



## **One Tree Art Prize**

**Artist:** Felicia Lowe

**Title:** Turn of the Day

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The Claret Ash is a deciduous tree, growing some 15 to 20m high. Its fresh spring growth being a pleasant light to mid green whose leaves turn all possible shades of autumn from deep yellow, burnt orange to dark maroon at the end autumn/beginning of winter, hence the common name of Claret Ash.

The tree was first discovered (1910) in the Mount Lofty ranges of South Australia.

Tullie Cornthwaite Wollaston was credited both with the discovery and consequent propagation of the Claret Ash.

In 1925, due to his interest of cultivation of native plants, Tullie established the gardens, “Ray Nursery” at the location now known as “Raywood” Aldgate,



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South Australia. (formerly known Arbury Park). The namesake for both the nursery and the trees name “Raywoodii” are attributed to Tullies son Ray, who died during WW1.

The Claret Ash cultivar was introduced to UK in 1928, USA in 1956 but was not freely available there until 1979.

I have chosen to paint the Claret Ash, as Tullie Cornthwaite Wollaston was my Great great great Uncle on my Mother’s side. And in acknowledgement of this heritage, I have endeavoured to plant a Claret Ash at most of the homes I have owned.