

BAC Workshop: *Floral Morphology for Botanical Artists*, with Dick Rauh

Dick Rauh has been teaching this popular course for 10 years at the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), where it is a required course in the Botanical Art Certificate Program. The course aims to help us understand the forms and structures of plants so that we can draw and paint them more accurately. It's a botany course tailored to our artistic needs.

We will learn the vocabulary and functions of the flowering plant, and dissect examples of 20 or so plant families. When I asked Dick to comment on the course, he replied "The most often stated remark is how the student will never see flowers exactly the same way any more."

Those BAC members who attended Dick's tree workshop last fall can attest to his enthusiasm, generosity and excellence as a teacher. He is a prominent figure in the Botanical Art world, a past president of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators, and the incoming President of the American Society of Botanical Artists. In 2003, Dick was awarded the Gold Medal and "Best in Show" at the Royal Horticultural Society botanical art show in London, England. In addition to awards for his beautiful artwork, Dick has received many other awards for his volunteer service to Botanical Art.

Coming to botanical art after "retirement," Dick's story is inspiring. A life-long artist and plant lover, he earned a Certificate in Botanical Illustration at NYBG and then did scientific illustration for several of the scientists there. Working with them, he realized he didn't know enough about botany, so he studied it, earning a Master of Botany degree, followed by a PhD in plant morphogenesis. He now teaches in the Botanical Illustration Certificate Program at the NYBG and also volunteers there as a Botanist.

Dates: The course will run for 4 days: Tuesday, November 3rd through Friday, November 6th, 2009. These are the 4 days immediately preceding the Opening Reception of the BAC exhibition *Trees: From Roots to Crown*.

Time: The class will start at 10:00 am and finish at 4:00 pm each day. There will be a one hour break for lunch between 12:30 and 1:30 pm.

Location: The Earth Sciences Centre on the University of Toronto campus.

Cost: Early sign-up only for BAC members by June 15th, 2009: \$315.

Members and non-members: \$350 after June 15th.

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**To register** please mail this form with a cheque **payable to BAC**, to: Raquel Baranyai, BAC Membership & Communications, 203 Shaughnessy Blvd #403, Toronto, ON, M2J 1J9

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