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RESIDENCE: USA

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EDUCATION:

Wheaton College, 1983/1984

B.A. (Honors), Biological/ Pre-Medical Illustration;

B.S. (Honors), Entomology, Iowa State University,
1984–1988

CAREER:

Freelance illustrator, including teaching insect illustration and drawing classes at Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Ill.; demonstrating art techniques for various groups and schools; designing and selling cards and calendars; illustrating magazine articles and posters, 1988–

Co-coordinator of traditional workshops and presentations, Guild of Natural Science Illustrators, Annual Meeting, 2006; Summer Workshop Instructor, "Insects: Heroes and Villains," 2004; Summer Workshop Instructor, "Plants and their Pollinators," 2003

Workshop instructor, American Society of Botanical Artists, Annual Meeting, Morton Arboretum, 1997

MEMBERSHIP:

Guild of Natural Science Illustrators

Nature Artists' Guild of the Morton Arboretum

MEDIA:

Watercolor, scratchboard using both ink and graphite

GROUP EXHIBITION(S):

National Juried Art Show at the Dog Show, Friends University, Wichita, Kans., 1989

Guild of Natural Science Illustrators, University of Minnesota, 1990; College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Va., 2004; Arizona Sonora Desert Museum Art Institute, 2004/2005; Kenosha Public Museum, 2006; Ebling Library, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., 2006

Nature Artists' Guild, Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Ill., 1991–
American Society of Botanical Artists, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1997; Olbrich Botanical Society, 1998

Danada Nature Art and Photo Show, Danada Forest Preserve, 2000–

Art in the Park, Holliday Park, Indianapolis, Ind., 2006

ONE-PERSON EXHIBITION(S):

Downer's Grove Library, Downer's Grove, Ill., 1997, 2006
Boerner Botanical Garden, Hales Corners, Wis., 2000

HONOR(S)/AWARD(S):

First place non-student color scientific, 1990; Best black and white traditional media, Guild of Natural Science Illustrators, 2004

First place animal, 2004; Honorable Mention, Danada Nature Art and Photo Show, 2001, 2004, 2005
Show Artist, Nature Artists' Guild, 1995

COLLECTIONS:

Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Ill.

WORK REPRODUCED IN:

Montgomery-Fate, T. 2005. Steady & Trembling: Art, Faith, & Family in an Uncertain World. St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press.

Butterfly Watch poster, EMAN/RESE, Environment Canada, 2006

Pamphlets and newsletters, Morton Arboretum and Nature Artists' Guild

Spot illustrations, Organic Gardening Magazine, 1990; Horticulture Magazine, January/February 2006, March/April 2006

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Prairie dock 2004

Graphite on scratchboard 25 × 21.5 cm

Lent by the artist

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