



## BATTEN, AURIOL URSULA

b. Pietermaritzburg, Kwa-Zulu Natal Province,  
South Africa, [REDACTED]

### ADDRESS:

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### EDUCATION:

B.Sc. H. Ed., University of Natal, 1937  
Art, Durban Technical College, 1941–1944  
Ph.D. (honoris causa), Rhodes University, 1994

### CAREER:

Teacher, various schools, Natal midlands  
Botanical artist  
Pottery teacher, East London Technical College

### MEMBERSHIP:

Founding member, Border Wildflower Society  
Botanical Artists' Association of Southern Africa

### MEDIA:

Watercolor, oil

### GROUP EXHIBITION(S):

Art in Science, International Botanical Congress, Missouri  
Botanic Garden, St. Louis, Mo., 1999  
Everard Read Memorial Exhibition, Johannesburg, 2000  
Inaugural Kirstenbosch Exhibition of Botanical Art, Old  
Mutual Conference and Exhibition Centre, Kirsten-  
bosch, 2000

### ONE-PERSON EXHIBITION(S):

Pretoria Art Museum, 1986  
Retrospective exhibition, East London Museum, 1993  
Gladiolus, Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden,  
Cape Town, 1999

### HONOR(S)/AWARD(S):

Gold Medal, Royal Horticultural Society, 1986  
Co-winner, Usher Award of the Natal Society, 1991  
Cythna Letty Award, 1992  
Certificate of Merit, South African Society of Botanists,  
1994  
Gold Medal, Inaugural Kirstenbosch Exhibition of Botani-  
cal Art, 2000

### COLLECTIONS:

National Botanical Institute, Pretoria  
National Botanical Institute, Kirstenbosch  
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh  
Numerous private collections

### WORK REPRODUCED IN:

Batten, A. and H. Bokelmann. 1966. Wildflowers of the  
Eastern Cape Province. Cape Town: Books of Africa.  
Batten, A. 1986. Flowers of Southern Africa. Sandton:  
Frandsen.  
Bothalia. [Plates in vols. 29, 32, 33 (2004)].  
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The Flowering Plants of the Tsitsikama Forest and  
Coastal National Park.  
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Agricultural Technical Services. [Plates in vols. 46, 50,  
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Africa. Cape Town: Fernwood Press.  
Goldblatt, P. and J. Manning. In press, 2004. Crocosmia and  
Chasmanthe. Portland, Oreg.: Timber Press.  
Hey, D. 1977. Water Source of Life.  
Hey, D. 2001. Water and Wildlife.  
Hilliard, O. M. and B. L. Burtt. 1991. Dierama: The Hairbells  
of Africa. Johannesburg: Acorn Books.  
Nelson, E. C. and A. Batten. 1995. Harveya pulchra.  
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Botanical Art: Peeling Back the Petals. Vlaeberg, S.A.:  
Fernwood Press. (Collector's and Sponsor's editions)  
Blunt, W. and W. Stearn. 1994. The Art of Botanical  
Illustration. Woodbridge, Suffolk: Antique Collector's  
Club in association with the Royal Botanic Gardens,  
Kew.  
Brown, A. C. 1977. A History of Scientific Endeavour in  
South Africa. Royal Society of South Africa.

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Gladiolus malvinus\* 1994  
Watercolor 32 x 24.5 cm  
Lent by the National Botanical Institute, Kirstenbosch

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