To the copyright office:

I am a botanical artist and have been creating art, for the past 20 years. I spent a great deal of time and money on my training in this field. I have a certificate from Filoli in Woodside and I have also participated in classes in the UK and elsewhere. I have shown art on three continents and have received several awards, have had a number of pieces published, and have done work on commission for private individuals and for a major non-profit as well as selling completed pieces. Each piece of art takes 60 - 100 hours to create.

For this reason, I am very concerned that that my rights to my ownership of my work be protected. My work does NOT lose value upon publication and I must be able to control how and where my work is used. As a professional artist, allowing others to purloin my work is tantamount to stealing money from me. Particularly in this digital age, ownership of our art **must** be protected. This is not a trivial issue but one which potentially steals value from all visual artists everywhere.

Regards,

Pria Graves