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EDUCATION

B.A., Studio Art, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., 1971

Jewelry making classes, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn., 1975–1976

Workshop in Ancient Techniques, Kulick Academy of Jewelry Making, New York, N.Y., 1977

Classical Botanical Art, Minnesota School of Botanical Art, Bakken Museum, Minneapolis, Minn., 2001–2010

Master classes with Katie Lee, Kate Nessler, Alice Tangerini, George Olson, Jean Emmons and Sunitorn Pimpasalee, Minnesota School of Botanical Art, Bakken Museum, Minneapolis, Minn., 2002–2008

CAREER

Artist, Tokyo, Japan, 1971–1974; Minneapolis, Minn., 1974–
Jeweler, Tokyo, Japan, 1971–1974; Minneapolis, Minn., 1974–1990

Professional indoor plant care and outdoor gardening, Minneapolis, Minn., 1985–

Art Instructor, University of Minnesota Arboretum, Chaska, Minn., 2006; Minnesota School of Botanical Art, Bakken Museum, Minneapolis, Minn., 2006–

MEMBERSHIP

American Society of Botanical Artists

MEDIA

Graphite pencil, graphite dust, carbon dust, watercolor, colored pencil, pen-and-ink

GROUP EXHIBITION(S)

Minnesota School of Botanical Art Annual Exhibition,

The Bakken Museum, Minneapolis, Minn., 2004–2007; University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, Minn., 2004–2007; St. Thomas University, Minneapolis, Minn., 2004–2007

Beauty of Botany, International Juried Exhibition of the American Society of Botanical Artists, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, Wash., 2006

9th Annual International Juried Botanical Art Exhibition, American Society of Botanical Artists and Horticultural Society of New York, New York, N.Y., 2006 [Exhibition catalogue]

Focus on Nature X, New York State Museum, Albany, N.Y., 2008 [Exhibition catalogue]

COLLECTIONS

Numerous private collections

COMMISSIONS

Numerous private commissions

WORK REPRODUCED IN

Easton, V. 2006. Botany beautiful. Pacific Northwest: The Seattle Times Sunday Magazine 24 September.

Weiblen, G. [n.d.] Interactive Key to the Figs of New Guinea. *Ficus pachyrrhachis*. <http://geo.cbs.umn.edu/newguineafigs/navikey.html>

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Viburnum trilobum 2009

Watercolor on paper 58 × 46.5 cm

Hunt Institute collection, gift from the artist

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Gaultheria procumbens 2008

Watercolor on paper 46.5 × 43 cm

Lent by the artist

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