

THE SUM OF US

24 SEPTEMBER 2022 – 26 FEBRUARY 2023

On display at Mundaring Arts Centre from 24 September 2022 – 26 February 2023, *The Sum of Us* celebrates the work of a group of students brought together by a botanical art course in Perth with artist and fellow student Margaret Oversby. Exhibiting artists Maimunah Abdullah, Jennifer Amer, Margaret Bradford-Seeley, Robyn Edwards, Susan Perrett and Jeanne Scott continued to meet, with Margaret in regular sessions at Bullsbrook. This allowed the pursuit of their passion and exploration of various styles of botanical art, predominantly in watercolour. Margaret has since passed away, and this exhibition acknowledges her role in the formation of this diverse, supportive, and talented group, with a selection of her works on display.

Abdullah's passion for botanical art developed after gaining a Diploma of Horticulture and advanced Diploma in Fashion Design in 1996 and learning with admired botanical artist Margaret Pieroni. Over the past 26 years, Maimunah has been invited to teach painting, pottery and craft to children and adults at Canning Arts Group and has participated in the Canning Art Awards each year.

Bradford-Seeley's artistic practice began in 2010 after retiring from her career in nursing and has exhibited her works across regional WA since 2011. She studied botanical art with artists Leonie Norton and Lori Spencer-Neuzerling in 2017. Bradford-Seeley's works are represented in private collections in Australia and overseas and in 2018, her work was awarded Most Outstanding Art Exhibit by Chittering Agricultural Society.



Robyn Edwards, *Red Wattlebird on Callistemon*, 2021, watercolour on paper, 40 x 29 cm.



Maimunah Abdullah, *Corymbia ficofolia*, 2022, watercolour on paper, 55 x 43 cm.

Edwards studied drawing at Moora TAFE in 2013, sparking her artistic journey. Since then, her botanical art was awarded first prize in the Chittering Art Society's annual art exhibition in 2016 and first prize for watercolour in the Cervantes Arts Festival in 2021. Edwards' work is featured in private collections and has been published, alongside works by exhibitor Margaret Bradford Seeley, in *Natural Connections*, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show.

This exhibition is on show at Mundaring Arts Centre from 24 September – 24 December 2022, then continues 24 January – 26 February 2023.

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