

BSO Audrey Eagle Botanical Drawing Competition 2024 & Art Auction

Submissions are now open for the Botanical Society of Otago's Audrey Eagle Botanical Drawing Competition and Art Auction. This year there are two categories; Botanical Illustration and Botanically Inspired Art. Participants of all skill levels are warmly encouraged to submit. Artists will have the opportunity to present their works for auction after the awards have been presented, with all profits going back to the artist. You must be a current BSO member to enter.

Judging criteria

- Botanical accuracy.
- Proportional representation and scale.
- Layout.
- Accurate caption, e.g. botanical name of plant, where it came from, date drawn.
- Preference will be given to plants that have been rarely illustrated.
- Above all, artistic merit carries the highest rating.

In addition, entries for Botanical Illustration will be judged on:

- Clarity of lines.
- Detail, especially of important identification features.
- Botanical notes or comments of interest e.g. key to botanical details, history, distribution, uses, variations etc. (The NZPCN website could be helpful).

Botanically Inspired Art places more emphasis on artistic expression (and participation) than absolute accuracy.

Conditions of entry

Unframed entries must be submitted with an entry form, by **1st September 2024** to Botanical Society of Otago, c/o Department of Botany University of Otago P.O. Box 56 Dunedin, New Zealand, or handed in to the Department of Botany Office, 479 Great King Street, between 9-12 am or 2-4:30 pm on weekdays.

- The drawing must be your original work.
- There is a limit of 3 entries, with a minimum size A5, maximum A3.
- You should include a title and notes of botanical interest; these do not need to be written directly on the drawing and can be submitted alongside the drawing.
- Judges will be kept unaware of your identity while judging - so don't sign the front! But please do put your name on the back(s) and number each entry.
- BSO may use copies, with due acknowledgement, in the Newsletter and website.
- Entries are open to current BSO members – our subscription is very low!
- If there are insufficient entries the competition may be postponed.
- Entries will be displayed and prizes awarded during the meeting on **Wednesday 9th October**. You may put your entries up for auction at the meeting if you wish.
- There is no entry fee, so please include an addressed, pre-paid envelope or tube if you would like your drawings returned by post. Alternatively, you can collect them at the October Meeting.



Fig. 1. Lichen *Ramalina celastri*, expressing discoid apothecia along the margins of the narrow branches.

Fig. 2. (overleaf) Depicts the upper surface of a *Hypogymnia turgidula* lichen. Illustrated using wind fallen specimens, collected from Ross Creek Reservoir, Dunedin, NZ. Artist: Sharon Jones 2021. Medium: watercolour.

ENTRY FORM

Botanical Society of Otago

Audrey Eagle Botanical Drawing Competition



Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Return:

I would like my drawings back: *yes/no*

I have included prepaid and addressed packaging: *yes/no*

Art Auction:

I would like to make my drawing available for **auction** following the award ceremony: *yes/no*

If you selected yes, please indicate your preferred reserve price for each drawing.

Title of artwork: (limit 3):	Category (Botanical Illustration or Botanically Inspired Art):	Reserve price (if auctioned)	Botanical notes enclosed? (✓)
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2.			
3.			

Membership/Declaration:

This is all my own work and I am a current member of the Botanical Society of Otago.

Signature Date