Painting Mushrooms with Manabu Saito

January 15, 16 and 17, 2010
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 4pm

Manabu Saito (with Susan T. Fisher), Instructors

Materials List

Paint with a master and take the mystery out of painting mushrooms. Enjoy this opportunity to receive instruction from world-renowned botanical artist Manabu Saito. Manabu has painted for the collections of the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and the New York Botanical Gardens. He illustrated the Field Guide to North American Wildflowers, and has had a botanical painting career that spans decades. His current watercolors on northeastern woodland mushrooms will be on view during the class. Refine your skills in watercolor with lots of individual attention and practice.

We will go over materials on the first day of class. Meanwhile:

Bring the painting supplies that you are accustomed to using for botanical illustration or watercolor painting. This should include:

Paint brushes:  Size 8 and 6 rounds plus two smaller sizes

Paper towels or rags

Water containers will be available at the Art Institute

Paper: The watercolor paper of your choice

Pencils:  2H, HB, 2B

Eraser:  both kneaded and plastic

Sketchbooks for doing thumbnails and taking notes