

## SHORT COURSE DETAILS

ID6546 BOTANICAL PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS – A TASTER DAY

Tutor: MARIELLA BALDWIN

Date: 1 DAY MONDAY 31 OCTOBER

### ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This practical course introduces you to the art of botanical painting in watercolour. You will learn about approaches to accurate observational drawing, together with some of the basic watercolour mixing and application techniques that are employed in botanical painting.

The tutor will demonstrate a few techniques and give simple tips and advice to help you to develop your understanding and skills in this art form. Exercises studying a small botanical specimen taken from the gardens at West Dean will help you apply and practice your skills.

At the end of the day you will leave with a worksheet of notes and exercises together with a simple botanical painting which can be used for future reference. The course aims to give a good idea of what goes into making a botanical painting and a little insight into the content of a longer course at West Dean.

### LEVEL: BEGINNERS

Starting points. For those with little or no experience or for those who want to go back to basics and would like a structured introduction to a subject.

### ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Mariella Baldwin is a botanical illustrator and an experienced teacher. She exhibits her work in England and the USA. She has work in the Chelsea Physic Garden Archive.

### TIMETABLE:

9.00–9.15am	Registration and coffee
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
5.00pm	Classes finish

### MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm.

#### **All the materials and tools will be supplied for the course including:**

Fabriano hot pressed or Arches watercolour paper 300 gms 1 sheet (A3)

1 tube of the following watercolour paints:

French ultramarine, Permanent rose, Winsor yellow (one tube of each shared by the group)

1 size 3 miniature paintbrush (this can be taken home with you at the end of the course)

1 sheet tracing paper (A4)

2 sheets cartridge paper (A4)

1 putty rubber

**Please bring:**

White china saucer

A notebook, HB pencil and pencil sharpener

A camera to record information (if you wish)

*Please wear suitable clothing for this practical day*

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

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