

ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name:

Bridget Jane Gillespie

City and country of birth:

Brighton, United Kingdom

Citizenship:

British

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Web site:

Facebook page only; Bridget Gillespie Botanical Watercolours

Education:

BA Hons, Graphic Design, Middlesex Polytechnic, London, UK, 1981-4

Field Studies Council, Flatford Mill, Botanical Illustration Workshop, tutor Jenny Jowett, 1992-2008

Career:

Self-employed Botanical Illustrator and teacher 1995-present day

Artwork medium:

Watercolour

One-Person Exhibition(s):

- *New Botanical Watercolours*, Helmsley Arts Centre, Helmsley, North Yorkshire, 2004
- *The Northern Pomona, Apples for Cool Climates*, The Lawrence Sterne Trust, Shandy Hall, Coxwold, North Yorkshire, 2006
- *The Northern Pomona, Apples for Cool Climates*, Lawrence Hall, Royal Horticultural Society, 2007
- *New Botanical Watercolours*, Helmsley Arts Centre, Helmsley, North Yorkshire, 2012
- *Rich Pickings, Pears, Medlars and Quinces*, The Lawrence Sterne Trust, Shandy Hall, Coxwold, North Yorkshire, 2014

Group Exhibition(s):

- *Spring into Flower*, Ryedale Folk Museum, Hutton-Le-Hole, North Yorkshire, 2006

- *The Botanical Palette*, Society of Botanical Artists, Westminster Central Hall, London, UK, 2008 (catalogue)
- *Master Drawings*, Crispian Riley-Smith, 22 Bury Street, London, UK, 2008
- *Flowers and Gardens*, Society of Botanical Artists, Westminster Central Hall, London, UK, 2009 (catalogue)
- *North Yorkshire Open Studios*, North Yorkshire, 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10, '13, '14 (catalogue)

Honours/Awards:

- Gold Medal, *London Flower Show*, Royal Horticultural Society, London, UK, 2002
- Gold Medal, *London Flower Show*, Royal Horticultural Society, London, UK, 2008
- Certificate of Botanical Merit, *The Botanical Palette*, Society of Botanical Artists, London, UK, 2008
- Gold Medal and Best in Show (Single Painting), *RHS Botanical Art Show*, Royal Horticultural Society, London, UK, 2017
- Gold Medal, *RHS Plant and Art Fair*, Royal Horticultural Society, London, UK, 2018

Collections:

RHS Lindley Library, Royal Horticultural Society, London.

Work reproduced in: (*publications the artist was commissioned to illustrate or works authored by the artist*)

- *The Northern Pomona, Apples for Cool Climates*, Ed. Hawthorne, L., Pomona Publications, Great Britain, 2007 (All illustrations based on watercolour paintings and pencil drawings)

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