

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HAMMONTON

Laura Bethmann

Current Occupation	<p>Artist / Author / Educator</p> <p>Exhibitions: My watercolor paintings and nature prints are exhibited in solo and group shows in museums and art galleries. Selected exhibitions include the New Jersey Arts Annual, Atlantic City; Peninsula Gallery, Lewes, DE; Stockton University Art Gallery, Galloway, NJ; Noyes Museum-Galleries at Seaview, Galloway, NJ; Philadelphia Horticultural Society; Monmouth Museum, Lincroft, NJ; New York State Museum, Albany.</p> <p>Books: Currently working on my fourth book. My publisher is Storey Publications, North Adams, MA. Previously published titles: Hand Printing from Nature; Nature Printing with Herbs, Fruits and Flowers; Rustic Accents for Your Home.</p> <p>Teaching: I present art workshops currently for Scott Arboretum, Swarthmore, PA; Morris Arboretum, Philadelphia; Long Beach Island Foundation, Love Ladies, NJ. Since 1997, I've given presentations and workshops for dozens of institutions including the Philadelphia Flower Show; the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia; chapters of the Herb Society of America, Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ; and Craft Barn, Lingfield, Surrey, U.K.</p>
Past Work Experience	<p>Lawrence Mayer Interiors, Brielle, NJ: 1983-1987: Commission artist.</p> <p>Agricultural Experiment Station, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. 1975-1978: Principal writer and editor. I created layman descriptions for over one hundred research projects conducted there and assisted the director with other programs.</p>
Involvement with the HSH	2022-Present. Appointed Trustee in 2024. Timeline Exhibit Project Committee, Community Outreach Committee.
Education and/or Certifications	2023 Certificate, Pinelands Short Course, NJ Pinelands Commission 1995-1998 Certified Rutgers Master Gardener 1981-1982 Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA 1979 Pratt Graphics Center, New York, NY 1978-1979 Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 1975-1977 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

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Other Volunteer Activities	<p>2020-Present. Founding member of Art Club, Hammonton. Curate exhibitions, co-organize and participate in Third Thursdays, our Annual Arts and Music Festival in Hammonton, NJ, and other activities.</p> <p>2023-Present. Arts Advisory Council, Hammonton. Board member. Co-create monthly arts programs for community outreach in collaboration with MainStreet Hammonton and Art Club, Hammonton.</p> <p>2022-Present. Hammonton Democratic Club. Treasurer. Created artwork for club t-shirts. Canvas, mailings, fundraisers and other activities to support candidates and community.</p> <p>2015-Present. American Society of Botanical Artists, member. I write the 'Colloquy' column for their quarterly journal, The Botanical Artist.</p> <p>1995-1998 Certified Rutgers Master Gardener. Scoped ticks for disease, manned master gardener helpline, planted gardening containers, Fall Garden Day participant.</p> <p>1997-1999 Shade Tree Commission, Tuckerton, NJ. Board member.</p> <p>1993-1995 Landmarks Commission, Tuckerton. Board member.</p> <p>1985-1992 Friends of the Library, Tuckerton Branch, Ocean County Library. Board member. Organized programs and fundraising activities.</p> <p>1978-79 While attending Syracuse University as a part-time student, I volunteered at the Everson Museum of Art, primarily labeling and creating files for the collections.</p>
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