

MEDITERRANEAN CENTRE for Art, Gardens, Plants and Design

BOTANICAL PAINTING & DRAWING WITH WATERCOLOURS 17 to 24 October 2020



COURSE TUTOR - MAGGIE NIAGASSAS DipAD DipSBA

Silver-Gilt Medallist RHS July 2018

"The plant world with all its splendid diversity has always been an inspiration for me. Having been brought up in Africa, I was exposed to the many vivid colours and forms which would have a lasting impression and influence on my artistic career."

"My diploma in Art and Design - General illustration was a natural consequence of these experiences which I completed in the UK. This encounter with mediterranean nature motivated me to study botanical illustration, and in 2007 I acquired my diploma from the Society of Botanical Illustration."

"Since then, I have exhibited several times with the SBA at their annual exhibition which is held in Westminster, London. I have taught watercolour painting lessons in Athens and in Limassol, Cyprus."

PROGRAMME



All Sessions in Lafkos village - Six hours tuition per day for six days

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| Saturday | Arrival of participants - Meet & Greet - Short slide show - Introduction to the history of botanical painting - Welcome Dinner at the hotel |
| Sunday | What is contemporary botanical art - the materials, both for painting and the plants Explanation of the 'mediterranean' painting project. Practice some painting techniques. Afternoon walk on the kalderimia to collect painting specimens. |
| Monday | Pencil work, continuous tone of plant (leaf, stalk, bud). Starting a watercolour study |
| Tuesday | Visit a local monastery hidden in a green valley. The hotel will prepare a picnic on the spot. Pencil work on material found |
| Wednesday | More watercolour painting - spotlight on flowers |
| Thursday | Inspiration from the sea shore (Pencil studies at a beach taverna) Lunch facing Skiathos Island and a visit to remote cove with Byzantine ruins, hillside sages and a fisherman's chapel |
| Friday | Finishing off work and prepare for exhibition in seminar room of the hotel Exhibition and Farewell Dinner in the evening |
| Saturday | Departure of participants, or a rest for a few days |



*please ask if you would like to stay for extra nights

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COURSES in Pelion, Greece - PRACTICAL INFORMATION



- * Lessons are with experienced teachers, passionate about their subjects, techniques and students
- * All courses are suitable for beginners and intermediate participants
- * All materials will be provided unless a supplement is requested. We can arrange delivery of the work home if required but most students take them safely in their luggage
- * Groups benefit from a quiet 'atelier' space with excellent light for their practical work
- * Excursions are planned to suit the particular course

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- * Six days of tuition and transport for related excursions
 - * Coffee and tea throughout the day
 - * Time for rest and relaxation on the beach, by the pool or in the village square
 - * A full cooked breakfast, five three-course dinners and two lunches (half-board)
 - * Our library which includes the complete set of Mediterranean Garden Society journals
 - * Flights are NOT included, however there are some flights to Volos Airport (see www.volosairport.gr/en) Alternatively there are regular flights to Athens, Skiathos or Thessaloniki.
- *Lagou Raxi can advise on the easiest/most economical transfers from your chosen airport and will help participants to share if convenient.

PRICES PER PERSON INCLUDING TUITION + ACCOMMODATION (HALF-BOARD) MATERIALS AND EXCURSIONS

The 20 spacious and comfortable bedrooms are all named after local beaches. Free WiFi throughout.

Single room	Twin double occupancy	Triple double occupancy
815 €	700 €	765 €

If you would like to bring family member(s) or friend(s), NOT participating in the courses, please contact us for the prices of different combinations including Double rooms and Suites.



THE VILLAGE OF LAFKOS - SOUTH PELION

Lafkos is one of the 24 officially 'listed' villages in the region of Pelion, about 45 km from the city of Volos. Medieval paths (Kalderimia) stretch around this car-free village and further afield to neighbouring villages and the sea. Three museums and five tavernas are open all year. The smell of freshly baked bread in a wood-fired oven draws you to the bakery shop. The village has three small 'mini-markets', a craftsman jeweller, home made soaps and a gift shop. In under 10 minutes you can walk from the hotel through the village lanes to the square with its imposing church and plane trees. View https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bv15sCyN_4 and www.lafkos.gr



LAGOU RAXI COUNTRY HOTEL ***

Lagou Raxi Country Hotel (330m) opened in 2014 and was built according to the local traditional architecture. It has a breathtaking view of the Pagasitic Gulf and it's also close to the Aegean sea. There is an easy footpath from the hotel down to Milina. Although British owned the hotel cuisine is traditional Greek, sometimes with a twist. All the dishes are home-made, and delicious! The hotel has a good-sized swimming pool and an all-weather tennis court as well as the Library, Terrace, Azure Restaurant, yoga mats and the purpose-built 'Atelier' or workroom.

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2020
courses
include

- * Pelion Mansions and Shady Village Corners - Drawing and painting 12 - 19 June
- * Classic and Contemporary Mosaics Workshop in Marble 04 July - 11 July (full) NEW 10 - 17 October
- * Botanical Drawing and Painting with watercolours 17 October - 24 October
 - * Garden Design for a 'Mediterranean' climate Dates to be confirmed
- 2021 * Concertina Sketchbooks 15 May - 22 May



The courses are held in association with the Mediterranean Garden Society
A donation will be made to the Society for each course participant

CONTACT For more information and to reserve a place on one of the courses
See our website www.lagouraxi.com for reviews of previous participants

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