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THINGS GREAT AND SMALL- CHRISTINE PRATT EXHIBITION OPENING

Things Great and Small an exhibition of recent works by regional artist Christine Pratt, will open at the Grafton Regional Gallery at 6.30pm Wednesday 6th December 2006. Gallery Director Jude McBean will officially open the exhibition and Christine Pratt will present a floor talk regarding her work.

The exhibition focuses on panoramic landscapes of the tablelands, and small found objects from the seashore. The relationship between these forms lies in the interpretation of inner and outer experiences, suggesting the deeper significance of the response to the beauty of creation and the Creator.

Christine was born in Goodooga in 1948, and has spent most of her life in the North West region of NSW, now residing in Armidale. A trained teacher, she has worked in country areas, schools and TAFE colleges, as well as in London but now having retired from teaching, most of her time she devotes to drawing and painting. The landscapes Christine depicts derive from a solitary nature consistent with an upbringing in a remote rural setting.

After moving to Armidale in 1991 her work developed a new focus with a range of semi abstract collage and mixed media works on paper. During this time she completed a Master of Letters in Visual Arts and Design, and a Master of Arts (Honours) at the University of New England with studies on aesthetics and an original research thesis on the work of Paul Klee, receiving the Royal Society of Arts Award for Student Excellence in 1996.

Christine was a finalist in the 2004 JADA exhibition and the gallery acquired her work featuring Mount Duval, the dominant landform near the city of Armidale. This mixed media drawing was one of a series of recent works that focus on the landscape of Armidale.

The exhibition will run from Wednesday 6th December until 28th January 2007.

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The Grafton Regional Gallery is located at 158 Fitzroy Street Grafton and is open Tuesday – Sunday 10am to 4pm.