



Lesson for Podcast 06: Be an Artist!

Lesson Summary: Amble around the koi pond, find a great spot and draw your impression of the koi.

Lesson Description: In this lesson, you will trek to the koi pond in the Zilker Botanical garden and find a spot that you find interesting or even inspiring. The many small paths allow you to get a great look. Once you find just the right angle, spend some time just watching the fish and the plants. Then, draw what you see using your colored pencils.

Materials Needed:

I-pod, loaded with Zilker Trek and headphones
Journal
Colored Pencils
Your imagination

Activity Discussion: Artists create work that reflects their perception of the world, in pencil, paint, clay and many other mediums. How is what you see unique or different from what others see? It may be the angle of view or maybe the unique way that you interpret the movement of one of the fish in the koi pond. You may draw a realistic representation of what you see or go in the other direction and be completely abstract. It's up to you.

Additional Resources:

Web:
Check out Dale Whaley's images of koi.
<http://www.whaleysfishlips.com/>

Notes:

Don't forget to upload your images and scans of your journal pages to our on-line gallery.