



**OGDEN MUSEUM  
OF SOUTHERN ART**  
EDUCATION DEPT

**Ogden After Hours  
O-riginal Art Activity:**

**Representing Native Bees  
Inspired by Shawn Hall**



Shawn Hall, *Bees in Mind*, 2018, Collaboration with B.A St. Ville Elementary

Born in Ann Arbor, MI, Shawn Hall has lived and worked in New Orleans since 1997. She conducts fieldwork alongside her painting: documenting and researching the natural environment around her. She is an advocate for bee's protection and raises awareness about environmental issues through her work.

Draw a native bee with all of its physical attributes.



**Supplies List:**

Pencils, Colored Pencils, Cardstock, Markers

**Instructions:**

**Step 1:** Read the description of a bee and reference the drawings in the gallery.

**Step 2:** Use a pencil to draw a sketch of your bee. Try to keep in mind the proportions of a native bee.

**Step 3:** Use colored pencils and markers to draw your finished piece. You can refer to your sketch.

**Step 4:** Think about bees: Why do you think native bees are important? How can we help protect these diverse and important insects?

**Native Bees' Attributes:**

- Native bees use their tongues to eat nectar from the flower. Their tongues can be different lengths.
- Bees come in many different colors.
- All bees have 3 main body parts:
  - The head (small)
  - The thorax (medium)
  - The abdomen (large)
- They have 4 wings, 6 legs, 2 antennae, 2 compound eyes and a tongue.