

ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name: Miyahara, Kimiko

City and country of birth: Tokyo, Japan

Residence: Japan

Email: hirugao_826@kdp.biglobe.ne.jp

Education:

Studied under Hiroki Sato in 1989.

Studied under Kazuko Yahagi until 2005.

Botanical art studies at Joshibi University of Art and Design, 2010-2020.

Professional memberships:

The Japanese Association of Botanical Illustration

Member of Japan Horticultural Association

Artwork medium:

Transparent watercolor on paper

Group Exhibition(s):

- Group Exhibition at L Sophia, Adachi Ward, Tokyo, Japan, 1998-2008.
- Joshibi University of Art and Design Gallery, Tokyo, Japan, 2010-2020.

Honors/Awards:

- Trophy Award at the World Orchid Exhibition for “*Bulbophyllum boninense* (Schltr.) J.J. Sm. Red List,” 2015.
- Excellence Award for “*Bulbophyllum boninense* (Schltr.) J.J. Sm. Red List” from JGS Botanical Art Exhibition, 2015.
- Excellence Award for “*Schima mertensiana* (Sieb.et Zucc.) Koidz.” From JGS Botanical Art Exhibition, 2016.
- Shufu to Seikatsusha Award for “*Hedyotis hookeri* (K.Schum.) F.R.Fosberg Red List, (VU)” from JGS Botanical Art Exhibition, 2017.
- Excellence Award for “*Clinostigma savoryana* (Rehd. Et Wils.) Moore et Fosberg Red List, (VU)” from JGS Botanical Art Exhibition, 2018.
- Gold Medal and Best Exhibitor’s award for “*Clinostigma savoryana* (Rehd. Et Wils.) Moore et Fosberg Red List, (VU)” from RHS Botanical Art Exhibition, 2021.

Collections:

- Endemic Plants of Japan’s Ogasawara Islands, A UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site.
- RHS Lindley Collection.

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

- Botanical Artists No. 54. JGS Botanical Art. Japan Horticultural Association Botanical Art Editorial Department, Tokyo, Japan. p.6.
- Botanical Artists No. 56. Tokyo Dome in Bunkyo Ward, Tokyo. “World Orchid Exhibition 2016.” Japan Horticultural Association Botanical Art Editorial Department, Tokyo, Japan. p.25.
- Botanical Artists No. 58. JGS Botanical Art. Japan Horticultural Association Botanical Art Editorial Department, Tokyo, Japan. p.6.
- Botanical Artists No. 62. JGS Botanical Art. Japan Horticultural Association Botanical Art Editorial Department, Tokyo, Japan. p.8.
- Botanical Artists No. 66. JGS Botanical Art. Japan Horticultural Association Botanical Art Editorial Department, Tokyo, Japan. p.6.
- Botanical Artists No. 75. Special Project: Looking back at the winning works of the JGS Botanical Art Contest. (31st to 26th). Japan Horticultural Association Botanical Art Editorial Department, Tokyo, Japan. p.8, 12, 14.
- Botanical Artists No. 79. JGS Botanical Art. Japan Horticultural Association Botanical Art Editorial Department, Tokyo, Japan p.25.

Portrait credit:

29 November 2023, Adachi Ward, Tokyo by Suga Photo Studio.

Please include any pertinent biographical information not covered by the above categories:

- From 1974 to 2010, at work I created three-dimensional art flowers while looking at fresh flowers and plant encyclopedias.
- In parallel to my work, I started learning botanical art from the late Hiroki Sato as a hobby in 1989, and since it was related to my work, I naturally entered the world of botanical painting.
- After quitting my job, I enrolled at Joshibi University of Art and Design from 2010 to 2020, where I learned botanical painting in earnest and started exhibiting in contests.

Transcribed from copy of original by Leslie Shaver in 2024.