

ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name:

Matyas, John Morgan

City and country of birth:

Cleveland, OH, US

Residence:

United States of America

Education:

B.S., Botany and Biology, 1977

Career:

Freelance botanical illustrator, 1982–

Zoological artist, Cleveland Zoological Garden, 1977–1984

Graphic artist, Metroparks System, 1984–1990

Professional memberships:

Vice President, Society of Nature Artists, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1984–1986

Artwork medium:

Watercolor

One-Person Exhibition(s):

- 1980, 1982, Garden Center of Greater Cleveland
- 1984, Holden Arboretum, Mentor, OH
- 1987, National Audubon Society
- 1988, Ninth District Federal Reserve Building for the National Organization of Visual Artists
- 1989, Fenwick Gallery, Baldwin Wallace University
- 1990, US National Arboretum, Washington, DC
- 1991, National Parks Foundation, Costa Rica
- 1992, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, DC
- 1978, 1993, Corning Gallery, Cleveland Museum of Natural History
- 1985, 1993, Missouri Botanical Garden

Group Exhibition(s):

- National Organization for the Visual Arts, Cleveland, OH
- Society of Nature Artists, Cleveland, OH
- 1985, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Museum, WI
- 1985, Springfield Museum, Springfield, MA
- 1986, Rochester Museum, Rochester, NY

- 1987, Fenwick Gallery, Cleveland, OH
- 1992, International Botanical Exposition, Columbus, OH

Honors/Awards:

- 1982, Outstanding Educational Award, Ohio Parks and Recreation Association
- 1985, Best of Show, Society of Nature Artists Annual Exhibition, Cleveland Garden Center
- 1987, Certificate of Excellence for Native Flora Series, Mohawk Paper Corporation
- 1989, Artist of the Year, Public Broadcasting Systems
- 1991–1992, Invited artist, Costa Rica National Park Celebration

Collections:

Cleveland Garden Center
 Cleveland Museum of Natural History
 Holden Arboretum
 Missouri Botanical Garden
 US National Arboretum

Bibliography:

- *Birds in art journal*. Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum.
- Cleveland Home and Flower Show Association.
- Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Rainforest Commission.
- Costa Rican National Parks Foundation.
- Doris Kennedy Memorial.
- Dr. David Leach.
- *Explorer*. Cleveland, OH: Cleveland Museum of Natural History.
- *The gamut science journal*.
- Holden Arboretum.
- PBS station.
- *Prevention magazine*. Rodale Press. 1983.

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