



# BOTANICAL DRAWING AND PAINTING WITH RUTH WHARRIER

**Friday 28 October 2016 - Sunday 30 October 2016**

The setting for this course is on a 750 acre farm abutting the River Alde at Iken, Suffolk. Your course tutor is Ruth Wharrier.



Ruth has been fascinated by botanical and wildlife subjects since childhood. She is passionate about representing local environments both as an artist and conservationist.

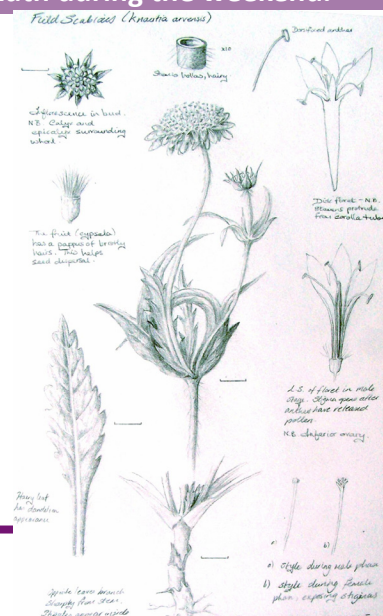
Born in the North-East, Ruth spent her formative years in Northumberland and drew inspiration from the surrounding area. She studied Botanical Illustration at the Chelsea Physic Garden in London and her work is now collected at home and abroad. Ruth is a very experienced teacher

and works within schools and higher education. She is a tutor for Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

Ruth likes to teach through demonstration and therefore her workshops are tailored to the participants' needs within a supportive, enjoyable and good humoured environment. All abilities are welcome and many students find they are among a like minded group with shared interests and passions.

The workshop aims to help students open their eyes to the environment around them and find beauty in the detail of its inhabitants.

What you need to bring  
Ruth will help participants to create a field sketchbook based on subjects found locally. A materials list will be issued when you book and some materials will be available to buy from Ruth during the weekend.



## Weekend Programme

**Friday - arrival 4.00pm onwards. Meal at 6.30pm**

**Short talks afterwards**

**Saturday - self-catering breakfast. Course starts at 9.30am work until 4.00pm with lunchtime break and coffee/tea/biscuits on tap all day! Evening meal at 6.30pm then free time.**

**Sunday - self-catering breakfast. Course starts at 9.30am work until 12.30 lunch break. Overview at 2.00pm then leave by 3.00pm.**



## What is included

The provision of weekend meals is divided into breakfast and lunch as self-catering and you supply your food, whilst the Friday and Saturday evening meals are supplied by the Field Centre and on both nights will be served at 6.30pm.

The field centre offers a warm and comfortable place to work. The library facilities are available to you during your stay. **WiFi and broadband are in the centre.** Visit our website: [www.stannyfarm.org](http://www.stannyfarm.org) for more information about the centre and some of our work through Stanny Environment Group volunteers. The Low Barn pages give you an idea of the accommodation.

**Prices include two evening meals and accommodation. You bring your own towels and we supply bed linen. You will need to share bedrooms (there are four washrooms), and there are four bedrooms.**

<b>Resident for the weekend</b>	<b>£265</b>
<b>Non-resident</b>	<b>£175</b>

## How to pay

We accept cheques, cash and BACS. Cheques made out to: Stanny Environment Group. Sorry no credit card facilities are available. Please send your payment with your booking to: Stanny Field Centre, Stanny House Farm, Iken, Suffolk IP12 2EY. Contact us for BACS details.

## Directions to Low Barn

PLEASE NOTE: Follow signs to Low Barn when you arrive at the entrance to the farm.

### By Car

If you are coming by car either from the north or south along the A12, turn at the junction signposted Aldeburgh (A1094). At



**Ruth teaches botanical drawing and watercolour techniques through a range of skills based exercises. These are then applied to detailed studies. Botanical accuracy and observation skills are built into the workshop. Basic botany is taught as integral part of the class as well as advice on sketch book techniques and formal compositions. This will enable students to tackle subjects independently.**

Snape Church (just past the garage on your right) take the right turning onto the B1069 signposted for Tunstall.

Directly after the Snape Maltings buildings take the left fork signposted Orford. Within a mile at the top of the hill, take the left turning to Iken. You will meander for about two miles along this road, past the livery, past the turning to the church, and then a little later, up a hill. At a sharp right hand bend in the road, you go straight on into the farm NOT around the bend!

### Public Transport

There are railway stations at Saxmundham, about 8 miles (13km) distant, and Campsea Ashe (for Wickham Market), about 9 miles (15km) distant. Saxmundham has a taxi service. Buses are difficult and none come near the farm. If you come by train let us know beforehand and we can arrange to pick you up.



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