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Introduction to Drawing with a Lead Holder (Neither a Wood Pencil nor a Mechanical Pencil)

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Are you relatively new to botanical art? A wood pencil is a familiar drawing tool, but prepare to be amazed at the control and exceptional detail that can be achieved when drawing with a lead holder and using its accompanying tools. Beginners are welcome!

Supply List

- 1 Lead Holder for 2mm leads (not a mechanical pencil)
- 1 Lead Pointer for the lead holder (this is the sharpener)
- "Clic" pencil-style eraser (at office supply stores, for example)
- X-acto knife (any shape blade is OK)
- Portable drawing board or foamcore support (for 8 ½" x 11" paper)
- Battery operated portable light (entirely optional)

Instructor's Bio

Martha Kemp is a self-taught artist who specializes in using graphite pencil for detailed botanical drawings. She is the recipient of the 1999 ASBA Diane Bouchier Artist Award for Excellence in Botanical Art, has received five Gold Medals from the Royal Horticultural Society and two "Best Drawing in Show" awards at ASBA/HSNY Annual Exhibitions.