

# JENNIFER TARANTO

Jennifer Taranto was born Melbourne 1957 and first discovered her passion for painting at 8 years of age. She studied at Brighton and Prahran Technical Colleges in Melbourne.

In 1980 Jennifer moved to the far north of NSW where she worked doing illustrations for screen printing and started illustrating children's and botanical books including

- "Key Guide to Australian Trees – 249 Species" by Len Cronin – Reeds Publishers.
- "Exotic Tree Fruit for the Australian Home Garden", by Glen Tankard – Nelson's Publishers.

In 1988 she returned to Melbourne and continued to illustrate books, and worked for a graphic art studio doing designs for tourism and marketing.

In 1989 Jennifer had her 1<sup>st</sup> Solo Show at the Watermark Gallery in Elwood.

In 1991 she worked for the Performing Arts Museum in Melbourne, painting sets. She also worked with the National Gallery of Australia, Melbourne and continued illustrating books for Macmillan's, Reeds and Rigby's Publishers.

In 1999 she moved to the Adelaide Hills where she exhibited with the Hahndorf Academy; SALA – the South Australian living Artists and Driden Fine Arts in McLaren Vale.

In 2002, Jennifer returned to Melbourne, working with various galleries, participated in the Art of Botanical Illustration 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Exhibition at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Melbourne and taking private commissions.

In 2003, she traveled for 3 months in Europe returning to do solo shows in late 2003 and 2004.

Working in all mediums, Jennifer's subject matter ranges from botanical to landscape, and abstract to illustration (of Australian Wildlife). She also designs for clothing and commercial products.

Her works are sold nationally and internationally.

2006	Melbourne Watercolour Show - Without Pier Gallery
2007	Solo Exhibition - Without Pier Gallery
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2009	Shared Exhibition - Without Pier Gallery
2010	Melbourne Watercolour Show - Without Pier Gallery.
2010	The Art of Botanical Illustration - Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne.
2010	Our Melbourne My Victoria Show - Without Pier Gallery.
2010	Small Works Christmas Show - Without Pier Gallery.
2011	Melbourne Watercolour Show - Without Pier Gallery.
2011	Private Commission - Trompe L'oeil
2012	Melbourne Watercolour Show -Without Pier Gallery.
2012	Group Boat Show -Without Pier Gallery.
2012	The Art of Botanic Illustration -Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne.



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