

Friends of the Geelong Botanic Gardens

Beginners' Botanical Drawing Workshop in Graphite and Coloured Pencil

9-10 January 2021

9.30am – 4.30pm

Instructor's Name: Amanda Ahmed

Class Description:

This intensive two day workshop is an introduction to botanical art learning the basics of drawing. The focus will be on drawing from observation starting with graphite pencils (day 1) and moving to coloured pencils (day 2) to achieve realistic renderings of botanical subjects. This will incorporate developing skills such as tonal variation, different mark making techniques, understanding how basic geometric shapes can be found in nature and translating them into your drawings. This workshop is suitable for beginners with little to no experience in botanical drawing and is presented in a friendly and supportive environment within the setting of the beautiful Geelong Botanic Gardens.

Outcomes:

At the end of this workshop you will have more confidence drawing from life and learnt some of the different techniques associated with drawing botanical art. You will have gained an understanding of the materials used and their applications working on a series of exercises and small studies.

Class structure:

This two day workshop will be structured accordingly: day one – graphite; day 2 – coloured pencil. The following will be covered:

1. Practicing eye-hand coordination with a series of drawing exercises.
2. Mastering the basics of drawing using 3- line method and learn about other geometric tools to assist with drawing natural forms.
3. Learning graphite pencil applications and techniques.
4. Learning different coloured pencil applications and techniques.
5. Exploring tone, form and light with graphite and in colour to create realistic 3D effects.
6. Review.

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

Starting Date of workshop: Saturday 9 January 2021 at 9.30am

Duration: 2 days (2 x 6 hour classes = 12 hours in total)

Materials List: The materials you will require for the workshop are:

1. Graphite pencils – 6H 4H, 2H, H, HB, 2B, 4B (Staedtler Mars – Lumograph – this is the preferred brand but if you have another brand use that).
2. Kneadable rubber.
3. Good quality white rubber – e.g. Sakura Foam Rubber (purchase online); Faber Castell Dust Free
4. Tombow – mono Zero Eraser – fine tipped pen style eraser)
5. A3 cartridge paper drawing pad – must be smooth surface OR 4 sheets of A2 cartridge paper cut to A3 size
6. Paper: Schoellershammer smooth and Strathmore Bristol vellum paper 300 series will be supplied and sold at workshop in individual sheets.
7. A2 plastic sleeve for storing your paper (above)
8. Clear plastic ruler 15-20cm long

9. One A2 sheet of foamcore board
10. Black emery paper – 1 x P600 and 1 x P800 – don't worry if you can't get both.
11. Stanley knife or something similar – larger size not small.
12. Tracing paper 1 x A3 sheet – don't buy pad is costly.
13. Handheld flat surface magnifying glass – must have
14. Helping hands soldering stand with magnifier glass (Bunnings) or LED magnifier soldering iron stand from Jaycar Electronics (both around \$20)

Colour pencils – Faber-Castell Polychromos (hard oil-based pencil, excellent for drawing)

15. Ivory 103
Cadmium Yellow Lemon 205
May Green 170
Chrome Oxide Green 278
Chrome Green Opaque 174
Earth Green 172
Earth Green Yellowish 168
Burnt Siena 283
Walnut Brown 177
16. Blender – Lyra Splendor Blender/Prismacolour/Caran d'Ache
17. Embossing tool 0.5 tip -- will be supplied and sold at workshop.
18. Mini blue light LED torch – avail Officeworks/Bunnings
19. Pencil sharpener – Can use tutor's sharpener which is a Derwent super point. If you wish to purchase one, it is available here https://artsuppliesaustralia.com.au/products/derwent-super-point-sharpener?utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=Google%20Shopping&gclid=EAlalQobChMI0-iq6K3-6wIVTtbACh3siQWQEAQYASABEgJHOPD_BwE or other online stores/Officeworks -

Recommend Cavalier Art Supplies Geelong and theartshop.com.au but any other art suppliers will be fine. Also recommend Officeworks. Any questions regarding materials you can contact me at: amanda.sidahmed@inet.net.au.

