

# **PRESS RELEASE:**

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## ***Gold Coast Show 2007***

### **- VISUAL ARTS.**

This year's Visual Arts display at the **Pura Milk Gold Coast Show** from August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 promises to be even more 'eye-catching' than ever before and is set to be the biggest display of artworks and colourful floral arrangements ever after last years record number of entries. The new Colin Meagher Pavilion close to the main gate has proven to be a popular new home for the displays.

For those that think that visual arts is struggling to attract exhibitors think again. "We received 940 entries last year and we're hoping to tip the 1000 for the 2007 Gold Coast Show" says visual arts coordinator Faye Dick.

There are 28 different categories covering artworks from traditional painting, modern, watercolour, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, pottery, mosaics, art in bark, calligraphy, photography, miniature painting and a special junior section.

The popular 'Acquisitive Award' presented by Gall Standfield & Smith Solicitors is always fiercely competed for with this years theme being RIVERS & LAKES. Some of the Gold Coasts best artists see the Acquisitive Award as a catalyst to extend their painting skills into new areas and broaden their artistic abilities.

The generous cash prize for the Acquisitive Award is \$1500 and a further \$500 Overall Award for the best single exhibit in classes 2 to 25.

Prizes are also on offer to the winners of best watercolour and a new class for 2007 for miniature art.

The Gold Coast Show Visual Arts exhibit is becoming more and more popular for art collectors to buy local artworks to decorate their own home or to add to their personal collections. Most exhibited artworks are available for purchase to the general public.

Again at the Visual Arts displays this year – Artists will be working 'on-site,' members of the public can see artworks being created.

2006 Acquisitive Award winner was Glenn Brady with his picture "You Hear Rain Dear?"

Highly Commended entries were;

1. Postcards from Paradise – Barry Voevodin
2. Man & Nature – Sharron Sheining
3. Imitation – Dennise Mattheson
4. Just a Splinter – Leone Corker

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