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Big Potential for Miniatures

They may be small, but the inaugural Miniatures Art Exhibition and Sale is expected to be a big hit at this year's Tree of Knowledge Festival to be held in Barcaldine over the May Day Long weekend.

Along with the Sports Dinner the Exhibition will be one of the Festival's feature opening events on the Friday night, April 31.

Event co-ordinator, Mrs Joanne Taylor said they have made the exhibition "miniature" to try something different and make the artworks more marketable.

"People who are travelling can't be carrying huge artworks so we thought the miniatures might be more convenient and hence attractive for them to buy," said Mrs Taylor

All the artworks are to be no bigger than A5 size, that is 15cm by 20cm, they can be even smaller than this and their frames can be bigger but the works themselves have to be constrained to that size.

Mrs Taylor said the exhibition is open to any medium and any theme and that there will also be a 3D miniature category.

She said they are hoping the exhibition will draw entries from both local and artists from further a field.

"We have a lot of very talented artists who always support the annual Barcaldine Art Show and we are hoping this will give them another avenue to showcase and sell their work and we are also contacting our regular exhibitors and expect to receive a lot of interest from them as well.

"We are anticipating at least 20 to 30 works and if we get more than that, then that would be great," she said.

The Exhibition will go on show at the Ken Wilson pavilion at the Barcaldine showgrounds where the Barcaldine Arts Council will host a wine and cheese evening to coincide with its opening.

Well known for her commitment to community art activities, last year Mrs Taylor organised the highly successful shearers display and is confident the miniatures will be just as well received this year.

"It's sure to be a fun night," said Mrs Taylor, "and provide an alternative activity for both visitors and locals over the weekend."

For more information and entry forms, contact Joanne Taylor 46512663 or visit the website: www.treeofknowledge.com.au

