

ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name: Kimber, Sheila Valerie

City and country of birth: Deolali, India

Residence: England

Career:

Author, lecturer, radio/TV personality

Artwork medium:

Watercolor

One-Person Exhibition(s):

- 60 botanical paintings, Calcutta, 1958
- Tunbridge Wells Art Gallery, 1967

Honors/Awards:

- Gold Grenfell Medal for exhibition of 23 orchid paintings of the “Flora of Asia,”
Royal Horticultural Society

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

- Commissioned by Governor of West Bengal for 7 paintings for the suite occupied by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, 1961.
- Completed 5 paintings hung at Royal Guest House, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Commissioned by the Sikkim Royal family to collect and paint portraits of native Sikkimese orchids, 1962.
- Kimber, S.V. A handbook of orchids. Karachi, By the Author, 1964. Includes full color reproductions of 23 color plates of orchid portraits painted by her.

Please include any pertinent biographical information not covered by the above categories:

Specialty: Oil and watercolor portraits of plants and flowers. Possesses a private portfolio of more than 150 portrait paintings of tropical and subtropical plants and flowers.

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