

Jungle Nymph Pinning Class- SATURDAY 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

2 hrs

Class Description:

Learn the art and technique behind insect preservation in this beginner-friendly, hands-on class hosted by Silver Moon Curiosities. Join us as we explore the beautiful *Heteropterex dilatata*, commonly known as the *Malayan Jungle Nymph*.

In this class, you will learn about the art of entomology as you are guided through the process involved in manipulating a real insect for display. You will then be given all the guidance necessary to successfully mount your Jungle Nymph in a provided shadow box frame at home once dried (about one week). This class will include;

- A brief history of the species along with its taxonomy, anatomy, and distribution.
- An introduction to all the materials required for insect pinning.
- A discussion about how your insect was treated prior to class to prepare it to be pinned into position (and how to do this on your own in the future).
- Step-by-step guidance through the entire process of manipulating your insect while preserving its structural integrity and beauty.
- An overview of the unpinning and mounting process once your Jungle Nymph has dried into position.
- Information about sourcing specimens in the future (in case this becomes a new addiction).
- Important information for the longevity of your insect.

Materials included:

- One real Mayayan Jungle Nymph
- Insect Pinning Kit, including a foam board, spade tweezers, vellum paper, and stainless steel entomology pins.
- One 11x14' pre-matted glass frame

Additional information:

This class is appropriate for learners ages 12 and up.

One ticket allows one seat. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate spectators in this class. Parents of minors will need to be present only at check-in with their learner

Photographs are encouraged, especially if you share them with your instructor.

*Please note: Beetles are known to carry the same joint protein as shellfish. Learners with shellfish sensitivities will have an option to wear gloves if this is a concern.

About your instructor:

Your instructor for this class is Kristin Silver. The owner and artist behind Silver Moon Curiosities, Kristin has a fifteen-year history in art education with both children and adults. For eight years, she has been creating

artistically curated entomology displays that focus on the simple beauty of insects. Her goal is for everyone to enjoy trying something new and hopefully gain a new appreciation for the fascinating creatures of the insect world.