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Two Day Botanical Drawing Workshop With Instructor Michael Spillane



Floral Portraits with Pen & Ink and Watercolour Washes

This workshop is ideal for the botanical artist looking for something a little different. A step-by-step floral project will be the focus of the two-day workshop with demonstrations, one-on-one interaction with students and detailed instructional handouts. Studies will lead up to the completion of a tonal drawing in graphite, followed by exercises designed to explore the intricate textures used in pen and ink drawings. The project will then be completed in pen and ink with subtle watercolour washes.

Day one: Establishing the drawing (based on a given project) and working on exercises to develop a graphite base followed by pen and ink techniques.

Day two: Continues with pen & ink techniques; completing the drawing in pen and ink and then applying subtle watercolour washes to finish the project at the end of the day.

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Materials

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- 1 Arches Hot Press Watercolour Art Board (20 x 15 inches)
(or Strathmore's Hot Press illustration board)
- Spiral-bound sketchbook for class exercises
- Ring binder for handouts and notepaper
- General's mechanical pencil with a 6H lead
- Mechanical pencil sharpener
- Magnifying glass
- Ink drawing pens (Black) (Pigma Micron or Staedtler) 005, 01, 03, & 05
- Kneaded eraser and pencil eraser
- Mono Zero (Tombow) 2.3 mm round tip eraser
- 1 sheet of graphite transfer paper
- Selection of blending stumps, tortillons and soft makeup brush
- Scissors, utility or X-acto knife / low-tack masking tape
- 2 Containers for water (margarine tubs or glass jars are suitable)
- White enamel or porcelain palette (24-well with cover or similar)

Watercolour Paints

Bring whatever watercolour paints you already have. What colours you don't have will also be provided in class. The following is a good selection to have for this workshop:

- Ultramarine Blue
- Alizarin Crimson
- Yellow Ochre
- Quinacridone Rose
- Cadmium Yellow Pale

Brushes (soft watercolour brushes)

Escoda or Currys (or alternative) #6

Escoda or Currys (or alternative) #2

Escoda or Currys (or alternative) #1