

Chinese Flower Painting

Course Description

Chinese flower painting is a tradition genre of Chinese painting that has occupied artists for centuries depicting the essence of the spirit of flowers and their beauty. This course uses the contemporary techniques of the Lingnan School of Painting and other national “styles” of painting to express the essence of flowers by the power of the brush and brushwork with its use of vivid colours and realism. It will teach you how to write and paint calligraphically, how to vary ink and colour tones to create your own masterpieces. Subjects include the orchid, bamboo, lotus, tiger lily, plum blossom

Course Outline

Lesson 1: Basic Strokes, Chinese Orchid

Learning Objectives:

1. to be introduced to the Four Treasures
2. to learn how to hold the Chinese brush
3. to be introduced to the orchid in Chinese culture.
4. to practise the technique of pressure/release.
5. to use three tones.
6. to paint the Chinese orchid.

Lesson 2: Bamboo

Learning Objectives:

1. to be introduced to the bamboo in Chinese culture.
2. to learn how to load the brush with multiple tones.
3. to practice the bone stroke and the hook stroke.
4. to learn and practice fish tails
5. to paint the bamboo and bamboo shoots.

Lesson 3: Lotus Flower

Learning Objectives:

1. to be introduced to the lotus in Chinese culture.
2. to learn how to paint the leaves with a wet brush.
3. to learn and practise how to paint stalks with a dry brush.
4. to use paint the flowers in two strokes.
5. to paint the lotus flower and lotus leaves.

Lesson 4: Tiger Lily

Learning Objectives:

1. to be introduced to the lily in Chinese culture.
2. to learn how to load the brush with a number of colours.
3. to use the pressure release technique for the leaves.
4. to paint the tiger lily.

Lesson 5: Hong Kong Tree Orchid/ Bauhinia

Learning Objectives:

1. to be introduced to the HK tree orchid in Chinese and Cantonese culture.
2. To think about triangular compositions when painting.
3. to learn and practice how to paint the trunk and branches with a dry brush.
4. to learn and practice how to paint butterflies for the leaves.
5. to paint the HK tree orchid.

Lesson 6: Plum Blossom

Learning Objectives:

1. to be introduced to the plum blossom in Chinese culture.
2. to learn how to load the brush with multiple colours.
3. to use a combination of wet and dry strokes for the branches.
4. to paint the plum blossom.