

# Bush brought to life through Marie's art

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CREATIVE flair and a love for the bush is what drove local Marie Thomasson to create native artworks for the Charters Towers show.

A woman of many different talents, Mrs Thomasson had a variety of them on display in the pottery and art sections last week.

She won first prize and overall champion for her pottery totem pole.

In the art section her painting won a first prize and her husband Wally Thomasson won a second.

"We have only been painting for around four months," she said.

"The lady who taught us, we taught her how to do pottery and she taught us to paint.

"So my husband and I do

painting together on a Friday and we really enjoy it."

"Wally mainly uses his fingers, you can see the dots and everything, and then he blends it with his fingers."



Mrs Thomasson's first prize winning pottery totem.

Mrs Thomasson has been involved in pottery since 2000 and in that has section she entered a kangaroo, totem pole and various bowls this year.

"The totem pole is mainly to put into the yard," she said.

"And I thought, what better to put in your yard than turtles and fish; it's quite appropriate beside a fish pond," Mrs Thomasson said.

"I get my inspiration from the bush and you can see that where I have used leaves to press onto my pottery bowls."

She said she has always been artistic and as a kid she loved sewing and was making clothes from the age of 14.

"Having five children I found that very handy because I could make all the children's clothes, but I learnt from my aunts as they were seamstresses," she said.

She said her husband is now 80 and people say 'now you're retired', but Mrs Thomasson with a big smile said they are just too busy to retire.



Local talent Marie Thomasson won first prize in both the painting and pottery sections.

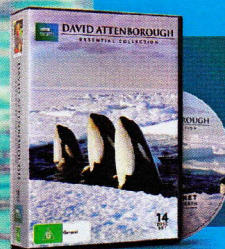
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