DR MARCELLE STIRLING PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Marcelle grew up on a coconut plantation in Sri Lanka and lived in a house surrounded by tropical fruit trees, orchids, anthuriums and foliage plants. Her love for plants was fostered by her environment and by her parents. After moving to Australia, the passion continued, but became centered on Australian natives, which are known for their great diversity of form and structure. The eucalypts are her favorites.

Being interested in Science and having to select Math's and Science subjects at an early stage in school, Marcelle had little opportunity to study Art. However, she did enjoy the pencil drawings she did in Botany classes. After her university studies Marcelle undertook research on pests and diseases of plants and it was not until 2006, while searching for a new hobby, that she stumbled on Botanical Art. Watercolor painting proved to be a challenge, but after many patient hours, Marcelle's dream of being able to accurately draw and paint eucalypts took shape.

Marcelle regularly exhibits her paintings at the annual exhibition of the Botanical Artists' Society of Queensland. She also has solo exhibitions of her eucalypt paintings as fund raisers for not for profit organizations and several of her paintings have been donated to raise money for charities.

Winners of the Dr Marcelle Stirling Photography Award:

2018	Yvonne Hawkins		
2019	Sue Wilson		
2020	Not awarded due to Covid 19		