

## Drawing in the Meadow, Reflecting on Impermanence

*"Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?"*

—Mary Oliver

Take time for an art experience in nature at the beautiful *Greensprings Natural Cemetery Preserve*. Over the first four sessions you will be invited to observe and sketch outside—insects, leaves, trees, clouds—from the minute to the majestic.

We will offer 'prompts' to inspire written reflections during and between drawing sessions. You will be able to choose at any time during the class to express yourself in art material or in written words. No need to know how to draw or write to participate. (But you might just discover that you could all along.) For the fifth session, we will share some of our creations, if so moved, and reflect on what our time spent in this place brought up for each of us.

**Who** *Camille Doucet* loves to draw and paint the natural world, as well as help others refine their perception and discover their own creativity. She taught at the Cornell Botanic Gardens for 15 years, and in a variety of other venues for 30 years.

*Angela Mennitto* is a death midwife who also organizes community events to promote death literacy and to normalize conversations about death and dying. She has been hosting a Death Café in Ithaca since 2013.

**When** Every other Saturday from 2:30-5:00 pm beginning June 22 (all dates: June 22, July 6 and 20, August 3 and 17)

**Where** Greensprings Natural Cemetery Preserve, 293 Irish Hill Road, Newfield, NY

**Cost** A sliding scale from \$70 to \$130. Scholarships supported by Hospicare & Palliative Care Services and On Dying Well

**Register** Go to: [www.naturalburial.org/arts](http://www.naturalburial.org/arts) to register.

### Materials

- One water media tablet as small as 4" X 6" or as large as you wish to sketch on. Choose the size that will inspire and not intimidate. Watercolor materials will be offered in class and you can also bring your favorites.
- Regular pencils and eraser.
- Markers or felt pen for something more permanent, like a regular pen.
- A folding chair or stool that would be comfortable for the length of the class.
- Water to drink and a snack if you want.
- Anything else for your comfort like a sun hat, layers of clothes or bug spray and sunblock lotion.

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