

ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name:

Dillon, Mary

City and country of birth:

Cork, Ireland

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Education:

Presentation Convent Secondary School, Kilkenny.

Mater Dei Institute of Education, Dublin. Ireland

B. Rel. Science and Education, Maynooth University, 1984.

Diploma in Relationship and Counselling Skills, Maynooth University, 1991.

Diploma with Distinction, Botanical Art and Illustration, Society of Botanical Artists, UK, 2014.

Career:

Teacher, Art and Design, History, Theology, CBS Secondary School, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, 1984 – 1999

Relationships and Sexuality Education Facilitator, 2012 –

Botanical Art Tutor:

Chelsea School of Botanical Art, Chelsea Physic Gardens, London, 2018 –
Barcelona, Spain, 2017, 2018

Laois Arthouse Summer School Tutor, Stradbally, Ireland, July 2018

American Society of Botanical Artists Conference, San Francisco, US, 2017

American Society of Botanical Artists Conference, St. Louis, US, 2018

Watercolour Painting Tutor, Hunt Museum, Limerick, 2018

Professional memberships:

Elected member of the Watercolour Society of Ireland, 2016.

Elected Associate Member of the Society of Botanical Artists, UK. 2015.

Member of the American Society of Botanical Artists

Member and Founding Chairperson of the Irish Society of Botanical Artists

Artwork medium:

Watercolor

One-Person Exhibition(s):

- July 2018, Laois Arthouse, Stradbally, Co. Laois, Ireland.
- August 2018, *At the Heart – Botanical*, Kilkenny Castle, Kilkenny Art's Festival, Ireland.

Group Exhibition(s):

- May 2018, *Éireannach*, Worldwide Exhibition of Botanical Art, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin
- April 2018, *Tulipa Tulipae*, Real Jardin Botanico, Madrid, Spain.
- October 2017, *From Golden Gate to Garden Gate*, San Francisco, US.
- September 2017, Watercolour Society of Ireland Annual Exhibition, Dublin.
- June 2017, *Botanical and Floral Art*, Bloom in the Park, Dublin.
- November 2016, *In Pursuit of Plants*, Palmengarten, Frankfurt, Germany.
- September 2016, *Art in the Garden*, Tourin House, Waterford, Ireland.
- September 2016, Watercolour Society of Ireland Annual Exhibition, Dublin.
- June 2016, *Botanical and Floral Art*, Bloom in the Park, Dublin.
- November 2016, *Heritage Irish Plants*, National Botanic Gardens, Dublin.
- April 2015, *Society of Botanical Artists Exhibition*, Westminster, London, UK.
- May 2014, *Society of Botanical Artists Exhibition*, Westminster, London, UK.
- May 2014, *Aibítir*, Irish Society of Botanical Artists, National Botanic Gardens, Dublin.
- November 2014, *Strictly Botanical*, Park Gallery, Callendar House, Falkirk, Scotland.
- September 2014, *The 21st World Orchid Conference*, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Honors/Awards:

- Anne Marie Carney Award and Jean Emmons People's Choice Award, *From Golden Gate to Garden Gate*, San Francisco, US, 2017.
- Gold Medal and Best in Show Award, Bloom, 2016
- Gold Medal and Silver Medal, Bloom, 2017
- Tipperary Artist of the Year Award, 2008
- Tipperary County Council Artist Awards, 2014, 2015.
- Residency Award, Tyrone Guthrie Art Centre, Co. Monaghan, Ireland, 2008.
- Residency Award, Cill Rialaig Artist's Retreat, Co. Kerry, Ireland. 2002, 2016

Collections:

Office of Public Works

Bank of Ireland

Árus an Uachtaráin, Residence of The President of Ireland

Works held in public and private collections worldwide.