

# **August in the Arctic: Creative Practices for Connecting with**

**Plants** with Klara Maisch

## **ITINERARY - August 20-27, 2026**

*This is approximate and will shift depending on weather, energy levels, and other activities happening at Toolik. There will be flexibility to work longer hours if desired or to take time for yourself to rest and immerse yourself in the surroundings.*

**Thursday, August 20 - Transportation: Fairbanks to Toolik Field Station** - Van ride North from UAF to Toolik Field Station

- Dinner at Toolik, Toolik orientation, and welcome
- Move-in and rest

### **Day 1 - Patterns of Place**

- Quick tour of Toolik camp and facilities
- Project: Patterns of place - creative activities experimenting with texture and pattern - Boardwalk research site tour (~2 hours - a fantastic overview of Arctic research at Toolik)

### **Day 2 - Field Trip and Cyanotypes**

- Field trip south to the Brooks Range
- Project: Botanical cyanotypes and tracings

### **Day 3 - Day Hike**

- Optional: Day hike near Galbraith Lake, Jade Mountain, or Attigun River. If you prefer, you can remain at Toolik to rest or independently work on creative projects

### **Day 4 - Watercolor and Plant Studies**

- Project: Basic color mixing and watercolor techniques with simple plant studies - Flex ½ day: options for a shorter outing, field sketching, rest

### **Day 5 - Field Trip and Tundra Study**

- Field trip north to the Sagavanirktok River overlook
- Project: Mini Tundra study
- Optional: Toolik Talking Shop

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## **Day 6 - Putting it all Together**

- Project: Watercolor study of the ground, using an impressionistic or observational approach - Clean and pack up art supplies

- Optional: Art show

**Thursday, August 27 - Transportation: Toolik Field Station to Fairbanks**