

Helen Byers is an award-winning artist and educator who was born in Brazil and grew up in Mexico and the California Bay Area. She earned graduate degrees in English at UC Santa Barbara and later lived on the Olympic Peninsula (WA) and near Boston. She now lives near Santa Fe in northern New Mexico.

Helen's professional background includes book illustration, art journalism, college-level teaching of art and literature, and a career as an educational writer and editor. Since retiring from educational publishing she has focused on botanical art and natural science illustration. She has taught at Ghost Ranch Education and Retreat Center (NM) since 2005, and recently at the Santa Fe Botanical Garden and the O'Keeffe Welcome Center (Abiquiu). From 2012 to 2018 she also taught often in New England at Tower Hill Botanic Garden (MA) and at Concord Center for the Visual Arts (MA), Fruitlands Museums (MA), and Tin Mountain Conservation Center (NH).

Helen's botanical art was juried into the 19th Annual Botanical Art Exhibition at Filoli in California (2017) and the 19th International Exhibition of the American Society of Botanical Artists & the Horticultural Society of New York (2016). She has exhibited with the American Society of Botanical Artists in St. Louis (2018), San Francisco (2017), and Miami (2015), and with the New England Society of Botanical Artists at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University (2016) and other venues. In the Greater Boston Area her work has shown at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Concord Center for the Visual Arts, Mass Audubon Blue Hills Trailside Museum, and numerous galleries.

Her illustration credits include *Coming to Terms with Archaeology and Paleontology: A Dictionary of Artifacts and Old Bones* (The Museums at Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, NM, 2013); illustrations for Willapa Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (WA); five children's picture books (Carolrhoda Books, Minneapolis); and five literary book covers for Graywolf Press (Port Townsend, WA and St Paul, MN).

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