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### More snowdrops

• The events listed across the top of this page are just a fraction of the snowdrop days running this month and next. Visit [www.telegraph.co.uk/gardening](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/gardening) and look for Days out with Snowdrops 2010 for a more extensive list.

### Botanical art

• This beautiful illustration of a snowdrop (right) by Sarah Simblet, is included in her new book *Botany for the Artist*, which lifts the staid image of botanical illustration to a new level of inspiration and vitality, with her visually stunning analysis of roots,

stems, leaves, flowers and fruit, and master classes on historical illustrations and contemporary photographs. *Botany for the Artist* (Dorling Kindersley), is available from Telegraph Books for £23 plus £1.25 p&p. Call 0844 871 1515 or go to [books.telegraph.co.uk](http://books.telegraph.co.uk).

### Drawing class

• A mix of study, painting and holiday based at a luxurious hotel in Madeira, the island well known for its exotic flora, sounds like the

perfect antidote to a long, grey winter.

The Botanical and Flower Painting Class at Reid's Palace, April 27-May 1, designed by Dr Shirley Sherwood, the world's leading collector of botanical art, will be taught by Siriol Sherlock who has had numerous solo exhibitions at Kew and won RHS awards for her work. The cost is €560 (£489) per person (not including accommodation). Visit [www.orient-express.com/botanical](http://www.orient-express.com/botanical) or call 020 7921 4068 for more details.

