

# KLAAS, BARBARA

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#### Education

Completed foundation program, Art and Architecture, University of Illinois, Chicago, Ill., 1979

B.A., Psychology, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo. 1994

Foundation course, Botanic Illustration Program, Denver Botanic Garden, Denver, Colo.

Classes with Jan Busse, Renaissance Art School, Barrington, Ill., 2003–2004

Botanic Arts Certificate Program classes with Derek Norman, Joseph Regenstein Jr. School, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Ill.

Nature drawing class, Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Ill., 2006

#### CAREER

Contract Recruiter, Denver, Colo. and Chicago, Ill., 1985– Freelance botanical artist, 2004–

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS American Society of Botanical Artists Reed-Turner Woodland Botanical Artists' Circle

## Artwork медіа Watercolor, graphite pencil, pen-and-ink

ONE-PERSON EXHIBITION(S) Ela Area Public Library, Lake Zurich, Ill., 2007

GROUP EXHIBITION(S)

- 1st–7th Annual Plant Sale & Botanic Art Show, Reed-Turner Nature Center, Long Grove, Ill., 2006–2012
- Drawn to Nature I and II, Reed-Turner Woodland Botanical Artists' Circle, Friends of Ryerson Woods, Brushwood, Deerfield, Ill., 2008, 2013
- 11th, 12th and 14th Annual International Juried Botanical Art Exhibition, American Society of Botanical Artists and Horticulture Society of New York, New York, N.Y., 2008, 2009 and 2011 [Exhibition catalogues]
- Ela Library Botanical Exhibit, Reed-Turner Botanical Artists' Circle, Ela Area Public Library, Lake Zurich, Ill., 2008
- 2nd–5th Annual Student Botanical Arts Exhibition, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe, Ill., 2008–2011
- Garden Party: Garden Inspired Art Show, Highland Park Art Center, Highland Park, Ill., 2009
- 13th Annual Botanical Art Exhibition, Filoli, Woodside, Calif., 2011

Small Works, American Society of Botanical Artists 18th Annual Meeting and Conference exhibition, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Ill., 2012 [Exhibition catalogue]

Following in the Bartrams' Footsteps, American Society of Botanical Artists traveling exhibition, Bartram's Garden Gallery, Philadelphia, Penn., 2013; South Florida Museum, Brandenton, Fla., 2013; Cherokee Garden Library/Atlanta History Center, Atlanta, Ga., 2014; North Carolina Botanical Garden, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2014

### Collections

Numerous private collections in the United States

Work Reproduced In

The Botanical Artist: Journal of the American Society of Botanical Artists, 2008, 2009, cover; Barrington Lifestyles Magazine 2008, 2009; Quintessential Barrington Magazine, 2009; Chicago Botanic Gardens Members Magazine & Program Guide, 2011

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Curly Dock, Rumex crispus [*Rumex crispus* Linnaeus, Polygonaceae] 2011 Watercolor on paper 56 × 38.5 cm Hunt Institute collection, gift from the artist

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