

EDUCATORS ARTLAB 2022



Sunday, July 10 - Friday, July 15

Kansas City Art Institute
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Painting with Native Plants

INSTRUCTOR: Julie Farstad

In this era of mass extinction, native plants play a vital role in maintaining biodiversity on earth. Artists can help people connect with native plants by showing their dynamic beauty and material richness. In this course, we will make our own inks and watercolors from native plants we find on and near campus. Using these inks and watercolors, we will make works on paper that explore the ways we are individually inspired by these plants, their histories, functions, and forms. Every morning we will start several new batches of inks made from plants we find. Early in the week, we will visit the Anita B Gorman Conservation Discovery Center to observe and photograph the range of native plants from this ecoregion. We will look at how other artists make and use natural inks, as well as how they reference plants in their work. Each student will explore the aspects of native plants that interest them while responding to material and conceptual prompts from the instructor.

Studio Materials to Bring

- ◆ **Selection of brushes for water-based media**
- ◆ **Watercolors, inks, and/or gouache**
- ◆ **Digital camera or phone w/camera function**
- ◆ **Favorite images of plants (and/or plant & botanical books)**