SYLLABUS AND COURSE INFORMATION

TITLE: Botanical Art: Exploring Tropical Color

WINTERmester Art Course

Location: Murie Building Room 306

Dates: Friday, January 3 (6:00pm – 8:30pm)

Saturday and Sunday, January 4th and 5th (10:00am – 4:00pm)

INSTRUCTOR:

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Draw beautiful tropical flowers and explore an exotic color palette in the middle of winter! This class will have a special emphasis on using the saturated colors and unusual forms of tropical flowers. We will look at images of tropical botanical illustrations, focusing on Margaret Mee, artist and explorer. Drawings will be developed from life, adding tonal values then watercolor and colored pencil to layer and build rich color and form. This class includes participants with a wide range of experience. Beginners are welcome. There will be optional color exercises, demonstrations and individual instruction.

COURSE READING SUGGESTIONS: These will be in class for you to review.

**Botanical Drawing in Color Wendy Hollender, 2010, Watson-Guptil. Paperback. Focus on

drawing with colored pencil, has valuable exercises and examples.

The Botanical Palette Margaret Stevens, Society of Botanical Artists, 2007 Harper Collins. Hardback. Chapters are arranged by color with examples in both <u>watercolor and colored pencil</u>. Expert botanical artists provide specific color instructions for each illustration.

Botanical Sketchbook Mary Ann Scott & Margaret Stevens, Society of Botanical Artists, 2007 Interweave Press. Hardback. Annotated record of a personal journey through a botanical art master class. Lessons are included in watercolor and drawing.

Botany for the Artist Sarah Simblet, 2010, DK. Hardback. Beautifully illustrated with photos, masterful line drawings, historical examples and master class lessons.

MATERIALS:

Available to use in class: many Faber Castell Polychromos pencils, watercolor pencils, tube watercolors, brushes, electric pencil sharpeners, light table, jewelers loupes, magnifying glasses, water containers, small cutting boards, xacto knives, 6" C-thru rulers, tracing paper, drawing paper

Provided:

- tropical plant specimens
- hot pressed 140 #watercolor paper
- kneadable eraser
- drawing pencils (H)

Bring:

- portable desk lamp (we have outlets in room). Inexpensive led lamps are available in town.
- brush for eraser crumbs (drafting brush, Japanese hake brush or new 2" utility paint brush)
- <u>colored pencils</u> Whatever you have may fine to begin with. Polychromos are the best. Add to what you may have using the color charts at the end of the syllabus or borrow from class sets.
- **Professional botanical artists usually use Faber Castell Polychromos pencils (oil based) These are sold individually at Dick Blick and Jerry's Artarama online
- **See list of suggested Faber Castell

	Time	Location	Topic
Friday, January 3, 2019	6-8:30pm	Murie Building Room 306	 Introduction and presentsation: Tropical Flowers in Botanical Art, materials and specimens Demonstrations: contour drawing, tonal under-drawing for form, light source, natural color matching, color mixing Begin observation and drawing take reference photos
Saturday, January 4, 2019	10:00am- 4:00pm	Murie Building Room 306	 Continue to draw and explore flower parts Demonstrations: mixing color, creating a color key bar, layering color, color theory, glazing (optional) Botanical note-taking
Sunday, January 5, 2018	10am- 4:00pm	Murie Building Room 306	 Continue drawings, layering color, adding detail, finishing Wrap up and exhibit artwork

^{**}If you want to use watercolor with your colored pencils, plan to use class watercolors or bring your own if you have them. If you eventually wish to purchase watercolor pencils or tube watercolors, ask me for a suggested color list.

