

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SI D07346 BOTANICAL PAINTING – A CHRISTMAS CARD – A TASTER DAY

Tutor: SANDRINE MAUGY

Date: 1 DAY WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Try your hand at the art of botanical painting as you learn watercolour techniques and colour mixing. Sandrine will demonstrate how to use wet-in-wet techniques, such as graduated washes and glazing, to depict lively Christmas subjects in a botanical style.

Other techniques include how to use light and shadows to make your subject more alive; colour advice on how to mix shadow colours without using ready-made blacks and greys; how to produce natural-looking greens; how to keep colours fresh to the end of the painting.

Using plants from the beautiful West Dean gardens for inspiration, you will design a Christmas card and paint it with watercolours. You can use a pen and wash technique that will also be demonstrated. If you wish to include other subjects, for example a robin, please bring your own photos.

You can either paint a card to send as an original or use the design for printing, as Sandrine will give some guidelines about designing to print.

By the end of the day you will have learnt how to design and paint a botanical Christmas card from start to finish.

LEVEL: BEGINNERS

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

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Sandrine Maugy is a botanical artist who has been teaching at West Dean since 2005. Her striking paintings have been exhibited in the UK and the rest of Europe as well as the United States. She is a member of the Society of Botanical Artists (as well as a tutor for the SBA Diploma course) and the Association of Illustrators. Sandrine has written more than 50 articles for Artists and Illustrators magazine and her first book 'Colours of Nature' was published in 2013.

TIMETABLE:

9.00–9.15am	Registration and coffee
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee
12.45pm	Lunch (included)
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 8.30 –2pm.

Materials included in the course fee:

Watercolour paints shared by the group, cartridge paper, watercolour paper, two paintbrushes, cartridge paper, tracing paper and transfer paper as well as plant materials.

Please bring:

Pencils and a rubber, white china saucer or palette, a waterproof fine art pen if you wish to try pen and wash.

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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