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Tropical Trees - Drawing

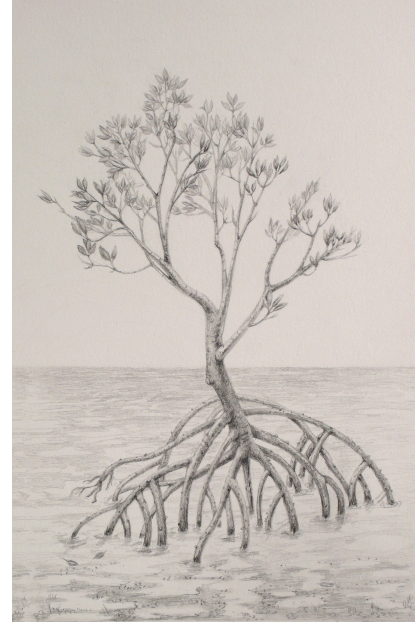
Donna Torres

Friday, October 16

9 am – 12:30 pm

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden – Ballroom

There is so much more to tropical trees than just your romantic palm tree; tropical trees come in all shapes, sizes, textures and colors. Donna will take you on a short tour of Fairchild's most interesting tropical trees, looking at growth and branch patterns, changes in leaf color and shape, plus inform you about their diverse uses. Basic instruction in graphite will be given for the rendering of these beautiful trees, with special attention to their textural elements. Ink and color tools are welcome.



We will meet at the Garden House and then move outdoors. This class requires walking and drawing in the garden.

Supply List

- Sketching paper, or sketchbook (8.5 x 11 in bond paper is fine, larger paper or sketchbook optional)
- Foamcore or other light backing board for your paper (not necessary if you are bringing a sketchbook)
- Tape to affix sketching paper to backboard (not necessary if you are bringing a sketchbook)
- Pencils or lead holders: 2B, HB, 2H
- Pencil sharpener
- Plastic and kneaded erasers

For your comfort:

Water for drinking, Comfortable shoes, Light colored clothing (dark colors attract mosquitoes, October is not the height of the mosquito season), Sun hat, Sunscreen, Personal bug spray
Bag for carrying supplies, Rain poncho (we have some covered outdoor spaces, hopefully the weather will cooperate)

Optional:

Watercolor paper and paints

Ink pens

Outdoor easel

Camera

Small portable seat or towel for sitting

Bio:

Donna Torres teaches botanical art at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and painting at Florida International University in Miami. She studied botanical illustration with Priscilla Fawcett and has an MFA in drawing and painting from FIU. Her work reflects her interest in shamanism and medicinal plants.