

Camellia Festival Winners

Despite the inclement cold and windy weather leading up to the annual Camellia Festival, the display of Camellias in St. Mary's Hall on Saturday and Sunday 23 & 24 June was spectacular. Visitors remarked that the display was the best in years, demonstrating again that the Blackall Range is the home of the 'Winter Queen'.

There were a total of 141 blooms entered into this year's competitions from a total of thirteen growers. Selecting the winners presented a challenge according to the Judge, Mrs. Olga Webster, well known and respected Camellia grower from Maleny.

The best Informal Bloom and Champion (Winter's Own) was exhibited by J & M Harper from 'Magnolia Close', Flaxton Mill Road, Flaxton. The best Formal Bloom (Buttons & Bows) was grown by J & N Watkins, Western Ave. Montville. The best Variegated Bloom (Margaret Davis) and the best Flamboyant Bloom (Grand Marshall) were grown by R & A Sellars at Mapleton.

The Art Competition conducted in conjunction with the Festival, was judged by



Above : Margaret and John Harper.
Left : Artist, Jenny Little

Heather Jones from Maleny. Mrs Jenny Little from Flaxton won the award for the best painting of a Camellia. The Section for paintings of another floral theme was won by Karen Nicol.

John and Margaret Harper's garden will be open to the public for the Open Garden Scheme on the weekend of September 1 and 2.

Zonta Women in Art Exhibition - July 27 to 29

The annual Women In Art Exhibition has established itself into the calendar of events on the Range with this being the ninth staged by the Zonta Club of Blackall Range.

Held at the Montville Village Hall on the last weekend of July every year, the exhibition is the clubs major fundraising event.

Featuring the work of female artists from the local area, Women In Art was established as a way for artists of all ages and levels of ability to exhibit their works, from professional, award winning artists through to those who are only just discovering their artistic talents. Displaying a broad range of mediums, all types of original art works are on show, from traditional oils and pastels, to sculpture, pottery, photography and craft work.

With the Blackall Range being so well known for its arts and crafts, it only seemed natural that a women's service club use an event such as this for both fundraising and for promoting female artists.

Over the years the exhibition has evolved into a competition as well. The art prizes are all donated by local businesses with over \$3,000 to be awarded on the opening night. Judging the works this year is well known local artist Rex Backhaus-Smith.

The Zonta Club expects over 120 artists exhibiting up to 250 works at this years event which is open to the public from noon on Friday, July 27 until 4pm on Sunday, July 29.

The opening night and awards presentation is on Friday 27th July from 6pm. Zonta's reputation for fine food and good company ensures a full house so purchasing tickets prior to the evening is essential. Tickets are available for \$25 by phoning either Gillian on 5499 9985 or Ann on 0418 669730.



One of Last years winners, Judith Laws and her painting - Aspects Red

A 3-day exhibition showcasing the creative talents of local women

Exhibition open to the public
 Friday 27 July - 12pm to 4pm
 Saturday 28 July - 10am to 4pm
 Sunday 29 July - 10am to 4pm

Entry \$2.00

Official Opening & Awards Night
 Friday July 27 - 6pm
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