

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name:

Nicholson, Barbara Evelyn

City and country of birth:

Surrey, England

Residence:

England

Education:

Southend-on-Sea Municipal Art School: 1924-1926

Royal College of Art, Design School, South Kensington, London: Associateship, 1929

Career:

Freelance botanical illustrator

Formerly, landscape oil painter and church decorator, 1929-1934

Assistant to W. Thornton Shiells, medical illustrator, 1934-1935

Freelance medical illustrator, 1937 to the start of World War II

During the war years, was a W.A.A.F. officer responsible for illustrations for publications and records of the R.A.F. Medical Directorate, London

Artwork medium:

Watercolor

Gouache

Ink

Pencil

One-Person Exhibition(s):

- "Flower Paintings," Foyles Art Gallery, London, 1958

Collections:

Medical Directorate, R.A.F., London: Ashford County Hospital, Middlesex

Royal College of Surgeons, London

British Museum (Natural History), London

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Goulandris Museum, Athens

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

- Ary, S. and Gregory, M. *Oxford book of wild flowers*. London, Oxford University Press, 1960.

- Wallis, M., Anderson, E.B., Finnis, V., and others. *Oxford book of garden flowers*. London, Oxford University Press, 1964.
- Brightman, F.H. *Oxford book of flowerless plants*. London, Oxford University Press, 1966.
- Wallis, M., Masfield, G.B., and Harrison, S.G. *Oxford book of food plants*. London, Oxford University Press, 1969.
- Salt, L. "Plants," *Oxford children's reference library*. London, Oxford University Press, 1972.
- Clapham, A.R. *Oxford book of trees*. London, Oxford University Press, 1975.
- *Plant ecology wall charts* (3 out of 5 series, 5 charts each), and *Culinary herbs* (chart). London, British Museum (Natural History), 1972-1976.
- Illustrations for numerous English conservation publications, journals, calendars, and children's books.

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