



## COLEMAN, KAREN

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RESIDENCE: USA

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### EDUCATION

B.A., History, George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.,  
1966–1970

M.L.S., Library Science, University of Maryland,  
College Park, Md., 1973–1974

Certificate program, Brookside Gardens School of Botanical  
Art & Illustration, McCrillis Gardens, Bethesda, Md.,  
2005–2007, 2008–

### CAREER

Librarian, Fairfax County Public Library, Fairfax County,  
Va., 1974–1978; Library Branch Manager, 1978–1983;  
Director of Support Services, 1983–1987

Director of Administration, Office for Children,  
Fairfax County, Va., 1987–1996

Executive Director, Fairfax County Public Library  
Foundation, Fairfax, Va., 1996–2000

Freelance artist, 2001–

Teacher, Brookside Gardens School of Botanical Art &  
Illustration, McCrillis Gardens, Bethesda, Md., 2008–

### MEMBERSHIP

American Society of Botanical Artists  
Botanical Art Society of the National Capital Region  
Colored Pencil Society of America, Signature Status

### MEDIA

Colored pencil, watercolor, pen-and-ink, graphite pencil,  
pastels

### ONE-PERSON EXHIBITION(S)

Natural Encounters, Audubon Naturalist Society, Leesburg, Va.,  
2004

Botanical Art, Middleburg Library, Middleburg, Va., 2006  
The Art of Botanicals, ZigZag Gallery, The Plains, Va., 2009

### GROUP EXHIBITION(S)

Vanishing Landscapes I and II, Land Trust of Virginia,  
Middleburg, Va., 2002, 2003

Flora of Virginia, State Arboretum of Virginia, Boyce, Va., 2003  
13th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th Annual International  
Exhibition, Colored Pencil Society of America, Palette  
& Chisel Academy of Fine Arts, Chicago, Ill., 2005;  
The Mansion at Strathmore, Bethesda, Md., 2007;  
Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Seattle,  
Wash., 2008; Hudgens Center for the Arts, Duluth, Ga.,  
2009; The Art Museum of Los Gatos, Los Gatos, Calif.,  
2010

Botanica 2006–2010: The Art & Science of Plants, Annual  
Exhibition of the Brookside Gardens School of

Botanical Art & Illustration, Brookside Gardens Visitors  
Center, Wheaton, Md., 2006–2010

Inspired by the Plant: Art and Illustration, Botanical Art  
Society of the National Capital Region Annual Juried  
Exhibitions, The Athenaeum, Alexandria, Va., 2006

Inspired by the Garden, Botanical Art Society of the National  
Capital Region Annual Juried Exhibitions, Green Spring  
Gardens Horticulture Center, Alexandria, Va., 2007, 2008

Small Works, American Society of Botanical Artists  
Conference Exhibition, Huntington Library,  
San Marino, Calif., 2008

Eyes on Nature: Botanical Artists Bring Their Views to River Farm,  
Botanical Art Society of the National Capital Region  
Annual Juried Exhibitions, American Horticultural  
Society, Historic House, River Farm, Alexandria, Va.,  
2009

A Natural Perspective, International Juried Exhibition of  
the American Society of Botanical Artists, Phoenix Art  
Museum, Phoenix, Ariz., 2009 [Exhibition catalogue]

Losing Paradise? Endangered Plants Here and Around the World,  
American Society of Botanical Artists traveling  
exhibition, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Mo.,  
2009; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Ill., 2010;  
New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, N.Y., 2010;  
Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural  
History, 2010 [Exhibition catalogue]

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

Award for Excellence, 15th and 17th Annual International  
Exhibition, Colored Pencil Society of America, 2007,  
2009

### COMMISSIONS

Numerous private commissions

### WORK REPRODUCED IN

Hamilton, N., ed. 2007. Butterflies of Loudoun County.  
Purcellville, Va.: Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy. [Cover.]

Ligi, S., ed. 2009. Loudoun County Bird Atlas. Purcellville,  
Va.: Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy. [Logo and cover.]

Oldham, P. 2008. Clean up your garden. Loudoun Magazine  
Spring.

Zimet, K., ed. 2006. The Sow's Ear Poetry Review Summer.  
[Cover.]

### BIBLIOGRAPHY

Woodin, C. and P. H. Raven. 2009. Losing Paradise?  
Endangered Plants Here and Around the World.  
New York: American Society of Botanical Artists.  
[Exhibition catalogue.]

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Bloodroot, *Sanguinaria canadensis* 2009

Pen-and-ink on Dura-Lar 36 × 28 cm

Hunt Institute collection, purchased with a gift from the  
Western Pennsylvania Unit of the Herb Society of  
America in memory of Josephine S. Wedemeyer  
(1935–2009)

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