



# Botanical Art Worldwide

**Ngāi Tipu Taketake - Indigenous Flora**  
*linking people to plants through botanical art*

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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New Zealand will be one of more than 15 countries around the world collaborating in an exhibition organised by the American Society of Botanical Artists (ASBA). This worldwide event will bring together artists, institutions and the public to highlight the role contemporary botanical artists play in bringing attention to the need of safe-guarding our botanical diversity.

### GOALS

- To link the world's people with plants through botanical art
- To build partnerships between artists, institutions, scientists and the public
- To increase appreciation and understanding of the world's precious plant diversity
- To acknowledge and build upon the increasing connections between botanical artists worldwide

### DESCRIPTION

This collaborative exhibition will be held simultaneously in more than 15 countries with May 18th 2018 being chosen as a 'Worldwide Day of Botanical Art'. Participating countries will curate their own exhibition and provide a digital slide show of up to forty works, (chosen by the NZ steering committee) to be compiled with all other countries' images. This will be shown at each venue during the run of the exhibition held there.

New Zealand's exhibition will be held in conjunction with the Botanical Art Society of New Zealand (BASNZ) and the Auckland Botanic Gardens with support from Friends of the Auckland Botanic Gardens Inc. This will be a juried show which will ensure that we have the highest quality of botanical art New Zealand has to offer at this time.

### THEME

NZ native plants. We hope artists will consider linking their plant choices to Matariki and Rongoa. Jurors will be looking for botanical accuracy, as well as composition and technique.

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### EXHIBITION DATES

30 March - 1 July 2018

### VENUE

Auckland Botanic Gardens Visitors Centre Gallery  
102 Hill Rd, Manurewa, Auckland 2105

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## ELIGIBILITY

Open to NZ residents and all New Zealanders living abroad.

## SUBJECT

2D original works of NZ native plants created 2015 and later. No photography, no digitally generated work and no 3D work. All artwork must be for sale with a 25% commission taken (20% to go to the Friends of Auckland Botanic Gardens Inc and 5% to go to BASNZ)

## MEDIUMS

Watercolour, graphite, acrylic, gouache, oils and dry pastels will be accepted media.

## SUBMISSION FEE

There will be a fee of NZ\$35 for first artwork, NZ\$10 for each additional artworks, total maximum of 3 submitted per artist.

## JURORS

We are delighted to have a very experienced team of jurors to curate our exhibition. They are:

### **SRI BENHAM**

#### **Botanical artist**

Sri initially trained and worked as a garden designer before becoming involved in botanical illustration. Although a self taught botanical illustrator, she has successfully exhibited through the American Society of Botanical Artists at the Missouri Botanical Garden and Longwood Gardens as well as at The Royal Horticultural Society, London. Sri enjoys teaching and encouraging students in the discipline of botanical art using her favourite media watercolour and pen and ink. She started the Friends of the Auckland Botanic Gardens Art Group which is still going strong today.

### **DR ROSS FERGUSON**

#### **Horticultural Scientist**

Dr Ross Ferguson's first degrees were in botany after which he specialised in plant biochemistry. He has worked for nearly forty years on the breeding of Actinidia (kiwifruit) and horticultural history. A keen botanical art collector, he has a collection of more than twenty botanical works ranging from Besler, Buc'hoz, Weinmann, Ehret etc to modern artists such as Wendy Walsh, Mary Grierson and Elizabeth Cameron.

### **REBECCA STANLEY**

#### **Plant Curator at Auckland Botanic Gardens**

Rebecca's botany career began at the National Herbarium at Te Papa over 20 years ago. It is here she encountered the engravings of NZ native plants by Sydney Parkinson who, with Joseph Banks, was on Cook's first voyage to NZ on HMS Endeavour. Rebecca has been the curator at Auckland Botanic Gardens for 3 years and prior to that worked on the Auckland Regional Council parks and as a threatened plant botanist for the Department of Conservation.

## CATALOGUE/PAMPHLET

With appropriate funding a pamphlet/catalogue will be prepared of accepted art works using the submission images provided.

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## KEY DATES

16th November 2017 5pm	Submissions close
30th November 2017	Selected artists will be notified by email
22nd (Thurs) - 24rd (Sat) March 2018	Receiving days
30th March 2018	Public opening of Exhibition
1st July 2018	Exhibition closes

## POSSIBLE TOURING OF EXHIBITION

There is the exciting possibility that the exhibition may tour around the major cities in New Zealand so artists (and buyers!) must be aware that their paintings may not be available for most of 2018 or later.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUERIES, PLEASE EMAIL:

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