

Janneke Brinkman

Janneke is one of the best-known illustrators in The Netherlands. She has been illustrating calendars, greetings cards and stationery for over twenty years. Her flower watercolour paintings can also be found on tableware, bathroom and bedroom textiles, stamps and numerous other articles. Janneke is also known for her column in MARGRIET, one of the best-read magazines in The Netherlands.

Janneke has followed several botanical painting courses with Anne-Marie Evans, Helen Allen and Elaine Searle but, originally, she qualified as a biologist from the University of Amsterdam. She knows how to combine her extensive knowledge of plants and flowers with her delicate sense of colour and composition.

Janneke's love for nature is clearly expressed in her watercolours. She says: "The bright, brilliant colours of watercolour paint lend themselves well to the fresh, delicate and transparent nature of flowers. I hope I can inspire you to enjoy what is really worthwhile in the flowers and plants around us".

Janneke lives near to her permanent source of inspiration, the Hortus Botanicus of Leiden, founded in 1594 and the oldest botanical garden in Europe.

Janneke has exhibited internationally including: Museum De Lakenhal in Leiden, Noord-Brabants Museum in Den Bosch, Lincoln Cathedral and Kew Gardens.

