



## Janet Parker

Salal, *Gaultheria shallon*

I chose Salal because it's a native plant that I can easily identify - I see it in my neighborhood and all around Portland. It has beautiful, delicate pink flowers in the spring, and lovely berries in summer, and big, shiny green leaves year-round. The berries were a significant food source for indigenous peoples, who both ate them fresh and dried them into cakes. It is also apparently the first plant that David Douglas laid eyes in the Pacific Northwest, so perhaps a lucky choice of subject matter. Colored pencil on watercolor paper. 15 x 15" framed