

DEIRDRE BEAN

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Education

2007 -12 Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art and Visual Culture) Curtin University
2013 -16 PhD (Natural History Illustration) University of Newcastle, NSW

Solo Exhibitions

2024 *Domestica*, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Murwillumbah NSW
2023 *Reloved*, Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney
2020 *Another natural perspective*, Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney
2019 *Natural perspective*. Mitchell Fine Art, Brisbane
2019 *Fish and other things*. Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney
2018 *Australia's mangroves: Living on the edge*. Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah, NSW
2017 *Australia's mangroves: Living on the edge*. Red Box Gallery, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
2016 *Australia's mangroves: Living on the edge*. Maitland Regional Art Gallery NSW

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026 ACAR (Australia China Art Residency) Prize, Sydney
2025 Portia Geach Prize for Portraiture, SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney
2025 Calleen Art Prize, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW
2024 Portia Geach Prize for Portraiture, SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney
2024 Australian Watercolour Institute, Australia Felix: The landscape of pleasure: 100th Annual exhibition 1923-1924, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
2024 Florilegium: Rainforest species at risk, Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney
2023 Australian Watercolour Institute Centenary Exhibition, Lion gate Lodge, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney

- 2023 Fifty/50 New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale
Summer Show, Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney
- 2022 Calleen Art Prize, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW
Springwater Stella Downer Fine Art
Gallipoli Art Prize, The Rocks, Sydney
- 2021 *Shades of summer* Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney
Calleen Art Prize, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW
Gallipoli Art Prize, Merrylands RSL Club, Sydney
Fungi x Botanica, Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney
Muswellbrook Art Prize, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre
- 2020 *Primavera*, Mitchell Fine Art Gallery, Brisbane
Tradition and Transformation 2, Taiwan-Australia International
Watercolour Exhibition, Taichung City, Taiwan
Gallipoli Art Prize, Merrylands RSL Club, Sydney
Muswellbrook Art Prize, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre
- 2019 *Love Tweed* Regional Gallery, NSW
Salient: Contemporary artists at the Western Front Bank Art
Museum Moree, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, and
Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah NSW
- 2018 *Salient: Contemporary artists at the Western Front* New
England Regional Art Gallery, Armidale NSW; Bathurst
Regional Gallery, Bathurst; Anzac Memorial, Hyde, Sydney
The Amber Rooms Manning Regional Gallery, Taree
Group Show Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney
Florilegium: Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney Shirley Sherwood
Gallery, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, London
- 2017 *Europe is always a good idea* Stella Downer Fine Art
A Feast for the eyes Mitchell Fine Art, Brisbane
- 2016 *Florilegium: Sydney's painted garden* Museum of Sydney
Reveal Mitchell Fine Art, Brisbane
- 2015 *Your Friend the Enemy* Pataka Art + Museum, Wellington, NZ
Your Friend the Enemy Bathurst Regional Gallery. S.H.Ervin
Gallery Sydney. Drill Hall Gallery ANU Canberra
A Salute: Aussie Soldier from 1915 meets Young Turk in 2015
Goulburn Regional Gallery, NSW
Royal Horticultural Society's Botanical art exhibition, London.
- 2012 Waterhouse Art Prize for Natural History, South Australian

- Museum, Adelaide
- Royal Horticultural Society botanical art exhibition, London
- 2011 *Botanica* Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
- Waterhouse Prize for Natural History, South Australian Museum, Adelaide
- Waterhouse Prize for Natural History, National Archives, Canberra
- From eye to hand*, The Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art, RBG, Kew, London
- 2009 -2011 'Losing Paradise? Endangered plants here and around the world' The American Society of Botanical Artists' Exhibition toured to Missouri; Chicago; New York; The Smithsonian Institute of Natural History, Washington; Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London
- 2009 The American Society of Botanical Artists and The Horticultural Society of New York's International Juried Botanical Art Exhibition, New York
- 2008 The American Society of Botanical Artists' and The Horticultural Society of New York's International Juried Botanical Art Exhibition, New York
- 2007 12th International Exhibition of Botanical Art & Illustration, Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh USA

Bibliography

- 2023 Duke, N et al. New Caledonian Mangroves 2023
- 2022 Cooper, J. *Art imitates Olley's life*, Newcastle Herald, 10 September 2022
- 2019 J. McDonald. Review, Sydney Morning Herald, 23 March 2019 <https://www.johnmcdonald.net.au/2019/good-weekend-galleries-stella-downer-fine-art-sydney/>
- Bell, Stephen, C. Rockley & A. Llewellyn, *Flora of the Hunter Region: Endemic trees and larger shrubs* CSIRO Clayton South
- 2018 Yip, Andrew. 'Why we paint', *Salient: contemporary artists at the Western Front* p 104 ISBN13-9780-6480-863-4-5
- 2017 Galvin, Nick. *Deirdre Bean's mangrove illustrations reflect a lifelong passion* Sydney Morning Herald April 2017

- Radio National interview with Jonathan Green Blueprint for living bfl_20170520_1018.mp3
- 2016 *Beauty within the mangroves* Newcastle Herald Feb 2016
 Morris, C. & L. Murray *The Florilegium: The Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney celebrating 200 years: plants of the three gardens of the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust* The Florilegium Society at the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney Inc
Mangrove Click! Australia: Expert iD for Australia's mangroves Duke, N and Mangrove Watch Ltd
- 2015 Artist Profile special edition *Your Friend the Enemy*. Editor John McDonald p.56
- 2013 *World Mangroves ID: expert information at your fingertips* Dr N Duke.
- 2008 *Treasures of Botanical Art*. Sherwood, S. & M. Rix. London

Public Collections:

Gallipoli Club, Sydney
 Parliament House, Canberra ACT
 The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London
 Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, USA
 Florilegium Collection at The Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
 The Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
 Australia Post
 Shirley Sherwood Collection of botanical art, Oxford, England

Artist in Residence:

- 2022/23/24 Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre, Murwillumbah, NSW
- 2021 Springwater: Residence of Dr Tim Lieouw, Seaforth
- 2021 Hill End Artist Residency, NSW
- 2012 State Library of New South Wales, Sydney

Awards:

- 2026 Finalist ACAR (Australia China Art Residency Ltd) Prize
- 2025 Finalist Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Art Gallery NSW
- 2024 Highly commended Portia Geach Prize for Portraiture, SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney

- 2022 Winner Gallipoli Art Prize (acquisitive)
Gallipoli Memorial Club Sydney NSW
Finalist Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Art Gallery NSW
- 2021 Finalist Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Art Gallery NSW
Finalist Gallipoli Art Prize
Finalist Muswellbrook Art Prize, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre NSW
- 2020 Highly Commended, Gallipoli Art Prize, Sydney
Finalist Muswellbrook Art Prize, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre NSW
Inaugural Executive Director's Prize at *Botanica* (acquisitive), The Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
- 2015 Silver-gilt medal, Royal Horticultural Society, London
- 2012 Silver-gilt medal, Royal Horticultural Society, London
- 2011 Highly commended Waterhouse Prize for Natural History, Museum of South Australia, Adelaide
- 2010 Finalist Waterhouse Prize for Natural History, Museum of South Australia, Adelaide
- 2009 Highly commended ASBA & NYHS International Juried Botanical Art Exhibition, New York
- 2008 Highly Commended ASBA & NYHS International Juried Botanical Art Exhibition New York
- 2006 Gold Medal, Royal Horticultural Society, London

Memberships:

- 2007- The Florilegium Society at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
- 2019- Australian Watercolour Institute

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