oriental Lilies.

Class Description:

This course will focus on observational drawing using coloured pencils to achieve realistic renderings of botanical subjects. Also incorporated will be learning how to draw from life not photos; learning about tone, light value and form; learning different mark making techniques; and

understanding how basic geometric shapes can be found in nature and translating them into your drawings. This class is presented in a friendly and supportive environment and is suitable for beginners with little drawing experience or for students wanting to develop and/or revisit their drawing skills.

Outcomes:

At the end of the term, you will have built up a series of sketches and studies in your drawing book and completed at least one fully rendered drawing in coloured pencil. Possible worthy spring subjects to be explored will be Pink Oriental Lilies. You will have developed further confidence in drawing from life and a better understanding of coloured pencil techniques.

Class structure:

This class will be held over 3 days during January from 10am – 4.00pm with 30 minutes for lunch. The following will be covered:

1. Practice eye-hand coordination with a series of drawing exercises.
2. Review geometric shapes to assist with drawing natural forms.
3. Learn graphite application using fine layering techniques.
4. Explore tonal variances to create realistic 3D effects.
5. Review.

Time will be set aside to review work, provide feedback, discuss progress, and answer questions. The remainder of the class will be time for learning and working on your artwork independently.

Dates:

Start Date: Friday 19 January 2024

End date: Sunday 21 January 2024

Materials list

Paper:

- 1 x A3 sheet of Arches 300gms hot pressed watercolour paper. (Please do not get the sheet rolled up, keep protected and store flat. You can add some cardboard to the sleeve to keep it rigid).
- Tracing paper 2 x A3 or 1 x A2 sheet(s) – do not buy pad is costly
- For coloured paper it is Canson Mi-Tientes 180gsm (or close to 180gsm) – Senior Art sell the individual sheets, Eckersley's do not.

Coloured pencils:

- bring what you have, but the better the quality does show in your work. Choose one brand from the list if you are starting from scratch. The Polychromos are easy to work with and not too expensive. You don't need all 120 colours!
- Faber-Castell Polychromos oil based, 120colours;
- Derwent Artists wax based, 120 colours, there are different sets;
- Prismacolor wax based, 132 colours, will blend with other brands

Graphite pencils:

- 2H, HB and 2B. Staedtler Mars – Lumograph – this is the preferred brand but if you have another brand use that.

Eraser: white plastic

Blending Tools:

- Zest It solvent (if you don't have this use the Derwent Solvent pens instead – from Artshop Online Bayswater)



- Derwent blending pencils (also great and from Officeworks or Eckersley's – can also use these instead of the Zest It version - Derwent do a good set called "Burnisher and Blender" from Officeworks.



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- paper blenders (any variants)



Embossing:

- tools or knitting needles (Ek 3 piece embossing stylus set – from Artshop online/Bayswater)





Other

A2 plastic sleeve for storing paper.

Clear plastic ruler 15-20cm long

One A2 sheet of foam core board – if unable to locate, white cardboard will be fine.
To be used as a backdrop to your subject.

Derwent Superpoint Manual Helical pencil sharpener (I have one which students can use in the workshop) : <https://www.eckersleys.com.au/derwent-superpoint-manual-helicalsharpeners>

<https://www.officeworks.com.au/shop/officeworks/p/derwent-helical-1-hole-sharpenerac2302001>

Helping Hands soldering stand:



https://www.jaycar.com.au/third-hand-pcb-holder-tool-with-2-clips-and-heavybase/p/TH1982?gclid=Cj0KCQiApKagBhC1ARIsAFc7Mc45kqR7wP0dyRRzLxyhxZfAaP1bM0T5liN2ue_VaZy_WGJBMKgQMaAgoPEALw_wcB

Recommended art suppliers: theartshop.com.au, Seniors, Eckersleys but any other art suppliers will be fine. Also recommend Officeworks. Any questions regarding materials you can contact Miffy Gilbert (email: mgilbert@horticolour.au)