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GRASS ROOTS

Beverly Moxon

Have you ever reflected on the things that we value throughout our lives, and realised that often their importance has nothing to do with money? Mementos, those special things that we hold dear, are kept not for their monetary value but for the stories, memories and experiences they evoke. Objects like these are the subject of the newest show on display in the Links Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, **Grass Roots**, an exhibition of recent works by local fibre artist Beverly Moxon.

Originally from a rural town in North Carolina, Beverly is now based in Cootamundra and is currently a Masters candidate in Visual Arts at Charles Sturt University. **Grass Roots** features a series of sculptural fibre works reflecting on the artist's connections with the landscapes of both the Riverina and her hometown, and the memories triggered by her mementos. Created with natural fibres, Beverly's mementos include knotted and twined roots, woven souvenir spoons, tepees and nets and a collection of small sculptural ornaments framed within cake tins.

Beverly says, "As I reflect on my experiences I go back to my grass roots in a rural town in North Carolina where my encounters with nature reinforced the way I think about life. I hope this work will kindle the viewer's own memories, encouraging them to think about the stories surrounding objects which are special to them. Our keepsakes say who we are, where we have been and record a lifetime of experiences."

Grass Roots will be on display in the Links Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery from Friday 4 June until Sunday 18 July.

When: 4 June – 18 July, 2010

Where: Links Gallery, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

Cost: Free

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