

Friends of the Geelong Botanic Gardens

Beginners' Botanical Art Term

February – March 2021

9.30am – 4.30pm

Instructor's Name: Craig Lidgerwood

Class Description:

This beginners' class will introduce participants to the necessary observation, composition, drawing and painting skills to develop a botanic artwork using a variety of materials and techniques. Participants will be introduced to shading, toning and colour techniques to create a 3-dimensional artwork that is both illustratively realistic and artistic.

Outcomes:

Participants will have the skills to identify and develop a botanic artwork with fine attention to detail, and the confidence to further develop their own individual style.

Class structure:

During this class we will develop techniques, discuss approaches and begin to understand the materials utilised to create a finished botanic artwork.

The following will be covered:

1. Choosing a subject and developing a composition;
2. How to approach a subject and plan a painting;
3. Observing natural shapes and forms;
4. Shading and light values;
5. Transferring techniques;
6. The principals of washes and dry brush work;
7. Developing a watercolour artwork.

Time will be set aside to review work, provide feedback, discuss progress, and answer questions.

Starting Date of workshop: Friday 5th of February 2021 at 9.30am

Duration: 5 days (5 x 6 hour classes = 30 hours in total)