

The Joy of Gel Printing™ - Beautiful Botanicals



Class Description:

Discover the magic of gel printing—a playful, painterly form of printmaking that uses a gel plate instead of a press. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to create luminous botanical prints using pressed leaves and flowers, layered paints, and a variety of textural elements. Your prints can be transformed into greeting cards, collages, mixed media pieces, and more.

What You'll Learn:

- How to use a gel plate and printmaking tools
- Positive and negative shape concepts
- Layering transparent and opaque paints for unique effects
- Mark-making techniques with leaves, flowers, and textures
- A variety of printmaking methods
- How to create greeting cards from your finished prints

You'll have plenty of studio time to experiment, play, and make a generous stack of beautiful prints. This process is fun, freeing, and a little addictive—come ready to PLAY!



Instructor: Mary Martin, Collage & Mixed Media Artist

Location: CB Berry Center, Little River SC

Date: May 6, 2026

Time: 10-2

Includes 4 hours of instruction and all materials: a variety of papers, use of instructor's gel plates, brayers, plant and texture materials, and paints.

Optional: Bring your own papers—old book pages, kid's homework, etc.—and any pressed leaves or flowers you'd like to incorporate into your prints. Leaves and flowers can be pressed flat in a large book, such as a dictionary. The flatter the leaves, the better the print made on the gel plate

Questions: Call Mary Martin at 910.218.2814