

Botanical Drawing

with Cathy Dee

Botanical Art has been around for centuries. It is not so much about producing a pretty picture of a flower but also encompasses learning as much as you can about that plant. From the latin name to its habit, where it grows and how. Botanical art is not just about drawing the flower but drawing the roots or bulbs or corms. Everything is as accurate and exact and you can get it, and the weird and wonderful thing about all this is that it is fun!

As this class is only two days, we will be treating this huge subject as an introduction and will be concentrating on rendering the flower as accurately as possible and also on mixing colour and tone.

It is advisable to have either completed Cathy's Drawing for the Pencil Challenged classes stage 1 & 2 or be competent in rendering objects realistically with a good understanding of light and shade.

Materials

Zeta or other smooth paper.

Pencils - 2H, HB,

Plastic Eraser & Kneaded Eraser

Metal Pencil sharpener

Black biro

Either Faber Castel water colour pencils or polychromos colour pencils in the following colours...

This is a full colour list - you do not have to purchase all these colours to begin with - the colours I have coloured/bolded are the ones you will need for the course...

PRIMARY COLOURS...

Cadmium yellow lemon #205

Cadmium yellow #107

Pale geranium lake #121

Middle purple pink #125

Ultramarine #120

Cobalt Turquoise #153

SECONDARY COLOURS...

Dark Cadmium Orange #115

Purple violet #136

Permanent Green olive #167

Earth green yellowish #168

DARK COLOURS

Dark sepia #175

Dark indigo #157

Chrome Oxide Green #278

Red Violet #194

LIGHT COLOURS

White #101

Ivory #103

EARTH TONES

Burnt Ochre #187

Venetian Red #190

Light Yellow Ochre #183

Burnt Sienna #283



Lesson Plans

SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

AM

Establishing value and form using the four basic shapes. - sphere, cup, cone and cylinder.

PM

Practising basic coloured pencil techniques - includes blending and a little colour theory

SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

AM

Flowers in perspective

PM

Putting it all together.

