

ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name:

Sheehan, Marion Ruff

City and country of birth:

Philadelphia, USA

Residence:

USA

Education:

University of Cincinnati: B.A., Botany, 1946

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York: M.S., Botany and Fine Arts

Career:

Assistant Professor of Ornamental Horticulture, University of Florida, 1972 to present
(including the teaching of a course in biological illustration)

Freelance botanical illustrator

Formerly, botanical illustrator, L.H. Bailey Hortorium, Cornell University, 1946-1952

Artwork medium:

Ink

Watercolor

Pastel

Gouache

Scratchboard

Acrylic

One-Person Exhibition(s):

- Fairchild Tropical Garden, Miami, 1966
- Gainesville, Florida, 1968
- The Philippine, Thailand, and Chiangmai Orchid Societies, 1969
- 6th World Orchid Conference, Sydney, Australia, 1969
- Hunt Institute, 1971

Group Exhibition(s):

- Hunt Institute Internationals, 1964, 1968, 1972
- Cleveland Garden Center
- Garden Center, Cincinnati
- XI International Botanical Congress, Seattle, Washington
- International Exhibition of Botanical Art, Johannesburg, 1973
- 8th World Orchid Conference, 1975

Honors/Awards:

- A.O.S. Bronze Certificate, Gainesville Orchid Show, 1971
- Honorary Life Member, American Orchid Society, 1974

Collections:

Cleveland Garden Center
Public Library, Key West, Florida
University of Florida

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

- Bailey, L.H. *Manual of cultivated plants*. Ed. 2. New York, Macmillan Co., 1949.
- Lawrence, G.H.M. *Taxonomy of vascular plants*. New York, Macmillan Co., 1951.
- Heller, C.A. *Edible and poisonous plants of Alaska*. Fairbanks, University of Alaska, 1953 (rev. ed. 1958).
- Lawrence, G. H. M. *Introduction to plant taxonomy*. New York, Macmillan Co., 1955.
- Moore, H.E., Jr. *African violets, gloxinias, and their relatives*. New York, Macmillan Co., 1957.
- Noble, M. and Graham, B.H. *You can grow camellias*. Jacksonville, privately published, 1962.
- Watkins, J.V. *Your guide to Florida landscape plants*. 2 vols. Gainesville, University of Florida Press, 1963.
- Noble, M. Privately published, Jacksonville: *You can garden in Florida*, 1963; *You can grow orchids* (3rd ed.). 1964; *You can grow Cattleya orchids*, 1967; *You can grow Phalaenopsis orchids*. 1971.

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