## Going out

## Ruth Wharrier School of Botanical Art

Do you have a passion for art and the natural world? Why not dedicate some time next year to learning the timeless skills of botanical drawing and painting?

Professional Illustrator, Ruth Wharrier, trained at the Chelsea Physic Garden in London and is a graduate of their prestigious Botanical Illustration Diploma course. She lives and works on the Suffolk coast and has been teaching botanical drawing and painting for over 12 years through private workshops and as a tutor for Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Ruth works in watercolour, gouache, coloured pencil, graphite and pen and ink. Her paintings and illustrations are collected worldwide.

Next year Ruth is launching her own School of Botanical Art, offering a wide range of courses across the year. Observational drawing in graphite and coloured pencil, watercolour techniques and botany, will all be taught to enable students to fully understand their subjects. Studio based lessons and field sketchbook lessons will be available.













Courses will range from one day workshops for those who are beginners to longer, vocational courses through the Open College Network, for those who want to focus seriously on improving their skills. Ruth also offers a one year Level 4 Botanical Drawing and Painting course for those with experience who wish to pursue a career in botanical art.

In addition to adult learning courses, Ruth is also an Arts Award advisor and will be offering vocational courses for teenagers who wish to develop their fine art skills and environmental art awareness.

The courses will be based at SWT Carlton Marshes Visitors Centre, near Lowestoft (NR33 8HU) and in other locations across the region.

This is a unique opportunity to learn new art skills with a highly experienced artist and teacher. All students will receive a warm welcome and gain confidence in developing their artwork within a supportive environment.

For more information and to sign up for news on upcoming courses go to: www.ruthwharrier.com or call Ruth on 07722015847 for further details. Gift vouchers available for some courses.