



SUZANNE PERRIN B.A. (Hons); M.A.

Specialist in Japanese History, Art & Culture; other subjects include

Western History of Art, Chinese & Korean History of Art & Culture

Languages: Japanese, French

Certificate in Nihonga Painting. Nagoya University of Arts, Japan 1987

Biography

Studied *Nihonga* (traditional Japanese painting) at **Nagoya University of Arts Japan**, 1986-87. Studied Japanese language attaining Japan Foundation Level 3. Since then have made regular visits to Japan over twenty years for research, and conducted guided tours of Japan and China for students and adult groups.

Taught **Japanese History & Culture and Western Art History** at **Richmond American International University in London** for twelve years, (1989-2001) and at **Huron University USA** for three years in London; visiting lecturer at **University of Brighton Art & Design School** for four years; visiting lecturer at **University of Cape Town, S.Africa**. Lectures for the **British Museum/ SOAS Asian Arts course, V&A Museum Asian Arts course**, Universities, **NADFAS** (National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Society), **ADFAS** (Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society) and **DARTS SA** (Decorative Arts Society, South Africa).

Founded Japan Interlink in 1995 in order to promote cultural and educational exchange between Japan and the UK, organising Japanese cultural events in UK including Kimono exhibitions and Japanese traditional dance groups, and setting up student exchange programmes between universities in Japan and the UK. Has worked for Japanese organisations in London and Japan, and promoted Japanese culture on **Sky TV** and on radio, being interviewed twice on **BBC's 'Women's Hour'** and on **local radio** stations in Australia, New Zealand and Cape Town S.Africa. **Published** many articles on historical and contemporary aspects of Japanese architecture, gardens, design and contemporary lifestyle for **Insight Japan Magazine, Japan Society Review, Nichi-Ei Times, NADFAS Review, Odyssey Magazine SA** and others.

Organised Japanese cultural events for the Japan Festivals 1990/91, 2001/02 and 2008/09, with several **Kimono exhibitions** including *Kekkon Style: Japanese Wedding Costumes* at the **London Fashion & Textile Museum in 2009**.

Gave **lecture tours on Japanese Art & Culture** in **Australia** in 1987, 2000 and 2008 for **ADFAS**, and lecture tour in **South Africa** for **DARTS** in 2002/2008/2010. Contributed lectures on Japanese History, Culture and Arts to **University of Cape Town's** summer school programme in 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2010. Currently doing research project in Kyoto, Japan, involving traditional textiles and trades industries.