

A new course to learn and improve your

Botanical Drawing and Painting

with Ruth Wharrier PGCE, BA (Hons), EGS

- Level 4 Certificate in Botanical Drawing and Painting
- Quality endorsed by awarding body, Open College Network West Midlands
- At Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft. NR33 8HU
- Course director and tutor – Ruth Wharrier PGCE, BA (Hons), EGS
- New for 2022

A unique opportunity to study botanical illustration within Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve with experienced botanical artist and illustrator, Ruth Wharrier. This level 4 certificate in Botanical Drawing and Painting provides learners with the knowledge and skills required to develop a wide range of skills in botanical painting and illustration.

Course participants will receive tuition in botanical drawing and watercolour painting techniques, composition, botany, historical context and field skills.

Environmental and ecological awareness and natural history are integral aspects of the course.

Based in the new visitors' centre at Carlton Marshes, participants will have a



unique opportunity to study and explore the rich natural resources of the nature reserve throughout the year. The

course will include weekly studio-based art classes, seasonal field work with ongoing guidance from the reserve wardens, lectures and lessons in botany.

In addition, students will have access to the archive of the John Inness Centre in Norwich to see original historic botanical works and carry out research.

Also, opportunities will be given to explore a contrasting environment within formal gardens for the study of cultivated plants.

“Ruth Wharrier’s adventurous course will do more than help build the art of botanical illustration. It will encourage intimate attention to plants, which is the key to understanding and respecting them.”

- Richard Mabey (Patron)



About the Course Director:

Ruth is a graduate of the prestigious Diploma in Botanical Illustration from the English Gardening School at the Chelsea Physic Garden, London. Since qualifying in 2011, Ruth has worked as a freelance botanical and wildlife illustrator and tutor for Suffolk Wildlife Trust. “My passion for drawing and painting plants began in childhood. Illustrating them is a lifelong journey and joy. By observing and drawing plants, we learn to appreciate and understand our natural world with greater respect and deeper admiration. The course is a unique opportunity for people who share a passion for plants and the natural world to learn new skills, be part of a beautiful natural environment throughout the year and help to create the new chapter of this historic artform.”

Course duration:

1 day per week (5 hours) guided learning over 3 terms. 36 weeks (term time). A final project will be created at the end of the course leading to an exhibition and graduation ceremony.



Carlton Marshes
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