**Butterflies and Odilon Redon**

Saturday 15th May 2021

11.45am to 3.45pm

An online workshop for Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, Maidenhead

Odilon Redon is best known for his imaginative symbolist paintings but also he developed a keen interest in natural forms and life revealed by the microscope encouraged by his friend the Botanist Armand Clavaud. Butterflies were included in several mythological paintings and also fluttering amogst his vases of flowers. However his singular imagination led to the creation of works including fictional flowers and butterflies among those we would recognise.

Inspired by Redon we will create paintings including butterflies which we may treat loosely or in a more detailed way using watercolour, pencil and/or pastel. A mixed media approach is totally in keeping with the artist’s later works. To find some relevant reference look out for butterfly illustrations and for Redon simply Google “Redon butterflies” or go to Jo’s Pinterest board;

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/jhall1282/butterflies-in-art/>

For tickets and materials information visit the Norden Farm Box Office at

[www.nordenfarm.org](http://www.nordenfarm.org)

Materials information;

**You will need;**

Watercolour paper Cold Pressed (NOT) or Hot Pressed

Watercolour paints and brushes, a pencil, a few pastel sticks and/or pastel pencils,

Paper towel, small natural sponge if you have one, old toothbrush, craft knife

Water pots, palette, drawing board or easel, spray fixative if using dry pastel

Tape or clips to attach your paper to the board.