

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **“Narratives: Connecting Hearts, Minds and Nature” – An Artist Book Exhibition in Maleny**

**Maleny, QLD** — From **Friday 2 May to Sunday 11 May 2025**, **The Little Red Cottage** in Maleny will once again host **“Narratives: Connecting Hearts, Minds and Nature,”** an artist book exhibition celebrating the rich possibilities of storytelling through handmade, intimate works of art. This exhibition coincides with the **Sunshine Coast Hinterland Writers Festival**, blending literary and visual arts in a unique experience for book lovers and curious minds alike.

Last October, *Narratives* attracted enthusiastic art lovers, festival-goers and curious newcomers, many of whom were discovering “artist books” for the first time. The quality of the works on display impressed the visiting **State Library of Queensland**, which acquired several pieces for its collection. Riding on the success of that inaugural event, this year’s exhibition features more than **16 book artists**, including some whose artworks are held in prominent collections both in Australia and overseas.

From intricately bound book artworks to sculptural accordion structures, each piece challenges conventional notions of what a “book” can be. Whether you’re an avid reader, a lover of the arts, or simply intrigued by the festival’s spirit of connecting hearts, minds, and nature, this exhibition offers an inspiring look at artist books as a vibrant form of creative expression.

**“We’re thrilled to showcase how artist books can offer a deeply personal storytelling experience,”** says Karen Shaw, Exhibition Curator. **“They invite you to turn pages, experience textures and uncover narratives in a way that’s intimate, immersive and exciting.”**

Visitors are encouraged to explore these tactile artworks, engage with the festival’s broader programming, and immerse themselves in the region’s natural beauty. A **public opening event** will take place on **Friday 2 May (4pm–6pm)**, where guests can meet exhibiting artists and learn more about their creative processes.

### **Event Details**

- **Dates:** Friday 2 May – Sunday 11 May 2025
- **Location:** The Little Red Cottage, 20 Coral St, Maleny
- **Opening Hours:** 10am–4pm daily (unless otherwise noted)
- **Opening Event:** Friday 2 May, 4pm–6pm (All welcome)
- **Festival Info & Registration:** [www.schwritersfestival.com.au](http://www.schwritersfestival.com.au)

For more information about the *Narratives* exhibition, please contact:

- **Karen Shaw** – 0427 607 628 or [thelittleredcottage.maleny@gmail.com](mailto:thelittleredcottage.maleny@gmail.com)
- **Kim Herringe** – 0413 384 426 or [kim@kimherringe.com.au](mailto:kim@kimherringe.com.au)

**END OF RELEASE**