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# An Introduction to Botanical Art

## Face to Face Workshop

**4 Days**

**October Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th**

10am - 4pm each day.

At Domain House

**Instructor's Name:** Jessie Ford

**Subject:** A green pear and a large gum nut

**Please Bring:** Two green pears with you and a white ceramic/china plate or paint palette.

### Workshop Description

In this four 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. You will also learn a short overview of the history of botanical art and basic botany.

Students learn in an encouraging and supportive environment with plenty of demonstrations. It is an ideal environment for students to begin their botanical art journey or for those wanting to revisit and further develop their drawing and painting skills.

### Outcomes

Working from real life, you will gain the knowledge and confidence in how to create your own botanical drawings and paintings. You will leave with two small drawings and paintings as well as colour charts, watercolour techniques page and handout notes.

If you have questions please contact the Friends on (03) 9650 6398 or email [botanicart@frbgmelb.org.au](mailto:botanicart@frbgmelb.org.au)

## Class structure

This 4 day workshop will be presented face to face at Domain House and we will cover:

1. A brief history and origins of Botanical Art
2. Materials for drawing and watercolour
3. Observing light, shade and lighting
4. How to render a realistic drawing
5. An introduction to colour theory and watercolour techniques including wet-in-wet, blending and dry brush
6. How to create a realistic watercolour painting and avoid muddy paintings

Over the four days, you will receive one on one feedback and are encouraged to join in any group discussions and Q & A.

## Dates for Classes:

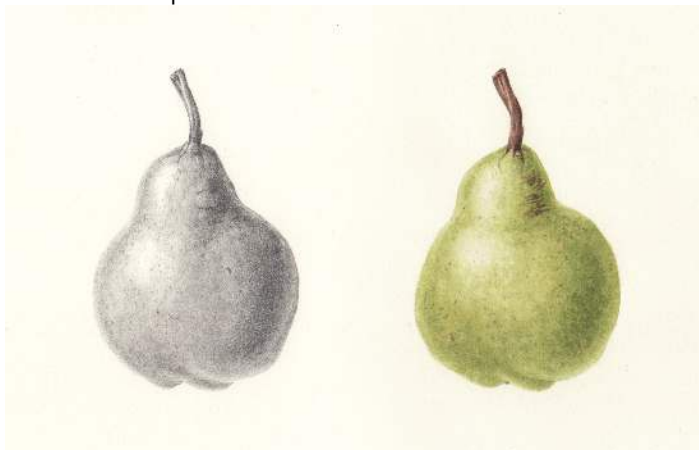
October Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th

**Duration:** 4 Days - 10am - 4pm each day

## Material List:

- Please bring a white ceramic/china plate for mixing paint on, or if you own a colour mixing palette please bring one of those. We will begin using it on the second day.
- Please also bring two green pears - you will only need one, but it's good to have two options to choose from (and then you can snack on the other!)

All other materials are provided.



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