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Nepal's botanical art in Wuhan

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R enowned Nepali botanical artist Neera Joshi (http://archive.nepalitimes.com/article/Nepali-Times-Buzz/Planting-painting,3224) has several of her paintings of plants from Nepal selected for an exhibition at the Wuhan International Botanical Art Exhibition that can also be visited online.

The Chinese city of Wuhan is known more as the place where the coronavirus pandemic started, but the city's Botanical Garden was well known internationally for its floral collection and the international floral art exhibition held every year.

The Wuhan International Botanical Art Exhibition (https://www.liancenter.org/exhibition-1) is on till 30 June and 82 artworks and reproductions from 48 artists from China and international artists from UK, Australia, Japan, Turkey, Germany and Nepal.

Neera Joshi is herself a botanist and has been able to bridge the gap between science and art by rendering drawings that are botanically accurate while at the same time showing artistic merit. Her works have been exhibited at Kathmandu's Park Gallery, as well as the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh (https://archive.nepalitimes.com/article/Nepali-Times-Buzz/years-of-botanical-art,3222)alongside botanical art made during the expedition of Scottish surgeon-naturalist Francis Buchanan-Hamilton to Nepal in 1802.

"It is an honour for Nepal's botanical art (http://archive.nepalitimes.com/article/Nepali-Times-Buzz/botanical-painting-exhibition,2146) to be selected at the Wuhan festival, and the paintings bring out the hope of a rebirth after the global pandemic," says Joshi, three of whose water colours are being shown: Acer sp, Rhododendron arborium and Passiflora edulis created by using water.

It is the first international exhibition of Botanical Art and Illustration in China since the COVID 19 Pandemic started, and is organised by the Wuhan Botanical Garden (https://www.botanicalartandartists.com/news/wuhan-international-botanical-art-exhibition-invited-artists), and the Chinese Academy of Science and the Lian Centre in Beijing (https://www.liancenter.org/exhibition-1) – which is hosting the virtual exhibition of artwork online.

The aim of the exhibition is to recall the people's best memories about the city by inviting national and international botanical artists to paint endemic plants.





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Neera Joshi's paintings at the Wuhan Botanical Art Exhibition.

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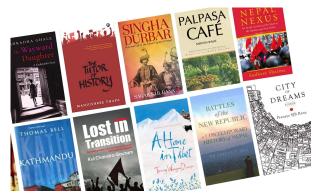
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