

COOMBS, JILL

b. Horsham, Sussex, England

RESIDENCE: ENGLAND

EDUCATION:

West Sussex College of Art, 1952-1955

CAREER:

Industrial and graphic designer, Wilkes and Ashmore, Horsham, 1957-1960

Art and design teacher, Hazelwick School Three Bridges, 1973

Freelance artist, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (floras of Iraq, Qatar and Egypt), 1978-

Official orchid artist, Royal Horticultural Society, 1983

Botanical illustration instructor, West Sussex Adult Education Service, 6 years

Botanical illustration instructor, the English Gardening School, Chelsea Physic Garden, 1994-1996

MEMBERSHIP:

Society of Botanical Artists

American Society of Botanical Artists

MEDIUM:

Watercolor

GROUP EXHIBITION(S):

Annual exhibitions, Society of Botanical Artists, London

Annual exhibitions, Broughton Gallery, Scotland

National Theatre, London, 1990

Kew Gardens Gallery, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1990, 1994

Pheasant Fine Art, Sussex, 1995

ONE-PERSON EXHIBITION(S):

Arundel Festival, Arundel Art Center, Sussex, 1986

HONOR(S)/AWARD(S):

Gold Medal, Royal Horticultural Society, 1978, 1985, 1988

COLLECTIONS:

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Royal Horticultural Society, London

Dr. Shirley Sherwood, London

WORK REPRODUCED IN:

Chatto, Beth. 1985. Plant portraits. London.

Country life. 1989, 1990.

Grey-Wilson, C. 1987. Herbs for cooking and health. London.

Bot. Mag.

Mathews, Brian. 1982. The crocus. London.

Stearn, William T. 1990. Flower artists of Kew. London.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Sherwood, Shirley. 1996. Contemporary botanical artists: The Shirley Sherwood collection. London.

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Cucumis metuliferus 1998

Watercolor 35 x 27 cm.

Hunt Institute collection

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Cardiocrinum giganteum 1990

Watercolor 81 x 58.5 cm.

Lent by the artist

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