

MARGARET REBECCA DICKINSON: A BOTANICAL ARTIST OF THE BORDER COUNTIES: BOOK AND OTHER INITIATIVES

In the Autumn of 2021, the BNC published an illustrated book to commemorate the bicentenary of the birth of Victorian botanical artist, Margaret Dickinson, who lived and worked in the Borders and was an active member of the Berwickshire Naturalist Club. www.bnc1831.co.uk/publications

There have been a number of other initiatives stemming from the book.

- (1) An **Exhibition** of Dickinson's original paintings which for the first time brings together art works on loan from the Natural History Society of Northumbria and the Royal Horticultural Society's Lindley Library. This has been organised by James Lowther, Head of Visual Art, Maltings, Berwick. The exhibition will run from 22/10/2022 to 19/02/2023 at the Granary Gallery in Berwick (near Bridge Street Car Park). It is open from 11 AM to 4 PM, Wed to Sun, and is Free of Charge. <https://www.maltingsberwick.co.uk/whats-on/margaret-rebecca-dickinson-a-botanical-artist-of-the-border-counties/>

- (2) **Schools Project** linked with the exhibition, organised by James Lowther, who has obtained funding from the Sir James Knott Trust, to fund full-day workshops to support visits to the exhibition by First and Middle Schools from Berwick and surrounding area.

- (3) **Botanical Art Workshops** linked with tours of the exhibition. These have been organised by the Berwick Education Association (<https://berwickea.org/events/>). There will be two workshops led by botanical artist, Rachel Sutherland: (1) Introduction to Botanical Art on 22nd November and (2) Introduction to Botanical Drawing on 6th December 2022.

- (4) A **Talk** by Elizabeth Towner, organised by the Friends of Castle Parks Berwick, which will take place at Berwick Parish Centre, Berwick-on Tweed, on 14th December 2022. <https://www.friendsofcastleparks.org/winter-talks-2022-23>