



2019 Open Category winner Bruce Illingworth with his entry 'Woy Woy Light'.



Central Coast Council

Hawkesbury by Gay Pickering, 2022 Open Section Winner

Grandma Moses Art Competition

Age is no barrier

Each year, budding artists aged 50 and over pick up their paintbrushes and enter the prestigious Grandma Moses Art Competition and Exhibition. This long-standing fixture on the cultural calendar takes inspiration from the life and work of Anna Mary Robertson Moses.

Better known as 'Grandma Moses', she became famous for her evocative artworks that depicted American rural life, after taking up painting in her 70s.

With more than \$3,000 in prize money on offer, this annual competition provides opportunities for all kinds of artistic endeavours and proves that age is no barrier to success.

Gay Pickering was the winner of the Open category in 2022 for her landscape oil painting titled 'Hawkesbury'. Her entry is featured on the front page of this entry form and across our promotional materials for this year's competition.

Bruce Illingworth won the Open section in 2019 with his entry, 'Woy Woy Light'. The judges commended Bruce's delicate depiction of light and shade.

Grandma Moses Art Competition Entry form 2023

Like to dabble with paint, aged over 50, and live on the Coast? It's time to enter Council's annual Grandma Moses Art Competition!

With more than \$3,000 in prize money, it's a great opportunity to brush up on painting skills, exhibit artwork and potentially win.

The competition has numerous categories, including open, watercolour, novice, members' groups and Central-Coast themed.

The competition is named after US artist Anna Mary Robertson Moses who took up painting as a career at 78. Aged 80, she held her first solo exhibition, and the 'New York Tribune' dubbed her 'Grandma Moses'. It stuck. Grandma Moses painted more than 1,500 pictures in the last 23 years of her life, and created art until she died aged 101.

Grandma Moses Art Competition and Exhibition 2023

Please read all conditions carefully before signing the entry label

- Entrants must be aged 50 or over, and be a resident of the Central Coast Local Government Area.
- Entrants in the Novice Section are those who have taken up art for the first time from 1 January 2022.
- Entrants in the 50+ Leisure & Learning Centres and Senior Citizens Centres Art Group Members section must have at least a 75% attendance rate during the past 12 months.
- Entries should have been produced in the past 12 months.
- Entries must be no larger than 70cm x 70cm including framing. Oversized entries will not be accepted.
- Entries must be suitable to hang, and require that a backing string be securely fastened. Entries with no hanging string will not be accepted.
- A limit of one (1) entry from each exhibitor.
- Completed Part A Entry Form must be submitted to:
In person: Central Coast Council
2 Hely Street, Wyong
- By email:
melissa.metcalfe@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au
by Wednesday **30 August 2023**.
Late or incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- Entries must be delivered to the Gosford 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre on Monday, 11 September 2023 between 9am and 11am. Section 1 entries must submit between 9am and 10am.
- A completed Part B Entry Form must be pasted to the back of the entry, otherwise it will not be accepted.
- Entries are to be collected on Friday, 15 September 2023 between 9am and 11.30am.
- Judges will view all entries. In all events, the decision of the judges will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.
- Council will not be responsible for loss of, or damage to, entries.
- Council reserves the right to have works reproduced for press or television for publicity purposes.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Entry forms must be signed by the artist.
Please be aware of copyright regulations.

Please refer to Council's website for full terms and conditions.

centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/grandmamoses

Prizes on offer

Section 1	Open	\$1,000
Section 2	Watercolour	\$700
Section 3	Novice	\$450
Section 4	Member of 50+ Leisure & Learning Centres and Senior Citizens Centres Art Groups	\$450
Section 5	Central Coast Inspired	\$450

Medium Index:
P= Pastel
O= Oil
M= Mixed Media
W= Watercolour
A=Acrylic
D=Drawing

About the competition and exhibition

Entry forms must be in by Wednesday, 30 August 2023, and all entered paintings must be delivered on Monday, 11 September 2023.

The competition culminates in an exhibition at Gosford 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, 217 Albany Street North, Gosford. All entries will be exhibited from Tuesday, 12 September to Thursday, 14 September .

Prize-winners will be announced at the Centre on Tuesday, 12 September at 10.30am. Entrants and friends are all welcome to a morning tea following the presentations.

Cut out your entry form and painting label here

Part B - BACK LABEL

Please fill in a stick to the back of the painting prior to delivery on Wednesday, 30 August 2023.

ARTIST:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

Name of person delivering/picking up entry:
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SECTION (please circle): **1 2 3 4 5**

TITLE OF WORK:.....

MEDIUM: (please circle): **P O M W A D**

FOR SALE / NOT FOR SALE (please circle)

SALE PRICE (IF FOR SALE): \$.....

Backing String Attached: (please circle) **Y/N**

I certify that the above information is correct and that the work is my original work. I note all conditions and agree to abide by them.

ARTIST'S SIGNATURE:
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Part A - ENTRY FORM

Please fill in and submit to Central Coast Council, 2 Hely Street, Wyong or by email to melissa.metcalfe@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

ARTIST:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

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