

Autumn's Poetic Sketchbook:
Ink Drawing and Botanical
Watercolor With Giacomina
Ferrillo

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About Giacomina

Giacomina Ferrillo is an Italian artist with a rich and versatile background. Graduated in Scenography, Art of Printing Techniques and Graphic Design and a Master in Illustration, she has held various professional positions in the theatrical field, interior design and publishing. As an illustrator and author she has published a dozen children's books, translated into several languages. Since many years she has been completely dedicated to botanical art, in love with the discipline itself and the continuous sense of amazement that it is capable of arousing. She is ASBA member, four times SBA exhibition attended, 2024 RHS Silver-Gilt medal awarded.

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Course Description

We are back for a second year!

This six day course offers a unique opportunity to observe and capture the region's diverse flora, from wildflowers to ancient Seggianese olive trees, using traditional and contemporary botanical illustration techniques.

Through daily guided sketching sessions in our gardens, vineyards, the Mount Amiata, and the rolling countryside, participants will develop their observational skills and refine their ability to render plants with accuracy and artistry. Giacomina Ferrillo will provide expert instruction on composition, line work, shading, and color application, helping each student bring their botanical subjects to life.

The course is open to artists of all levels, from beginners to experienced illustrators looking to deepen their practice in a natural setting. Whether you are looking to refine your artistic technique or simply spend a week sketching in one of the most beautiful regions of Italy, this course offers the perfect blend of learning and leisure.

WHERE'S HORTULANUS?

Hortulanus is located in the Seggianese countryside, near a natural basin adorned with centuries-old olive trees of majestic wisdom. It is here where climate and nature paint a territory of perfect biological balance, where expanses of centuries-old olive groves and small vineyards surround Monte Amiata.





Our villa is located on a gated property of 15 hectares, surrounded by lush vineyards and olive groves, a beautifully manicured Zen garden, breathtaking views of the rolling Tuscan hills and the famous Mont Amiata providing a all the inspiration you would need to create art.





Our Rooms

AGLIO

SECOND FLOOR
ROOM WITH
BATHROOM
KING SIZED BED

LAVANDA

THIRD FLOOR
ROOM WITH
BATHTUB KING
SIZED BED

PERVINCA

COTTAGE BEDROOM
DOUBLE BED
AND BATHROOM

CASA DELLA NONNA

ROOM RESERVED FOR
COURSE TEACHER.
BATHROOM AND KITCHEN

GIRASOLE

SECOND FLOOR
ROOM WITH
BATHROOM
KING SIZED BED

ROSA

SECOND FLOOR
ROOM WITH
BATHROOM KING
SIZED BED
With TERRACE

IBISCO

COTTAGE BEDROOM
SINGLE BED





DAILY MEALS

Breakfast, lunch and dinner
will be cooked by our local
chef, Cristina.

Cristina is Seggiano's "nonna",
with a huge passion for her
culture and feeding others.






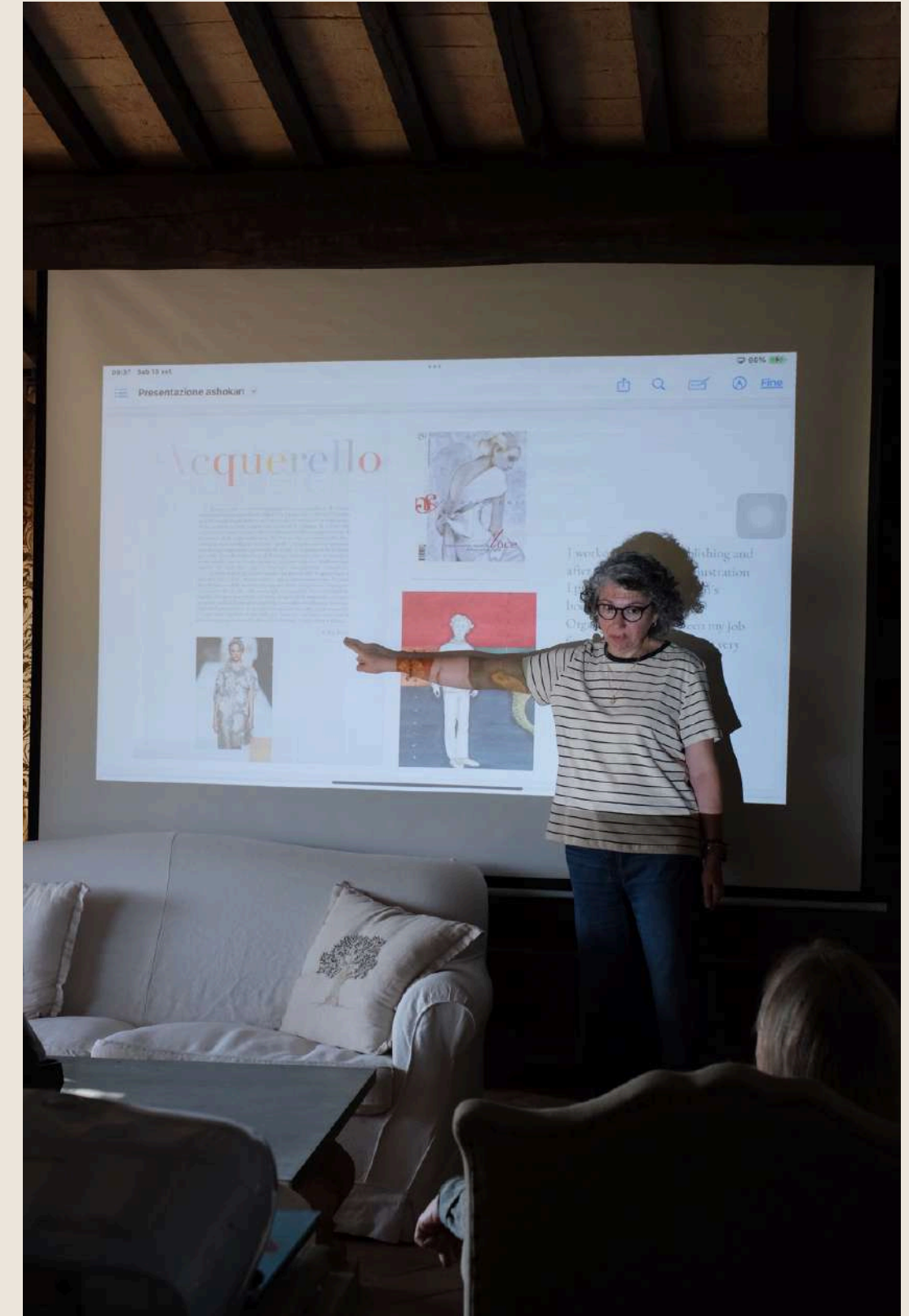


THE LIMONAIA

Our limonaia is a bright and inviting space, blending the rustic elegance of a traditional greenhouse with the warmth of a creative studio. Filled with both natural light and lamps, and surrounded by greenery, it features a long communal table perfect for art courses of any type. Whether used for painting, drawing, or creative discussions, the space fosters both focus and collaboration, making it an ideal setting for artistic expression.



Last Year's Course



What is included

Just about everything is included in this price: airport pick-ups and drop-offs, transportation for the excursions, etc., breakfast lunch and dinner, accommodation, and tuition by Giacomina Ferrillo. Not included are your flights to Rome or travel insurance.

- Private single bedroom at Hortulanus - €4,300 per person
- Double occupancy at Hortulanus - €3,900 per person
- Private single room at a nearby hotel - €3,900 per person

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