

# Summer flowers and plants of Greek gardens

*Botanical Painting Course (English/German)*

**24 June to 01 July 2023**



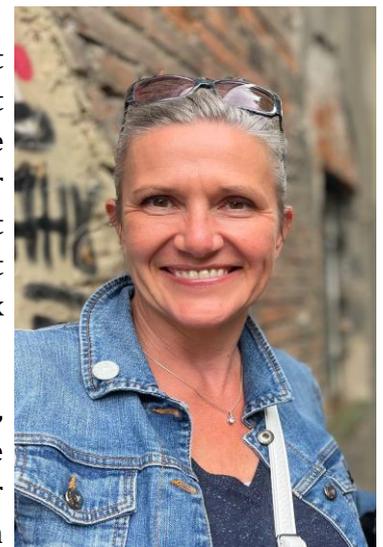
## **COURSE TUTOR**

### **Katja Katholing-Bloss**

It really all began in 2008 with a spontaneous trip to the 'Botanica' exhibition at Sydney's Botanical Gardens, where Katja came across unbelievably realistic and detailed sketches and paintings of plants by botanical illustrators and artists.

Born and raised in a place called Hof an der Saale, in the northern-most part of Bavaria, Katja grew up always surrounded by flowers. Her mother's florist shop was an early formative inspiration that remains strong to this day. She spent her early career working in industry, initially in Germany and then over a decade in England and Australia. After initial training as a botanical artist in England with the late Stuart Lafford she was appointed as a botanical art teacher at Hereford College of Technology. Since 2015 she's been living back in Germany and since 2019 in her home town of Hof.

She is currently a board member of the Society of Botanical Artists (SBA, UK), a member of the American Society of Botanical Artists (ASBA) as well as the Hof/Saale Art Association. On numerous occasions Katja has exhibited her work in the UK and Germany. Her works are held by private collectors in many countries including England, Australia, Italy and Dubai.



She considers her overarching mission to raise the level of awareness of this unique art form amongst the German public, and to encourage observers of this wonderful world of plants to develop a keen appreciation of all its glorious detail. That's her passion and goal and one which Katja sincerely hope inspires you too!

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<b>Programme</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon / Evening</b>
Arrival Day 1/ Saturday 24. June	Participants arrive throughout the day Check-in and free to wander around the gardens	Meet & greet introduction talk from tutor Basic/general info on Botanical Art and schedule of the week Welcome dinner
Day 2 / Sunday 25. June	Walk on Kalderimia (cobblestone foot-paths) and in the garden to collect specimens to paint	Presentation samples collected during the morning and talk about forms in nature and composition Students inspect/record/study and sketch specimens – they also start to work on composition Dinner at hotel
Day 3 / Monday 26 June	Questions from previous day and follow up on composition and drawing Mixing suitable colours with demonstration of various colour mixing possibilities	Students continue their own work with support and personal demonstration from tutor Dinner at hotel
Day 4 / Tuesday 27 June	Visit to a local site of interest and sketching in the field/possibly leading to starting a sketchbook Picnic	Students continue their own work with support and personal demonstration from tutor Introductory info on working in graphite Free for dinner
Day 5 / Wednesday 28 June	Questions from previous day Demonstration graphite Follow up on own drawing	Students can try out to draw in graphite or continue their own work with support from tutor Dinner at hotel
Day 6 / Thursday 29 June	Visit to the local wild beach and possibility to sketching of beach objects in graphite to improve precise drawing Lunch at local taverna by the beach	Students continue their own work either in watercolour or graphite Free for dinner
Day 7 / Friday 30 June	Questions from previous day and follow up on own composition and drawing	Finish own work presentation and summary Farewell dinner
Day 8 / Saturday 01 July	Departure of students or continue to stay for a couple more days at Lagou Raxi and make sure of the studio space.	

## Courses in Pelion, Greece - Practical Information

- ✓ Courses will be held in a large (100 sq. m. and well ventilated) and necessary social distancing will be observed at all times – the hotel follows all safety protocols
- ✓ Lessons are with a fully experienced teacher, passionate about his/her subject and students
- ✓ All courses are suitable for beginners and intermediate participants
- ✓ 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 breaks included
- ✓ Time for rest and relaxation on the beach, by the pool or in the village square
- ✓ A full cooked breakfast, four light lunches, five four course dinners, one pic-nic and one taverna lunch
- ✓ Our library which includes the complete set of Mediterranean Garden Society journals
- ✓ Flights are NOT included, however there are direct flights to VOLOS Airport during summer periods: from London Gatwick, Munich, Dusseldorf, Stuttgart and Vienna on certain days ([www.volosairport.gr/en](http://www.volosairport.gr/en)). Alternatively, there are regular flights to Athens, Skiathos or Thessaloniki.

### PRICES PER PERSON INCLUDING TUITION + ACCOMMODATION (HALF-BOARD)

#### MATERIALS\* AND EXCURSIONS

Single room	Twin double occupancy	Triple double occupancy
1335€	1181€	1281€

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.

**\*Information re. materials will be available at the time of booking**



## 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, homemade 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. Visit [www.lagouraxi.com](http://www.lagouraxi.com) for more info about the area.



### Lagou Raxi Country Hotel

**Lagou Raxi Country Hotel** (330m) opened in 2014 and was built according to the local traditional architecture. It has a breath-taking 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.

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



### Other Courses include / see our website for all 2023 courses

- ✓ **Greek Wildflowers and Orchids - Botanical Painting 22 - 29 April**
- ✓ **Printing Pilio - Springtime in Greece - Natural dyeing and Eco-printing Workshop 03 - 13 May**
- ✓ **Debut d'Été en Grece / Early summer in Greece Botanical Painting 20 - 27 May**
- ✓ **Nature Journaling in Greece 17 - 24 June**
- ✓ **Classically Inspired Contemporary Mosaics 24 June - 01 July with OPTIONAL Post-course tour**
- ✓ **The Beautiful Alphabet - from the Manuscript to Contemporary Calligraphy 16 - 23 September**
- ✓ **Concertina Sketchbooks, Icon Painting and other courses - 2023 dates to be announced.**

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



**CONTACT US** For more information and to reserve a place on one of the courses visit our website  
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