



Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne

Term Break 2026

4 Day Face to Face Botanical Art Beginner's Workshop

10am - 4pm each day

Instructor's Name: David Reynolds

Workshop Description

Students learn in a relaxed and encouraging atmosphere with plenty of open discussion about watercolour techniques, colour theory, materials and how to use them. Practical demonstrations of each technique will be shown as we work through our subjects. It is an ideal environment for students beginning their botanical art journey or wanting to revisit and further develop their drawing and painting skills.

Many of the techniques used in botanical art, like 'wet on wet' and 'dry brushing', will be carefully explained and demonstrated giving each student confidence in developing their painting and drawing skills.

Outcomes

We have a number of subjects allowing students to develop observational drawing and rendering. The workshop is conducted over 4 days with a 2 day break in-between. Over the 4 days we will progress to painting some subjects in watercolour.

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. Understand our materials - Graphite and watercolour
3. Developing observational drawing and painting skills
4. An introduction to colour theory
5. Draw a subject in graphite
6. Create a botanical art piece in watercolour

Over the four days, time will be set aside to review work, provide feedback, discuss progress, and answer any questions. The remainder of the class will be for putting into practice the theories and skills we cover and working on your artwork.

Dates for Classes:

Sunday 28th June - Monday 29th June - **(Two Day Break)** - Thursday 2nd July - Friday 3rd July 2026

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

Materials will be provided for each student for the duration of the workshop.

If you have any queries, please contact David on: learnbotanicalonline@gmail.com
For further information please call the Friends office on (03) 9650 6398