



## Art Throb Showcases Mannum's Talent

The art exhibition held in St Andrew's hall from 20th to 27th April was a magnificent display and great success. It was organised and conducted by members of the Anglican Church to showcase the artistic talents of people in our community. Over 150 exhibits from 33 exhibitors created a display of top quality artwork from the very young to the very old – one exhibitor was aged 92. Fourteen of the exhibiting artists were able to attend the 'Wine and Cheese' official opening.

The Rev John Hewitson as parish priest, opened the Exhibition with some well chosen words and praise for the talent of the artists involved.

To encourage involvement, there was no entry fee, no prizes or judging and no compulsion to offer displayed works for sale. Those who did wish to sell their work did so with 10% going to the organisers.

Entry for the public was by gold coin donation some of which, together with the sale of tickets for the opening night on 20th, covered costs for the staging of the exhibition. No funding from outside sources was required.

On Anzac Day Devonshire Teas, which had been available all week, were served to 24 guests from Aminya under the pergola in the 'Café DeVine' that had been set up especially for the exhibition.

A Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday 22nd amongst the artwork with a theme of thankfulness for 'Harvest, Gifts and Talents' and was followed by a light lunch. The text '*Your talent is Gods gift to you – What you do with it is your gift back to God*' was used as the focus.

The final day on Friday 27th opened from 6 to 9pm to cater for working people – with Cake and Cappuccinos available at a moderate charge.

Over the week, about 300 viewers took advantage of the display and enjoyed the hospitality of the volunteer workers of St Andrews. Mannum should be justly proud of the artistic talents of its residents displayed at this exhibition.