

Allen, Helen

b. London, England

Residence: England

Education:

B.A. (Honors), Textile Design, Leeds University, 1966–1969

Post-graduate Teaching Certificate, Homerton College, Cambridge, 1969–1970

Career:

Primary school teacher, 1970–1980

Self-employed party planner and caterer, 1981–1986

Research worker and coordinator for a variety of research projects and publications,
1987–1999

Course director, Botanical Design, English Gardening School, Chelsea Physic Garden,
London, 2001–

Membership:

Chelsea Physic Garden Florilegium Society

“Helen Allen is a member of the Working Group helping the Prince’s Foundation prepare
a florilegium for Highgrove for which, at present, no works have been accepted.”

Media:

Watercolor, pen-and-ink, pencil

Group Exhibition(s):

Botanical Watercolors at Ebury Galleries, London, 1999, 2000, 2001

Watercolors from the Chelsea Physic Garden Florilegium Society, Hunt Institute for
Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, 2000

Welsh Botanical Artists exhibition, National Botanic Garden of Wales, 2001

Commissions:

Royal London Homeopathic Hospital League of Friends (on the 150th anniversary of the
founding of the hospital). *Calendula officinalis* presented to Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth, 27 November 1999.

Numerous private commissions

Work Reproduced In:

Strong, R. May 1999. *Country Life*.

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Strelitzia reginae 2000

Watercolor 46.5 × 30.5 cm

Hunt Institute collection, gift from the artist

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Hyacinthoides hispanica, Bluebell 2001

Watercolor 57.5 × 42 cm

Hunt Institute collection, gift from the artist

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