

Community Education

Course Title: Botanical Watercolor for Adults

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Course Description

This relaxing and inspiring workshop is designed for adults who want to explore the beauty of plants and flowers through watercolor painting. Over six sessions, students will learn techniques, color mixing, and composition while creating their own botanical artwork. Perfect for beginners and hobbyists seeking a creative escape.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- Understand watercolor tools, materials, and basic techniques.
- Develop skills in painting leaves, flowers, and greenery with depth and texture.
- Apply wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry watercolor methods.
- Create balanced compositions and explore background techniques.
- Complete a final botanical watercolor project to showcase learned skills.

Course Schedule

Week 1 – Getting Started: Tools, Materials & Color Basics

- Introduction to watercolor supplies
- Color mixing and making a color chart
- Basic brush techniques (washes, gradients, dry brush and others)

Week 2 – Leaves and Greenery

- Studying leaf shapes and structures
- Layering greens and textures
- Creating a mini leaf study page

Week 3 – Flower Basics

- Painting simple flowers (roses, tulips, daisies)
- Wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry techniques
- Building confidence with petals

Week 4 – Advanced Floral and Details

- Complex blooms (orchids, peonies, sunflowers)
- Adding fine details and depth
- Light & shadow in botanical painting

Week 5 – Composition and Backgrounds

- Arranging plants and flowers in a pleasing layout
- Choosing background colors and styles
- Creating depth and atmosphere

Week 6 – Final Project and Showcase

- Painting a complete botanical illustration from reference
- Adding finishing touches
- Group art share and feedback

Resources

Recommended references for further study:

- *Botanical Painting with Watercolor* – Billy Showell

Class Evaluation

- Class evaluations are sent by email.
- If you don't see it right away, check your **junk/spam folder**.
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- If you don't receive one, contact:
 - Email: continuingeducation@clark.edu
 - Phone: 360-992-2939

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