

# Sketch: Drawing with Linda Weil, Term 2 2025

## Class Description

Term 2 drawing will focus on the art of the sketch. You will be working from life studio set ups, plein air, people, urban settings with photographs, completing 1, 2 or even 3 drawings per session.

Why sketch? With a sketch you can work freely, loosen up and be unafraid! If the drawing goes wrong, you haven't invested hours in the work and can easily begin again. You can mix things up, experiment and play, enjoying the process without the stress of getting it 'right'. Sketching encourages exploration, imagination and creativity – it can be the basis for a finished work. But most important of all, it means you will practice all those important things like observation, perspective, proportions, light and shade and tonal variations.

I have many, many sketchbooks. Full, half full, not started but kept because I will use one day. When I travel a sketchbook always comes with me. I often keep one in the glovebox in my car, in my handbag or jacket pocket. Sketching becomes a habit and a way to record your ideas, travel experiences, people or just life in general. Your sketch drawings can be a quick 5-minute impression or a longer more detailed 1 or two hour drawing. People often ask me where I get my ideas from for my finished drawings – most were started in a sketchbook!

## Materials List

Basics:

- Graphite pencils. Choose softer 'B' range pencils for your sketches
- A visual diary. The Windsor Newton A4 200gsm version is an economical choice
  - OR if you prefer to draw on better quality paper invest in a good A5 or A4 sketchbook. Good brands to look at are Hannemulhe, Milline, Fabriano, Clairfontaine etc. Choose a smooth (hot press) paper or Not press heavyweight paper at least 150gsm or more. Note, better quality books are expensive but are a joy to draw in.
- Kneadable eraser
- Pencil sharpener of some sort – or knife and sanding block
- Paper stump/tortillion
- A drawing board or small sturdy clipboard to hold your book steady while plein air.

Extras for fun and if you already own:

- Charcoal pencils
- Colour pencils
- Water soluble pencils, colour and graphite with an Aquash brush
- Ink pens
- Ink pencils
- Pan watercolours
- Fixative is very handy to avoid smudging your drawings when completed
- The list is actually endless.... Start with pencils then explore!