



## RHS Botanical Illustration The Gold Medal Winners Charlotte Brooks

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- Presents botanical studies by over 70 gold-medal winning artists, from the Lindley Collections at the Royal Horticultural Society, the country's leading gardening charity
- An updated historical essay explores the long-standing relationship between artists and the RHS
- Introduces each medallist with a short biography and discussion of their winning composition
- Features a diverse range of artists from across the globe, including the most recent gold-medal winners

**RHS Botanical Illustration: The Gold Medal Winners** collects outstanding examples of botanical illustration from around the world, all of which have been awarded prestigious gold medals by the famous Royal Horticultural Society. This new updated and extended edition includes all new gold medal winners from the past four years with an additional 29 stunning works from 14 new and accomplished artists.

The RHS only award their gold medal to the most outstanding artists, encouraging the international artistic community to perform to the highest standard for the RHS annual exhibition, now held at the Saatchi Gallery in London, which runs for six weeks every summer. This gold medal is a highly coveted testament to an artist's abilities, and the illustrations gathered in these pages demonstrate great attention to detail, masterful color work and outstanding technical skill.

Insightful commentary on the artists' creative process accompanies each picture. The perfect book for the lover of horticulture, as well as an excellent reference both for botanists and aspiring artists, this collection also includes an updated introductory essay that delves into the history of the RHS.

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