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ARTISTS SHOW BEAUTY OF SOUTH EAST WILD FORESTS

Wild Forests, a group show exhibiting the beauty and splendour of natural native forests of the south east, begins the new season at Gallery Bodalla on Saturday 3 October.

Over 20 artists, including Celia Perceval, Prue Acton, Merv Moriarty, David Voigt, Wayne Byard, Amanda Williams, Heide Smith, Annie Franklin, Cheryl Davison, Don Atkinson, Shunyam Smith and Tim Moorhead have contributed art works representing their vision of wild forests.

"This show brings together passionate and professional artists, all with similar values for the natural asset we have in our wild south east forests", gallery owner Valerie Faber said.

"In these concerning times of global warming, and with senseless wood chipping of our native forests continuing unabated, artists have the capacity to appeal to our deeply held aesthetic values. They can evoke the many important reasons we need to protect wild forests for the future, so they can protect us.

"Participating artist Annie Franklin describes the grace, the majesty, the infinite variety and the incredible importance of the forests around her south coast home as the primary source of inspiration for her work, and her life.

"And for Prue Acton, artist and South East Region Conservation Alliance (SERCA) campaigner, a natural forest reveals through beauty the potential of the whole to create itself, just as the artist aspires and desires to achieve beauty in each and every artwork.

"This show promises to be quite stunning, and to single out even one work would be to leave out too many. 10% of sales will go to South East Region Conservation Alliance (SERCA) Natural Native Forests campaign," Valerie said.

Wild Forests opens with drinks with the artists Saturday 3 October at 3pm. The show runs from Saturday 3 October to Sunday 22 November, open Thursday to Sunday and public holidays 10am to 4pm.

Gallery Bodalla is in the heritage post office building 66a Princes Highway Bodalla. www.gallerybodalla.com.au Phone 44 735 011.