

## Celebrate artistic talent at annual exhibition and sale

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CPAS Committee Advisor Colina Grant, Maintenance Manager Scottie Randall, Gallery Manager Angus Lockhart and Secretary Trish Keating. Photo: Melissa Stevens.

The City of Parramatta Art Society (CPAS) is launching its annual Christmas sale exhibition, featuring some of the region's most phenomenal artistic talent.

CPAS is the second oldest art society in Australia, first established in 1952.

With over 200 members, the society features artists from all over the region and surrounds who come together to meet like-minded people and celebrate their love of art.

This year's Christmas exhibition will run until mid-January, with a whole range of different art forms created by locals on sale for half price.

Life member Colina Grant invited the community to attend the Hunter Street gallery to take in all of the wonderful works on display.

"Every artist can submit two framed paintings and 10 unframed works," she said.

"This gives the community a real good opportunity to pick up something very affordable."

Whilst COVID-19 did force the gallery to close earlier this year, Ms Grant said artists were busy creating their masterpieces at home.

"Whilst the gallery closed we all continued to paint furiously at home and when we reopened we couldn't believe the amount of sales; the support has been great," she said.

"It seems locking people away made them want to spruce up their walls."

CPAS regularly hold classes, free sketch groups, life drawing, exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops; everything to get your creative juices flowing.

"The love for art is very strong here in Parramatta and it's great to see even those not so much involved with it come in and enjoy the gallery," Ms Grant said.

Just recently the society had its Foundations Week exhibition, celebrating the history of Parramatta.

The group also display their works externally at the Gatehouse Tea House in Parramatta Park as well as holding yearly exhibitions at Winston Hills Shopping Centre and Kellyville Shopping Mall.

Visit the gallery at Studio 6, 4-14 Hunter Street, Parramatta.



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