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Artist of the Month - Laurie Richardson

ing her passion for tropical ecosystems. In 2011 she began studying botanical art (watercolor) at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens and from 2016 - 2020 she has also studied acrylic painting in the Jim Salem School of Painting housed on Sugarloaf Key. From 2011 to 2021 she was a member of the Miami-based Tropical Botanic Artists collective. This collective, based in Miami, produces themed, juried botanical art shows that travel to various venues in South Florida. She remained a member of this group until 2021 when she



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Laurie Richardson is a contemporary botanical artist who works in watercolor, gouache, and acrylics. She studied art at the University of Colorado, Boulder in the 1970s and then pursued a career in science, earning her PhD in microbiology. Her science career led her to working on coral health and disease on reefs of the Florida Keys and the wider Caribbean until retiring from a Professorship at Florida International University in 2017 to pursue painting.



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her art. Laurie's work is on display at the Key Largo Art Gallery, Our Place in Paradise Gallery, and in the many local shows put on by the Art Guild of the Purple Isles (AGPI). The AGPI shows include yearly shows at the History of Diving Museum, the Roberto Russell Gallery at Ocean Sotheby's International in Islamorada, Garden Walk at the Francis Tracy Garden Center, Our Place in Paradise Gallery and the History and Discover Center.



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Laurie has a lifelong love of nature, in particular tropical plants and fauna. She was born in Key West to a Navy submariner stationed there at the time, after which her family moved to Hawaii. The first seven years of her life were spent in the tropics, inspir-

decided to focus on art activities in the Keys as President of the Art Guild of the Purple Isles.

Laurie's art is an expression of her love of nature as seen by the colors she uses and her attention to detail. While her watercolor pieces can be classified as botanical art, in her acrylics she moves into a more interpretative contemporary style. She is very happy to find that people are enjoying

Dates and details about AGPI shows are on the AGPI website (www.agpi.us).



WATERCOLOR/GOUACHE