

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name:

Dowden, Anne Ophelia Todd

City and country of birth:

Denver, USA

Residence:

USA

Education:

University of Colorado, 1925-1926

Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh: B.A., 1930

Beaux Arts Institute of Design

Art Students League, New York, 1935-1955

Career:

Freelance botanical artist and writer, 1950 to present

Formerly, drawing instructor, Pratt Institute, New York, 1930-1932

Chairman, Art Department, Manhattanville College, New York, 1932-1953

Freelance textile designer, New York, 1935-1955

Artwork medium:

Watercolor

One-Person Exhibition(s):

- Silvermine Guild of Artists, Inc., New Canaan, Connecticut, 1955
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1957, 1977
- Hunt Institute, 1965
- Hunt Institute Travel Shows (Shakespeare's Flowers).

Group Exhibition(s):

Numerous, including:

- Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
- Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh
- Hunt Institute Internationals, 1964, 1968, 1972
- Hunt Institute Travel Shows (International)

Honors/Awards:

- Tiffany Foundation fellowships, 1929, 1930, 1932
- Order of the Delta Gamma Rose, 1967
- Numerous awards for books

Collections:

Brooklyn Botanic Garden  
New York Botanical Garden  
Callaway Gardens, Georgia  
Holden Arboretum, Ohio

Work reproduced in (publications the artist was commissioned to illustrate or works authored by the artist):

- *Audubon, House beautiful, Life, Natural history, The garden journal* of New York Botanical Garden.
- Borland, H. *The golden circle: a book of months*. New York, Thomas Y. Crowell, 1977.
- Borland, H. and Dowden, A.O. *Plants of Christmas*. New York, Golden Press, 1969.
- Busch, P. *Wildflowers and the stories behind their names*. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1977.
- Collector print series. Louisville: Frame House Gallery, 1969-77.
- Dowden, A.O. *The blossom on the bough: a book of trees*. New York, Thomas Y. Crowell, 1975.
- Dowden, A.O. *Cuas 8, the little hill*. Cooper Union, 1961.
- Dowden, A.O. *Look at a flower*. New York, Thomas Y. Crowell, 1963.
- Dowden, A.O. *The secret of the flowers*. New York, Odyssey Press, 1964.
- Dowden, A.O. *Wild green things in the city: a book of weeds*. New York, Thomas Y. Crowell, 1975.
- Dowden, A.O. and Thomas, R. *Roses*. New York, Odyssey Press, 1965.
- Kerr, J. *Shakespeare's flowers*. New York, Thomas Y. Crowell, 1969.
- Untermeyer, L. *Plants of the Bible*. New York, Golden Press, 1970.
- Paintings for Callaway Gardens, Holden Arboretum, and New York Botanical Garden.
- *Wildflowers of the United States*. New York Botanical Garden and McGraw-Hill, all volumes, 1966 to present.

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