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Meriel Thurstan joined the renowned Eden Project at its creation and helped to create the Eden's Friends organization and produce its very first magazine. Meriel organizes the extremely successful annual Eden diploma course in botanical illustration. Her own botanical paintings hang in England, France, and Australia, and have become a popular highlight of each issue of *Eden's Friends* magazine. She lives in Cornwall, England.

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