

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name:

Hennessy, Esmé Frances Franklin

City and country of birth:

Umzinto, Natal South Africa

Residence:

South Africa

Education:

Natal University: B.Sc. botany and zoology, 1956

B. Sc., botany, 1958

M.Sc., botany, 1966

Career:

Senior Lecturer, Botany Department, University of Durban-Westville, Natal, 1972 to present

Angiosperm taxonomist, with interest in pteridophyte and gymnosperm taxonomy and morphology

Formerly, Research Assistant, Amoebiasis Research Unit, Institute for Parasitology, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, 1958-1960

Lecturer, University College, Durban, 1961-1972

Commemorated in *Erythrina X hennessyae* Barneby and Krukoff

Signs botanical artworks "E.F. Hennessy" and decorative works "Frances Franklin."

Artwork medium:

Watercolor

Ink

Group Exhibition(s):

- Tatham Art Gallery, Pietermaritzburg, 1966
- Pieter Wenning Gallery, Johannesburg, 1969
- International Exhibition of Botanical Art, Johannesburg, 1973
- South African Association of Arts Gallery, Pretoria, 1974
- Exotica 74, Durban, 1974

Collections:

Standard Bank of South Africa, Johannesburg and Durban

Botanical Research Institute, Pretoria

Roberts Construction, Johannesburg

Basil Read Engineering, Johannesburg

Department of Foreign Affairs, Republic of South Africa

Many private collections

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

- Wilmot, A.J. *Clinical Amoebiasis*, Oxford, Blackwell, 1962.
- Crass, R.S. *Freshwater fishes of Natal*. Pietermaritzburg. Shutter and Shooter, 1964.
- Hennessy, E.F. "Six common wild flowers," *Veld & flora*, March, 1971.
- Hennessy, E.F. *South African Erythrinas*, Durban, Wild Life Protection and Conservation Society, 1972.
- Hennessy, E.F. "Three pepos," *Veld & flora*, March, 1973.
- *Journal of the Botanical Society of South Africa*, 1972.
- Hennessy, E.F. "Three pentamerous flowers," *Veld & flora*, March, 1973.
- Hennessy, E.F. "Erythrina caffra," *Flowering plants of Africa*, 1976.
- Hennessy, E.F. "Erythrina latissima," *Flowering plants of Africa*, 1976.
- Hennessy, E.F. "Erythrina in southern Africa," *Journal of the Botanical Society of South Africa*, 1976.
- *Wild fruits of South Africa*. Suite of paintings reproduced by Howard Swan, Johannesburg, 1976.

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