

Stella Downer Fine Art

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DEIRDRE BEAN

1960 Born Newcastle, Australia

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

2013 - 16 PhD (Natural History Illustration) the University of Newcastle, Newcastle, NSW

2007 - 12 Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art and Visual Culture) Curtin University, Bentley, WA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2020 *Another Natural Perspective*, Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney, NSW

2019 *Natural Perspective*, Mitchell Fine Art, Brisbane, QLD
Fish and other things, Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney, NSW

2018-19 *Australia's mangroves: Living on the edge*, The Anthony Gallery, Tweed Regional Gallery, South Murwillumbah, NSW

2017 *Australia's mangroves: Living on the edge*, Red Box Gallery, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW

2016 *Australia's mangroves: Living on the edge*, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, NSW
Australian Mangrove and Saltmarsh Network Conference, Darwin, NT

Mangrove & Macrobenthos Meeting, St Augustine, Florida, USA

2013 *Guillaume's at Benelong*, Sydney Opera House, Sydney, NSW

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022 *Gallipoli Art Prize*, Cleland Bond Store, Sydney, NSW
Springwater, Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney, NSW

2021 *Shades of Summer*, Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney, NSW

2018 *Salient: Contemporary artists at the Western Front* (touring exhibition), New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM), Armidale, NSW; Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG),

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- Bathurst, NSW; ANZAC Memorial Assembly Hall (Hyde Park),
Sydney, NSW
Group Show, Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney, NSW
The Amber Rooms, Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree,
NSW
- 2017 *Europe is always a good idea*, Stella Downer Fine Art,
Sydney, NSW
- 2016 *A feast for the eyes*, Mitchell Fine Art, Brisbane, QLD
Florilegium: Sydney's painted garden, Museum of Sydney,
Sydney NSW
Illuminating nature, Milk Factory, Bowral, NSW
Reveal Mitchell Fine Art, Brisbane, NSW
Botanica Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW
Extinct and Endangered Maitland Regional Art Gallery,
Maitland, NSW
- 2015 *Your Friend the Enemy*, Pataka Art + Museum, Wellington,
NZ
Your Friend the Enemy, Bathurst Regional Gallery, Bathurst,
NSW
Your Friend the Enemy, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW
Your Friend the Enemy, Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National
University, Canberra, ACT
Botanica Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW
*A Salute: Aussie Soldier from 1915 meets Young Turk in
2015*, Goulburn Regional Gallery, Goulburn, NSW
Illuminating Science, Lovett Gallery, Newcastle City Library,
Newcastle, NSW
Royal Horticultural Society's Botanical art exhibition,
London, UK
- 2014 *Botanica* Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW
D'art'a, Commissariat Store, Brisbane, QLD (Curated by
Wildlife Preservation Society, Queensland and
MangroveWatch Ltd.)
- 2013 Botanica Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW
2012 Botanica Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW

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- A Verdant Heart*, King Street Gallery, William Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney, NSW
(Finalist) *Waterhouse Art Prize for Natural History*, South Australian Museum, Adelaide, SA
Royal Horticultural Society botanical art exhibition, London, UK
- 2011 *Botanica*, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW
(Finalist) *Waterhouse Art Prize for Natural History*, South Australian Museum, Adelaide, SA
Finalists' artwork Waterhouse Art Prize for Natural History, National Archives, Canberra, ACT
From eye to hand, The Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art, RBG, Kew, London, UK
- 2010 *Botanica* Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW
- 2009 - 11 *'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 *Botanica* Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW
The American Society of Botanical Artists and The Horticultural Society of New York's International Juried Botanical Art Exhibition, New York, USA
- 2008 *Botanica* Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW
- 2008 *The American Society of Botanical Artists' and The Horticultural Society of New York's International Juried Botanical Art Exhibition*, New York, USA
- 2007 *Botanica* Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW
Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation 12th International Exhibition, Pittsburgh, USA

COLLECTIONS

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London, UK, Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, USA; Florilegium Collection at The

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Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW; The Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW; Parliament House Art Collection, Canberra, ACT.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

- 2021 Hill End Artist Residency, NSW
- 2012 State Library of New South Wales, Sydney

AWARDS

- 2022 Winner, *Gallipoli Art Prize*, Sydney, NSW
- 2020 Highly Commended, *Gallipoli Art Prize*, Sydney, NSW
- 2015 Inaugural Executive Director's Prize at *Botanica* (acquisitive), The Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
- 2015 Silver-gilt medal, Royal Horticultural Society, London, for series of six botanical watercolour paintings of Australia's mangroves
- 2012 Silver-gilt medal, Royal Horticultural Society, London, for series of six botanical watercolour paintings of Queensland's mangroves
- 2012 Finalist for *Heritiera littoralis* Waterhouse Prize for Natural History, Museum of South Australia, Adelaide
- 2011 National Archives, Canberra for finalist entry of *Xylocarpus granatum* The Waterhouse Prize for Natural History, Museum of South Australia, Adelaide
- 2011 Highly commended for *Xylocarpus granatum* Waterhouse Prize for Natural History, Museum of South Australia, Adelaide

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- 2009 Highly commended for *Ficus carica* ASBA and NYHS International Juried Botanical Art Exhibition
- 2008 Highly Commended for *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Little gem' ASBA and NYHS International Juried Botanical Art Exhibition
- 2006 Gold Medal, Royal Horticultural Society, London, for series of eight botanical watercolour paintings of *Syzygium* species
- 1999 Award for Excellence Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, botanical illustration course

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2017 Radio National interview with Jonathan Green Blueprint for living bfl_20170520_1018.mp3
- 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
- 2016 *Mangrove Click! Australia: Expert iD for Australia's mangroves* Duke, N and MangroveWatch Ltd
- 2016 *Beauty within the mangroves* Article, Newcastle Morning Herald p.16
- 2015 Artist Profile special edition *Your Friend the Enemy*. Editor John McDonald p.56
- 2015 *Your Friend the Enemy* Gallipoli Centenary exhibition

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- catalogue p.16
- 2015 *Brushes with death* Article Sydney Morning Herald, Spectrum p.8 John McDonald
- 2015 *The Gardens* magazine Autumn edition Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
- 2014 *Seeds of success* House & Garden magazine article May edition p 103
- 2013 Stamp Bulletin Issue No. 322 p. 32 *Flowering Shrubs Christmas Island*
- 2013 *World Mangroves ID: expert information at your fingertips* Dr N Duke. Series of 80 drawings of world mangrove species
- 2013 Series of 4 stamps for Australia Post. *Flowering shrubs of Christmas Island*
- 2008 *Treasures of Botanical Art*. Sherwood, S. & M. Rix. London
- 2009 *Losing Paradise? Endangered plants here and around the world*. Editor Carol Woodin ASBA New York
- 2009 Catalogue 12th International Juried Exhibition American Society of Botanical Artists and The Horticultural Society of New York
- 2008 Catalogue 11th International Juried Exhibition American Society of Botanical Artists and The Horticultural Society of New York
- 2007 Catalogue Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation's 12th

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- International exhibition
- 2004 Christmas card. Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney (*Doryanthes excelsa*)
- 2000 Cover quarterly magazine 'The Gardens', the magazine of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney

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