



## **One Tree Art Prize**

**Artist:** Vicki Nicholson

**Title:** Always a Gentleman

**GPS:** -31.6930,115.8078

I couldn't stop shivering, it didn't hurt but I know they are doing damage. They crawl under my bark, make tunnels and lay their eggs. Then I heard voices, yes, my owner was talking to a lady. I think she said she could fix this problem of mine. To stop the damage and help me along. That sounds good. I really hope so.

The next thing I knew was some of my bark being removed by her. She talked to me the whole time, telling me I was handsome, I already knew that... Each day she shaped my real face. Asking me to show her the way. Little by little bit I showed her where to go.



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Then all of a sudden, there I was. Looking out and seeing the birds, hearing the bees buzz. Wow it's wonderful. She has treated me with love and care, made sure that I will survive and be healthy. No more crawling ants. I hear then now discussing my name. I already have one, but I didn't tell them that. I was interested in what they had to say. My owner Paul named me Lykke. It's from a Norse language meaning Strong and Protective. Yes. Now... I stand proud, showing everyone my special face. And yes, I will stand strong and protect all that comes my way.