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### **Spring Things**

"Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own", Charles Dickens. May brings us so many things to observe and draw! We'll study spring flowers and vegetables, from asparagus to zinnias and an insect or two, as well. Our drawing skills will improve as we carefully record what we observe using graphite, colored pencils and watercolor. This class is designed for anyone who wants to better see the beauty of nature and use their creativity to study it.

### **Course Objectives**

- Improve observational skills through drawing
- Use line, value and color to render objects
- Acquire skills for drawing with several different drawing media
- Creatively render natural objects by selectively using a variety or mix of media
- Observe, critique and discuss student work and master drawings
- Experiment with colored pencils, watercolor wash and a variety of papers
- Learn about color and mixing colors in both wc and pencil
- Gain a greater appreciation of the wonder all around us

**Materials student will need to provide:** Only pencils and erasers are needed for the first class as we'll discuss other material as needed. Materials that you may choose to use: pencils, 2B, 4B and 6B, erasers, vine charcoal and a charcoal pencil, stumps, mixed media paper, watercolor (an inexpensive tray is fine) and brushes, colored pencils. Instructor will bring lots of drawing materials as well.

**Materials provided by instructor:** All sorts of natural objects, flowers, veggies and insects. Lots of drawing materials to share.