

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID08300 PAINT A BOTANICAL CHRISTMAS CARD – A TASTER DAY

Tutor: MARIELLA BALDWIN

Date: ONE DAY FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Create a seasonal greetings card with a personal touch as you learn some of the processes involved in the exacting art of botanical painting. With the expert guidance of botanical artist Mariella Baldwin develop observational and watercolour painting techniques. The painting subjects will include seasonal material from the gardens at West Dean.

The course begins with an introduction to botanical painting and some demonstrations, you will then select your subject to draw and paint. You will be introduced to a step-by-step approach to painting, with demonstrations throughout as you learn colour mixing and matching, as well as dry brush and wet-in-wet application. Individual attention will be given during the course to help you develop your painting and skills so that you can make your chosen subject life-like using colour, form, tone and shade.

By the end of the day you will know more about botanical painting and how to paint a subject so that it looks like it could be plucked from the paper. You will have completed a small study which can be printed after the course for festive cards, photographed and used digitally, or simply be the inspiration to continue to enjoy painting.

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:

Mariella Baldwin is a botanical illustrator and an experienced teacher. Her book 'Botanical Painting' was published in 2011. She exhibits her work in England and the USA. She has work in the Chelsea Physic Garden Archive.

TIMETABLE:

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| 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 finishes |

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm, for any materials you need to purchase from the shop.

Materials included in the course fee:

Paints, paper, drawing media and a card with envelope

Available from the Shop:

White palette

Additional paper as required

Available from the tutor:

Additional paper, blank cards and envelopes can be purchased from the tutor

Please bring any of the above, if you have them, and in addition:

White ceramic saucer or plate

Any watercolour paints or brushes you have

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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