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Drawing, Mind-Mapping & Orchids at Selby Gardens

Three One-Day Workshops by Instructor Olivia Braida offered by Marie Selby Gardens

1. Pen & Ink for Drawing. Friday, January 31, 2020 - 10am to 5pm
2. Mind-Map to Whimsy Workshop with slide presentation. Friday, March 27, 2020 - 10am to 5pm
3. Orchids & Their Features with slide presentation. Friday, April 17, 2020 - 10am to 5pm

Sarasota, Florida. December 2019: Pursue your love of nature and join Master Botanical Artist & Educator Olivia Braida for one or all of these workshops designed to teach the simple beauty of pen and ink art in January; how through mind-mapping you can connect Renaissance techniques with the wonderful world of whimsy art; and how understanding Orchids and their features will improve your artwork.

Both the Whimsy Workshop and the Orchid Workshop will start with a beautiful slide presentation. Each Whimsy student will receive an OM-Ology Deck (Symbols for Inspiration) to use in mind mapping their whimsy creation. All workshops include a follow-along, take home syllabus. The class fee for workshops is \$160 (Selby Members \$135) payable online at Selby Gardens, plus \$35 for materials paid in class to instructor.

Registration is open to all levels. *"There is no need for hesitation, as these workshops are perfect for Beginners to Advanced students who will be able to develop both their art skills. Graphite, watercolor, and colored pencil students of various levels will all inspire each other in this a "One-Room" Classroom style program. Everyone will have an opportunity to develop their creativity, so come and join the second Renaissance of botanical art and let your inspiration be tomorrow's masterpiece!"* says Academy founder, Olivia Braida.

Instructor Master Botanical Artist & Academy Founder Olivia Marie Braida is a recognized artist, author, and educator. Her work has been recognized as "genius" by the author and botanical art connoisseur Mr. Jack Kramer and is housed in the permanent collection of three United States museums. She is the author of 26 textbook materials on the subject of botanical art instruction and the founder of the Academy of Botanical Art and the Florida Society of Botanical Artists (president emeritus). Her school provides a distance-learning program with students currently in the United States, South America, Canada, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. Ms. Braida's teachings follow her book series, *"Ten Steps, A Course in Botanical Art & Illustration – Volumes 1-12, with supplements 1-16."*

For more information about the Academy, visit www.academyofbotanicalart.com. To register for upcoming Academy Workshops, call (941) 953-9999, or visit the Marie Selby Botanical Garden's website: <https://selby.org> or call Laura Avery, Manager of Classes & Exhibits 941-366-5731 x239

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