



Wildlife and Botanical Artists Incorporated

• NEWSLETTER •

May 2007

• NEXT MEETING •

Monday 14 May - 7.30pm sharp
Hughes Community Centre

Topic: Susannah Blaxill – Renowned Australian botanical artist – will speak about the early influences that have helped shape her career. She will also address the processes involved in composition, ideas for choosing colour, and the thoughts that underlie her current work.

Remember: Members \$2; non-members \$5 (room hire, supper)

!! REMINDER – JUNE MEETING !!

will be on Monday 4 June

The June meeting **WILL NOT** be held on the second Monday of June, due to the Queens Birthday public holiday.

• WABA POSTAL ADDRESS •

We now have a post office box address:

PO Box 2020
WODEN ACT 2606

You may notice that the number means 'perfect vision' – so that should make it easy to remember!

• RISE IN MEMBERSHIP FEES •

The Committee has deemed it necessary to increase the annual membership fees due to increasing costs to WABA, including venue and equipment hire, purchase of banners and exhibition expenses.

Beginning July 2007, the simplified fee structure will be:

\$40 single

\$50 family

\$35 full-time student

These fees are still very low compared with other similar groups in the ACT.

• OTHER EXHIBITIONS •

Pastel & Paint

Exhibition ends 20 May

The Artists Shed, 14 Foster St, Queanbeyan
Daily 10am to 6pm

The exhibition includes works by Arlene Williams (WABA member) along with eight other artists.

• WABA EXHIBITIONS •

Wildlife Art @ Discovery

29 June – 8 July

CSIRO Discovery Centre, Clunies Ross Street, Acton

Opening night: Friday 29 June

Open to the public from Sat 30 June

The exhibition will be opened by Dr Richard Schodde, an eminent Australian ornithologist.

Guest artists: Nicholas Day (Victoria)

James Luck (New South Wales)

Wendy Jennings (South Australia)

All three are renowned Australian wildlife artists.

Selection panel: Noel Ford (ANU School of Art);

Dr. Penny Olsen (Author of

Feather and Brush: Three

Centuries of Australian Bird Art);

Dr Leo Joseph (Director, CSIRO

National Wildlife Collection).

The panel will also nominate awards in each category to recognize excellence in this specialized field of art.

REMEMBER – entries with photographs of artworks are due by 18 MAY.

Please post your completed entries to:

Lesley Wallington, 15 Fitzgerald St, Yarralumla

Ph: 6281 3224

Fundraising Raffle: to be held in conjunction with the exhibition.

1st prize – painting by Lesley Wallington

2nd prize: \$300 worth of framing - the Art Store

3rd prize: 'Meet-a-Cheetah' voucher - National Zoo and Aquarium.

Tickets - \$2 each or 3 for \$5 - available for sale at the monthly meetings and at the exhibition. If you would like to assist with ticket selling please contact one of the Committee members. Draw will be conducted on 8 July.

WABA Members' Annual Exhibition

*****PLEASE NOTE: NEW DATES**

14 September – 7 October 2007

This year, our annual exhibition will be held at:
The Artists Shed, 14 Foster St, Queanbeyan.

Entries will close 31 August - more details coming soon - watch this space!

• YOUR ART CV •

All emerging and professional artist members are invited to prepare a current CV using a new WABA template.

The purpose of your CV is to accompany WABA art exhibitions and members meetings.

Your CV can also be added to our website for a newly developed **Register of Artists**. This will provide an opportunity for commissions from public sector government agencies, private sector organizations and individuals. Artists can be contacted for commissioned work including black and white ink drawings for publications, art for advertising and tourism brochures, sculpture, photographs or other commissioned artwork.

Your CV should be no longer than an A4 page, plus an A4 page for images of your art. The WABA template has four sections: biography; subject, style and media; speciality area; commissions, publications, teaching and awards.

Some examples of current members' CVs will be available at the next meeting, along with copies of WABA templates.

• CALL FOR PHOTOS •

Do you have any photos or anecdotes of past WABA events, workshops, field trips, members? We would like to gather a collection of photos and anecdotes, not only for our archives, but also for planning leading to our 10th anniversary celebrations for 2008.

***** 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ***
NEXT YEAR!**

Yes, WABA has been going for almost **ten years!**

It would be great to have a pictorial history of WABA's activities and its members – if you know any past members who may have photos, please let them know about our request.

Photos can be sent to our PO Box address (see front of newsletter) – it would be preferable if you send a copy; otherwise, please indicate that you require your photo returned and we will make a copy. You can send digital photos to Glenda Shelley at gshelley@actewagl.net.au

***** The Committee is also keen to hear from current and past members about how we could celebrate our 10th anniversary in 2008 - please let any of the Committee members know ASAP, so we can start organising! *****

Field Trip to Burra – by Arlene Williams

On 14 April, a group of around 15 travelled to Dianne Stockbridge's Burra property to experience wildlife 'up close and personal'. Di is a WABA member and President of Wildcare Queanbeyan Inc., whose mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and release sick, injured and orphaned native Australian wildlife (mainly through road accidents) in the Queanbeyan area.

We photographed and touched shingleback lizards, an Eastern Bearded Dragon, and a young wallaroo being fed in a makeshift pouch. Di introduced us to two other such orphans - cute 11 kg wombats with gorgeous soft fur, who ambled their way around a wombat friendly enclosure.

We also spied a crimson rosella and a party of blue wrens visiting the bird feeding table in front of Di's sunroom, where we were treated to afternoon tea.

A donation was collected and presented to Di to help Wildcare Queanbeyan with their important work.

It was an instructive and fun afternoon on a glorious, warm, sunny day. We are grateful to Di for her hospitality and the opportunity to meet and greet her very special residents.

Di Stockbridge: "On behalf of Wildcare and our critters, we would like to thank you for your generous donation. We are a registered charity, so donations are tax deductible – if you wish to make a donation, contact Fiona Harrison on 62978386."

*Wildcare Queanbeyan Inc. looks after an area surrounding the ACT, south to Bredbo, west to Cowra, and east to near Braidwood (same zone as the NPWS Queanbeyan district). Like WIRES, it is a non-profit organisation manned entirely by volunteers. www.wildcare.com.au
Wildcare 24-hour helpline: 62991966*

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