

GILLIAN BARLOW

Botanical Artist

Chair of Botanical Art Judging Panel



Having studied at the Slade School of Fine Art, Gillian later gained an MA in Art History at the University of Sussex. She has focused on botanical illustration for the past 30 years.

Gillian's work has been exhibited around the world and is now held in many of the major international collections. She has contributed to publications such as *The New Plantsman* and *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*, and spent many years teaching botanical art. Gillian took on the role of assistant artist for the RHS Orchid Committee for several years, before becoming a member of the RHS Picture Committee (now Botanical Art Judging Panel). Recent commissions include the Royal Signature painting for HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee (2022).

RHS Awards: RHS Gold medals 1994, 1997, 1999 (Joint exhibit)
Gold Veitch Memorial medal, 2015

MARTYN RIX

Botanist, Collector and Writer, FLS



With the completion of his PhD on *Fritillaria* at Cambridge University, Martyn worked at the Institute of Systematic Botany, University of Zurich, Switzerland and at the RHS gardens at Wisley.

Martyn has travelled extensively on plant collecting trips, and he is the author of many books and articles on plants and horticulture. Martyn has been the editor of *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*, RBG Kew, since 2003. He is the longest serving member of the RHS Botanical Art Judging Panel, having joined, first as secretary, in 1978.

RHS Awards: Gold Veitch Memorial Medal, 1999

DEBORAH LAMBKIN

RHS Orchid Artist and Botanical Artist, FLS



Deborah has been a professional botanical illustrator since leaving the National College of Art and Design, Ireland in 1991.

In 2005, Deborah became the ninth official Orchid Artist for the RHS, and has since painted over 500 orchid portraits. She also produces illustrations for RBG Kew, and regularly undertakes talks and demonstrations about her work. In 2019, Deborah was awarded the Jill Smythies Award for outstanding botanical illustration, from the Linnaean Society, London. In 2020, Deborah received the Margaret Flockton Award 1st Prize from the RBG Sydney, for her illustration of a new species of Gastrodiaorchid.

RHS Awards: RHS Gold medal, 1999

MASUMI YAMANAKA

Botanical Artist, Teacher, Curator and Writer



Masumi trained under renowned botanical artist Pandora Sellars, who she also described as her mentor, responsible for introducing her to RBG Kew gardens.

With six months of the year in Tokyo and the rest in London, Masumi has the best of both worlds artistically and horticulturally. Whilst in the UK she still works at RBG Kew, where she has been resident artist since 2006, producing plates for *Curtis's Botanical Magazine* and records plants for the living collections. When in Japan, Masumi teaches illustration at Tokyo University's Botanic Gardens.

RHS Awards: RHS Gold medal, 2010

HELEN ALLEN

Botanical Artist, Teacher, BA Hons, PG Cert Ed, Dip EGS, FLS



Helen originally trained as a textile designer and teacher, before studying at the English Gardening School in the Chelsea Physic Garden, London. She received the prestigious Diploma in Botanical Illustration and was a course tutor for a number of years before becoming the Diploma Course Director.

In 2014, she set up The Chelsea School of Botanical Art at the Chelsea Physic Garden, and now teaches privately from her garden studio near Richmond Park. Helen was the project lead for the Transylvania Florilegium on behalf of HM King Charles and Addison Publications. Her work is held in private and public collections around the world.

ANDREW P BROWN

Botanical Artist, FLS



After reading Botany at Oxford, followed by a Cambridge PhD, Andrew taught Biology for 30 years, before becoming a freelance botanical illustrator. He has worked for RBG Kew since 2002, producing illustrations mainly in pen and ink.

The Highgrove Florilegium and Transylvania Florilegium hold Andrew's work, in addition to the Chelsea Physic Garden Florilegium Society, the Hunt Institute in Pittsburgh, as well as at the RHS Lindley Library. Andrew received the Jill Smythies Award for outstanding botanical illustration, from the Linnaean Society, London in May 2022.

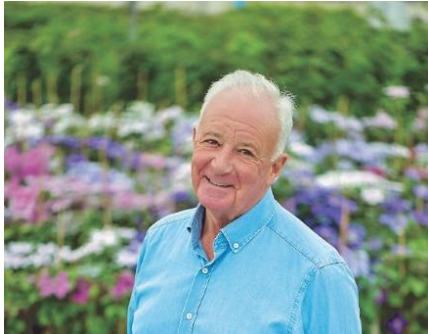
RHS Awards: RHS Gold medals 1992, 1994, 1997, 1999

RAYMOND EVISON

Moderator

RHS Vice-President and Judge
Nurseryman, Author, Photographer

OBE, VMH, FLS, FCI Hort.



With a horticultural career that began at the age of 15, Raymond has spent his lifetime dedicated to the cultivation of Clematis species and cultivars.

The Guernsey Clematis Nursery remains one of the largest specialist producers of young clematis plants and supplies plants worldwide, distributing its plants via both wholesale and retail channels. A former member of the Council of the RHS, and Chairman of the RHS' Shows Committee between 1988 and 1995, Raymond was elected RHS Vice-President in 2005.

RHS Awards: VMH, 1995

RHS Gold medals, 32 at RHS Chelsea Flower Show (up to and including 2022)