

Wellesley College Friends of Horticulture (WCFH) share a passion for plants and their abilities to enrich people's lives. WCFH supports and promotes the educational mission of the Wellesley College Botanic Gardens through exceptional outreach and interpretive programming. We are dedicated to using horticulture to enhance the scientific and environmental literacy of the students, faculty and staff of Wellesley College, as well as adults and school children within the larger community.

For more information about WCFH and/or the Certificate of Botanical Art & Illustration, please visit our website at: www.wellesley.edu/WCFH or contact the Friends using the information below.



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CERTIFICATE IN BOTANICAL ART & ILLUSTRATION

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Building on a long tradition of making a difference with plants for the College and Community, Wellesley College Friends of Horticulture (WCFH) introduces a Certificate in Botanical Art and Illustration (CBA) — bringing together fine art and scientific accuracy in an integrated course of study set in the Wellesley College Botanic Gardens.

MISSION

Wellesley College Friends of Horticulture Certificate in Botanical Art and Illustration offers a concentrated study in the traditions, techniques, history, and botany associated with classical botanical art and illustration.

INTRODUCTORY COURSES

WCFH sponsors a variety of courses open to anyone interested in exploring botanical art. While general in nature and *not* considered part of certificate requirements, these introductory botany and drawing courses are highly recommended to assist a potential Certificate candidate in appreciating the enjoyment of producing a piece of art and the commitment it takes to complete the Certificate program.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Using three sequential levels of study — **Foundations, Techniques** and **Accomplishments** — the CBA curriculum provides a solid background in both botanical art media and techniques, fosters a working knowledge of plant anatomy and development, and concludes with an in-depth independent study in a medium of choice. Experienced botanical drawing and painting teachers, including Sarah Roche, Ruth Ann Wetherby-Frattasio, Carol Ann Morley, and Carol Govan, bring their considerable skill and expertise to this program. Emphasis will be on technique-based art classes, contemporary concepts and materials, the study of New England plant diversity, and the conservation of native plant species. Classes are sized to provide extensive individual instruction.



Anyone is welcome to enroll in courses below the Accomplishments level without entering the Certificate program provided they meet the listed prerequisites for each course.

BROCHURE BOTANICALS:

*COVER: Heracleum maximum, Common cow parsnip
by Julie Sims Messinger*

*ABOVE: Gaultheria procumbens, Wintergreen
by Sarah Roche*

REQUIRED CBA COURSES:

FOUNDATIONS (9 COURSES)

- 3 courses in drawing and watercolor painting emphasizing foundational skills in botanical art
- Core courses in color theory, botanical art history, and plant biology
- 3 elective courses chosen from the Foundations curriculum

TECHNIQUES (9 COURSES)

- 3 courses in drawing and watercolor painting focusing on advanced techniques in botanical art
- Core courses including a flora study, an independent research project on the history of botanical art, and a scientific illustration course
- 3 Techniques elective courses chosen from a diverse offering

ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2 COURSES)

- An independent study project to be included in the student's portfolio.
- Portfolio review

ENROLLMENT

After the successful completion of one Foundations course or equivalent, a student may apply for admission to the CBA program.

Although housed in the Wellesley College Botanic Gardens, the WCFH and associated programming are wholly independent from the Wellesley College curriculum. Enrollment in the CBA program does not imply recognition by or admission to Wellesley College, and the completion of WCFH classes and/or workshops does not result in Wellesley College credits.