Annette Marie Townsend

b. 1973, Wales

Education

2013 CTQ Conservation Qualification - Natural Science, ICON, Institute for Conservation 1992-1995

BA Hons Design, Printed Textiles and Surface Pattern, Somerset College of Arts and

Technology

Experience

2016-present Interdisciplinary Natural History Artist, Self employed

2021-present Director, Cyswllt Cadwraeth Cymru / Connect Conserve Wales, Community Interest Company

2014-2016 Senior Conservator Natural Science, Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales

1997-2014 Scientific Artist and Assistant Conservator, Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales

1995-1997 Botanical Artist, Amgueddfa Cymru, National Museum Wales

Selected Lectures and Teaching

2022 Live Master Artisan demonstration of wax botanical sculpture at Homo Faber: Living

Treasures of Europe and Japan. Venice, Italy

2017 Short course tutor, Conservation of Botanical Collections, West Dean College of Arts and

Conservation, West Sussex

2016 Guest lecturer, The history of wax botanical model making at Amgueddfa Cymru – National

Museum Wales, The Hay Festival, Hay-on-Wye, Wales

Guest lecturer, Symposium: Anatomical Modelling, Hunterian Museum, Royal College of

Surgeons

2008 Guest lecturer, Chelsea Physic Garden Florilegium Society, Chelsea Physic Garden, London

Collections

Public English Heritage

Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum of Wales

Manchester Museum

Private UK, USA, China, Europe

Solo Exhibitions

2019 For Safekeeping. National Botanic Garden of Wales

Selected Group Exhibitions

2023 Fine Art Asia, HKCEC. Represented by Karin Weber Gallery

Botanical Wonders. Karin Weber Gallery, Hong Kong

Blütenpracht (Blossom splendour / Splendeurs des fleurs). Gallery Handwerk, Munich

Uncommon Beauty - Objects of Curiosity & Wonder. Makers Guild in Wales

Art Central, HKCEC. Represented by Karin Weber Gallery

2022 The Young Masters Autumn Exhibition. South Kensington, London Root & Branch. Mission Gallery, Swansea

Home and Garden Exhibition. Byard Art, Cambridge

Homo Faber: Living Treasures of Europe and Japan. Venice, Italy

Eye of the Collector. Two Temple Place, London. Represented by Ruup & Form

Platform at London Art Fair. Represented by Ruup & Form

Collect. Somerset House, London. Represented by Ruup & Form

2021 Wish You Well. Karin Weber Gallery, Hong Kong

London Craft Week. 67 York Street, London. Represented by Ruup & Form

Eye of the Collector. Two Temple Place, London. Represented by Ruup & Form

Artefact. Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour, London. Represented by Ruup & Form

Collect. Online via Artsy. Represented by Ruup & Form

2020 Collect Open. Somerset House, London

2019 PolliNation: Artists Crossing Borders with Scientists to Explore the Value of Pollinator

Health. Cornell University, New York

De Rerum Natura | On the Nature of Things. Kalpa Art Living and Pignano Art Gallery,

Volterra, Italy

2018 Poppies for Remembrance. National Museum Wales

2015 From Another Kingdom – The Amazing World of Fungi. Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and

National Botanic Garden of Wales

Hedge Banks. Graham Sutherland Landscape Gallery installation, Oriel y Parc, Pembrokeshire,

Wales

2014 Siberia: At the Edge of the World. Manchester Museum

Selected Publications

2024 Countryfile Magazine, Waxing Botanical by Margaret Bartlett. February

Seisma Magazine: 03 Entomology Edition

2022 The World of Interiors, Faux-liage by Amy Sherlock. July

BQ Magazine: Bees & Other Pollinators Quarterly. Spring

Crafts magazine, Global Gatherings by Isabella Smith. Jan/Feb, Issue 292

The Gloss Magazine, The Remembering Rope – Part Nine by Polly Devlin

Forbes, 5 Highlights To Look Out For At Collect 2021 by Roddy Clarke. 26th February

2020 Financial Times, How To spend It. Six must-sees at London's Collect fair. February

Elle Decoration, The Names To Invest In Now. March UK edition

2019 The Western Mail, Weekend Magazine, Natural Beauties by Jenny White. 27th July

Selected Academic Publications

2016 Townsend, A. & Carter, J. 'Making a life-size model of a Rhizostoma pulmo, for the

Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales Marine Displays'. In The Journal of

Natural Science Collections, The Natural Science Collection Association (NatSCA). Volume 3

2015 Townsend, A., Buttler, C. & Eggbeer, D. The use of 3D scanning and printing in the production

of replicas. In, ICON news, the magazine of the Institute of Conservation. Issue 58, May. pp

16-19

Archetype Publications. pp 157 2010-2011 Townsend, A. Illustrations. 'Ancient Green Wales', Discoveries in Science, Nature Cymru – Nature of Wales Issue No. 37, pp 44 2009 Townsend, A. Illustrations. In: Christopher J. Cleal and Barry A.Thomas. Introduction to Plant Fossils. pp 237 Davis, M. & Townsend, A. 'Modelling the Caergwrle bowl: ancient, historic and modern methods.' In 'Holding It All Together: Ancient & Modern Approaches to Joining, Repair and Consolidation' Archetype publications in association with The British Museum. pp 177-183 2008 Townsend, A. Making a ¾ cast of an Atlantic tripletail fish. In, Natural History Collections Working Group Newsletter Issue No 16 2007 Townsend, A. Illustrations. In: John M. Anderson, Heidi M. Anderson & Chris J. Cleal. Brief history of the gymnosperms: classification, biodiversity, phytogeography and ecology in Strelitzia 20. South African National Biodiversity Institute, x-280 pp

Townsend, A., Illustrations. In Pinniger, D. Integrated Pest Management in Cultural Heritage