

THE MEDITERRANEAN CENTRE for Art, Gardens, Plants and Design

BOTANICAL PAINTING HOLIDAY COURSES

2017 DATES May 12 - 19 (Greek)

May 19 - 26 & September 22 - 29 (English)

COURSE TUTOR - MAGGIE NIAGASSAS DipAD DipSBA
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“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. Currently I am living in London, England.”



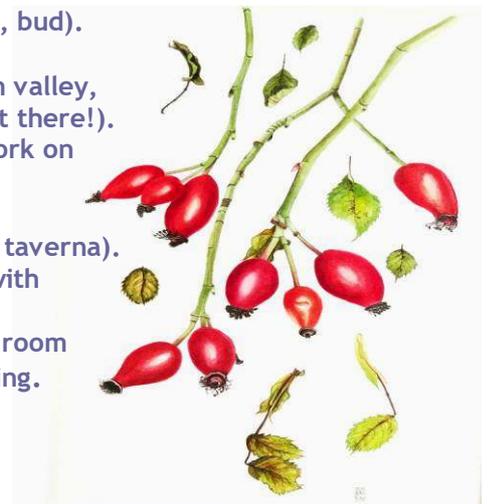
PROGRAMME



All Sessions at Lagou Raxi Country Hotel unless stated and include six hours tuition per day

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| Friday | Arrival of participants - Meet & Greet - Short slide show - Introduction to the history of botanical painting - Welcome Dinner at the hotel. |
| Saturday | 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. |
| Sunday | Pencil work, continuous tone of chosen plant (leaf, stalk, bud). Starting a watercolour study. |
| Monday | Visit AGIOS ATHANASSIOS (a monastery hidden in a green valley, opens only once a year, but we get the key to go to paint there!). The hotel will prepare for a picnic on the spot. Pencil work on material found. |
| Tuesday | More watercolour painting - spotlight on flowers. |
| Wednesday | 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. |
| Thursday | Finishing off work and prepare for exhibition in seminar room of the hotel Exhibition and Farewell Dinner in the evening. |
| Friday | Departure of participants, or a rest over the weekend* |

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



2017 COURSES in Pelion, Greece - PRACTICAL INFORMATION



- * Lessons are with fully experienced teachers and practitioners, passionate about their subject
- * All courses are suitable for beginners and intermediate participants
- * All materials will be provided including a board on which to work, but you may bring your own watercolours or other #
- * Groups benefit from a quiet 'atelier' space with excellent light for their practical work
- * Excursions are planned to suit the particular course

in the case of the mosaics course there is a supplement of 48€ per person for marble, cutter and goggles. We can arrange delivery of the work home if required

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
- * Meet and greet, depending on your choice of transport. Flights are NOT included

There are a few lowcost/charter (flight only) companies flying directly to Volos Airport. (see <http://www.volosairport.gr/en/flights-en-menu.html>) Alternatively Athens, Skiathos or Thessaloniki.

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.

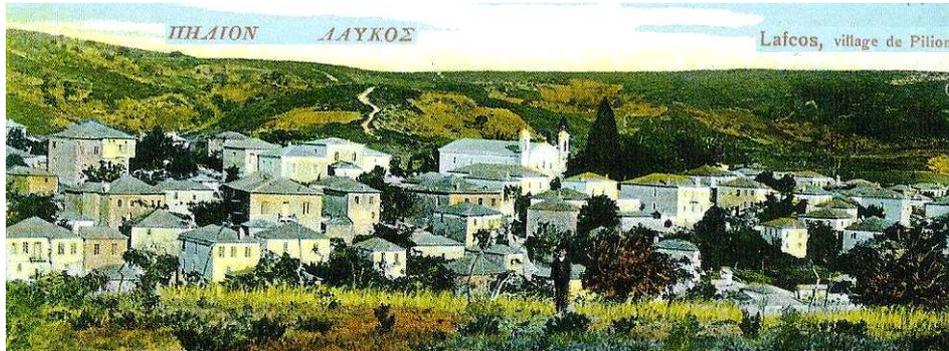
Single room	Twin double occupancy	Triple double occupancy
695 €	575 €	675 €

- * 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 <http://www.southpelion.com/index.html>



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. The British/French owners are putting their own cultural and culinary accents to add to the Greek traditions, which results in a very attractive mix. 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.



2017
courses:

- * Mediterranean Garden and Landscape Design and Planting (English & German language editions)
- * Plants of Pelion: Therapies/Foraging/Cuisine in the Garden of the Gods
- * Botanical Painting from the hills and shores of South Pelion (English and Greek language editions)
- * Olive! Creating sculptures and decorative/wearable 'Objets d'art' (English/Italian/Greek/French)
- * Classic and Contemporary Mosaics Workshop



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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