

Oregon Botanical Artists - meeting notes from Thursday May 16, 2013

Location: Jane Levy Campbell's Attendees: Jane Levy Campbell, Shulamit Lotate, Janet Parker



Clockwise from top left: A watercolor painting by Jane Levy Campbell for the Recycled Rain Project, and upcoming show. (see our EVENTS page); Mary Delany's cut paper collage, *Pancratium Maritimum* (Sea Daffodil); a detail of Janet's study of Shooting Stars; a closeup of a bud of Bachelor's Button from Jane's garden.

We took in Jane's garden, which is buzzing with bees and fragrant blossoms. A species of large bachelor's buttons caught my eye, as did stunning pale pink poppies, and iris, honeysuckle, roses, and a variety of rhododendrons. Jane has been working on pieces for a show of paintings that will all have been executed using collected rainwater. I'm still working on a painting of shooting stars that I started in Catherine Alexander's wildflower workshop a few weeks ago. I've started over a couple of times and am determined to finish. Stay tuned to this space...

We spent much of our time kicking around plans for future meetings to fill out this 2013 calendar year. An email will go around soon to active members requesting input on our musings for upcoming activities and destinations. New member, Shulamit Lotate chimed in with a suggestion of having people research favorite artists and make presentations to the group. She touched on her discovery of Mary Delany - an artist new to us - whose remarkable paper collage art is shown in a detail on our home page banner this month, and its complete composition above, right. Shulamit will prepare a talk on Delany for a future meeting, to be announced. In the meantime, here are a couple of websites where you can see more of Delany's work and learn more about this amazing artist who started making her meticulous botanical collages at the age of 72, in the year 1772. Thanks Shulamit!

http://nickyskye.blogspot.com/2011/06/mary-delany-collage-artist-of-flowers_21.html

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Delany

There's even a book: *The Paper Garden: Mrs. Delany Begins her Life's Work at 72*, by Molly Peacock. <http://www.mcclelland.com/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780771070334>