

**Bolas, Valerie**

b. Dover, England  
Residence: England

Education:

Drawing, LEA classes, 1989  
Art and design course, one year  
Diploma, Botanical Illustration, English Gardening School, Chelsea Physic Garden,  
1995–1996

Career:

Horticultural professional for commercial nursery  
Self-employed horticultural professional (retired)

Membership:

Chelsea Physic Garden Florilegium Society (Founder Member)

Media:

Watercolor, pencil, pen-and-ink

Group Exhibition(s):

Biddenden (Weald of Kent), 1992, 1993, 1994, 2000, 2001  
*Portraying Plants*, Chelsea Physic Garden, 1995  
South Audley Street (combined class exhibition), 1995  
Oxford University Plant Sciences Department, 1996  
Flora Group, Gallery 27, London, 1997  
Schuster Gallery, Maddox Street, London, 1997  
Flora Group, Great Russell Street, London, 1997  
*The Flowering of the Botanical Artist*, Chelsea Physic Garden, 1999  
*Plants Associated with Philip Miller*, Chelsea Physic Garden Florilegium Society group  
exhibit, Royal Horticultural Society, London, 1999  
*Watercolors from the Chelsea Physic Garden Florilegium Society*, Hunt Institute for  
Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, 2000  
Flora Group, Bolton Street, London, 2000

One-Person Exhibition(s):

Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent, 1994  
National Fruit Collection, Brogdale, Kent, 2000

Honor(s)/Award(s):

Group Gold Medal, *Plants Associated with Philip Miller*, Chelsea Physic Garden  
Florilegium Society group exhibit, Royal Horticultural Society, London, 1999

Commissions:

Series of paintings for research project, G. W. Pharmaceuticals

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Kitchen Garden. April 2000.

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Paphiopedilum insigne 2000

Watercolor 38 × 28.5 cm

Lent by the artist

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