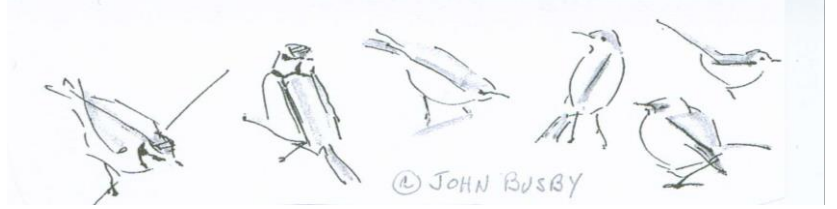


# Drawing Nature

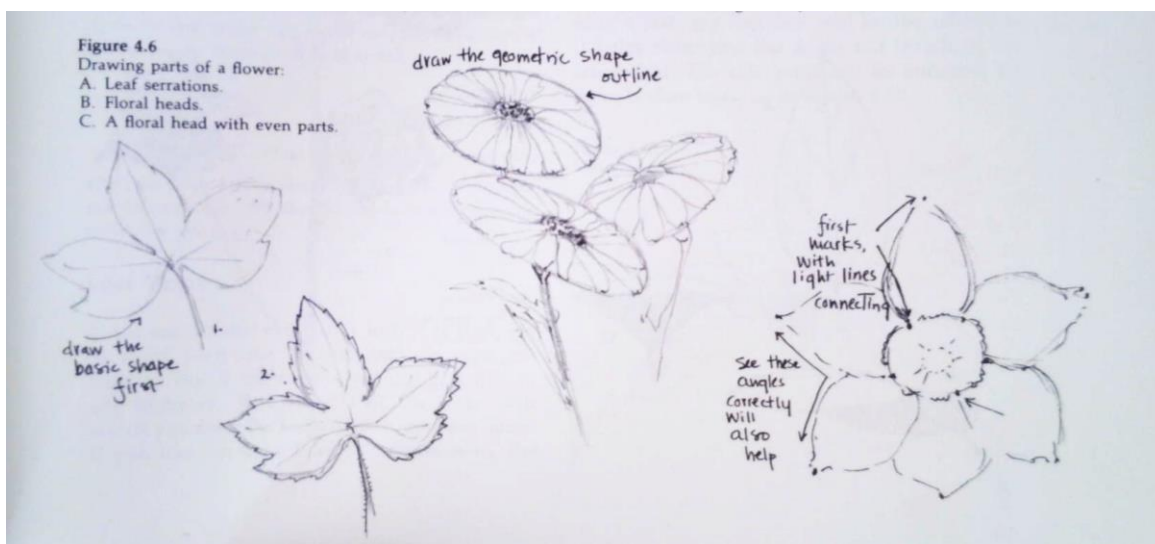


Hopefully as we go through the seasons, you are following what is happening in your garden, perhaps in a sketchbook that you can refer to. That is one of the advantages we have with zoom. And remember your neighborhood is also your garden.

One of my favorite drawing books is Clare Walker Leslie's, Drawing Nature. Her book deals with plants, animals, and birds and is more geared toward drawing outside but not entirely. There is no color in the book but what I like best is that she includes drawings by many different artists, much like John Busby's Drawing Birds, another favorite.

Ideas today from Drawing Nature for drawing plants:

- ❖ Time spent looking at your flower is as important as time spent drawing it.
- ❖ How big is it?
- ❖ How do the petals curl?
- ❖ How much do you want to show?
- ❖ Find the position you like.
- ❖ Think about position on the page.
- ❖ Study the form and ask yourself what you want to say about it.
- ❖ Where and how would it grow naturally?



“Do not get overwhelmed by answerless questions.” ... Clare Walker Leslie