

# Contemporary Botanical Art at the Scottish Ornithologists' Club

Contemporary Botanical Art Exhibition

by members of the Scottish Society of Botanical Artists with  
sculptures by Ellen McCann

19 January – 27 February 2019

at the Scottish Ornithologists' Club, Aberlady

The SOC is delighted to present an exhibition of contemporary botanical art, bringing together paintings by members of the Scottish Society of Botanical Artists (SSBA), alongside sculptures by Ellen McCann.

Botanical painting has a long and important history. It was used to record the nature of plants for scientific and medicinal purposes and continues to support scientific research as

botanical illustration. While also steeped in the accurate observation of nature, Botanical Art differs from scientific botanical illustration by placing more emphasis on the aesthetic value of the plant. The work in this exhibition, while always botanically correct, falls in this second category where detailed observation generates in the artist, and the viewer, a reflection on the beauty of nature.

The Scottish Society of Botanical Artists, founded in 2014, provides a forum for botanical artists from all over Scotland to meet, share expertise, exhibit work and generally promote interest in botanical art. A cross-section of its membership is represented in the exhibition.

Ellen McCann's sculptures complement the exhibition by

offering a very personal response to the subject. Ellen takes her inspiration from the growth patterns of plants to create sculptures that distill the essence of the natural form using ceramics and metal. She lives and works in Biggar.

The exhibition runs from Saturday 19 January until Wednesday 27 February 2019.

Open daily, 10am to 4pm, at The Scottish Ornithologists' Club, Aberlady, East Lothian, EH32 0PY

For more information, please call 01875 871 330 or email [exhibitions@the-soc.org.uk](mailto:exhibitions@the-soc.org.uk).

Getting there: The SOC is situated at Waterston House, in Aberlady, East Lothian, just off the A198. From Edinburgh, take the first left after the Aberlady sign. The East Coast Buses 124, X24 and X5 stop almost at the door.

Open times: daily 10am to 4pm, Free entry.

About the SOC: The Scottish Ornithologists' Club is Scotland's national bird club with over 3000 members and a network of 15 branches across Scotland which host a programme of talks, discussions and outings from the Borders to Orkney and beyond.

Waterston House is fully accessible and houses a resource centre for bird-watching including a shop, the largest ornithological reference library in Scotland and an art gallery dedicated to wildlife art. The centre is open to all (members and non-members) free of charge.

For more information on the SOC and events at Waterston House, visit [www.the-soc.org.uk](http://www.the-soc.org.uk)

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