

## Aileen Lipkin

## Africa – Landscape within Landscape

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Daily 10-6 Saturdays 10-1

Private View
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6 - 8 pm RSVP

## **Grosvenor Gallery**

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| AILEEN LIPKIN  |  |  |  |
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| 1933   | Born Johannesburg Studied art at Witwatersrand Technical College   |  |  |
| 1952   | Opened Commercial art studio   |  |  |
| 1956   | Married Leon Lipkin  |  |  |
| 1959   | Studied under Arthur Goldreich and devoted full-time to painting   |  |  |
| 1960   | First one-man exhibition Lidchi Gallery, Johannes-<br>burg<br>Left South Africa for London with her husband<br>and first child<br>Studied briefly under Alan Davie at the Central<br>School of Arts and Crafts |  |  |
| 1961-64 One-man exhibitions John Whibley Gallery, London |  |  |  |
| 1962   | Returned to South Africa for the birth of her second child One-man exhibition Adler Fielding Galleries, Johannesburg   |  |  |
| 1967   | One-man exhibition Grosvenor Gallery, London   |  |  |

To paint the veldt or bush as a normal landscape is not enough-it is necessary to study each leaf, each tree trunk, each plant. The paintings thus become landscapes within landscapes. Growth, disintegration leading on to regrowth - nothing is static, a continuous changing, within a whole which in itself is timeless and unchanging - the throb of life is everywhere, in the disintegrating cells of a leaf, a decayed bark or a blade of grass. Everything has its role. Death in the veldt supports life and provides a protecting shield in the world of cruel and merciless elements – fire, drought, are the greatest destroyers; a drop of water and all re-emerges – a world in a dying leaf - a landscape in your back garden. In Africa there is an ever awareness of this violent cycle. The technique used is basically a mixture of oil, sand and alabastine. The types of sand vary according to the nature of the painting, from fine Mine-Dump sand to river sands. Assemblage is sometimes used - fibruous structures of Aloe, cacti, thorns, etc. - all foreign materials are purified to make them inert. I left one work outside for over a year. It has withstood violent rain, heat and cold, becoming harder and retaining texture and colour. Aileen Lipkin

| 1  | New Life                       | 30 × 33                  |
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| 2  | Landscape with Thorns          | 42 × 21                  |
| 3  | Source                         | 40 × 30                  |
| 4  | Fertile Bed                    | 40 × 30                  |
| 5  | Ant Hill                       | $36 \times 30$           |
| 6  | African Growth Theme I         | 40 × 30                  |
| 7  | African Growth Theme II        | 40 × 30                  |
| 8  | African Growth Theme III       | 40 × 20                  |
| 9  | African Growth Theme IV        | 40 × <                   |
| 10 | African Growth Theme V         | 40 × 30                  |
| 11 | African Growth Theme VI        | 40 × 30                  |
| 12 | African Core                   | $10 \times 12$           |
| 13 | Landscape with Thorns          | $14\frac{1}{2} \times 7$ |
| 14 | Burnt Leaf                     | $15\frac{1}{2} \times 9$ |
| 15 | The Sentinels                  | 13 × 9                   |
| 16 | Dead Tree Trunk                | $10 \times 4$            |
| 17 | Pregnant Landscape             | $10 \times 9$            |
| 18 | The Green Line                 | $36 \times 30$           |
| 19 | Dead Tree Trunk                | $36 \times 30$           |
| 20 | Spring                         | $36 \times 30$           |
| 21 | Summer                         | $36 \times 30$           |
| 22 | Autumn                         | $36 \times 30$           |
| 23 | Winter                         | $36 \times 30$           |
| 24 | African Flower                 | 40 × 30                  |
| 25 | Drought (illustrated on cover) | $40 \times 30$           |
| 26 | Parched Land                   | 40 ×                     |
| 27 | Scorched Earth                 | $40 \times 30$           |
| 28 | Giant Keep                     | $40 \times 34$           |
| 29 | African Crucifix               | $72 \times 48$           |
| 30 | Veldt Shield                   | $36 \times 30$           |
| 31 | Erosion                        | $15 \times 10$           |
| 32 | Drought                        | $15\frac{1}{2} \times 9$ |
| 33 | African Flower                 | $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 34 | Aloe Leaf                      | 13 × 8                   |
| 35 | Dead Leaf                      | $12 \times 8$            |
| 36 | Dead Tree Trunk                | $11 \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 37 | Dying Leaf                     | 12 × 9                   |
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