



Wildlife and Botanical Artists Incorporated

• NEWSLETTER •

March 2007

• NEXT MEETING •

Monday 12 March - 7.30pm sharp
Hughes Community Centre

Topic: Insects of the ACT Region and Friends of Grasslands (FOG) – Kim Pullen, Roger Farrow, Geoff Robertson and Alan Landford

Kim Pullen, Roger Farrow (CSIRO Entomology) and Geoff Robertson are members of FOG which promotes the preservation of native grassland habitat in the region. Alan Landford is an entomology graduate from the ANU with a lifelong interest in insects.

This presentation will provide members and guests with an introduction to the insects of the ACT region. Spectacular images and specimens of butterflies, moths, grasshoppers and other insects will illustrate aspects of insect structure and habitat. Methods of collection and preservation will also be discussed. Artists will have the opportunity to learn about insects and their habitat for scientific illustration and other artistic purposes. Bring your sketch books and cameras and meet the experts!

Remember: \$2 (room hire, supper).

• APRIL MEETING •

Monday 2 April - 7.30pm sharp
Hughes Community Centre

Topic: Mushrooms and Fungi for Artists – Heino Lepp *Honorary Associate at the Australian National Botanical Gardens and the Centre for Plant Biodiversity Research.*

This presentation will provide members with an introduction to mushrooms and fungi with particular emphasis on illustrating fungi in a way that is both scientifically useful as well as visually pleasing. Slides will be shown to illustrate some of the variety to be seen in the fungal world as well as the essential features that need to be noted. The slides will also illustrate some examples of fungal illustrations from various books published over the last three hundred years or so. Come along for a fascinating meeting with a local expert and bring your notebooks!

Remember: \$2 (room hire, supper).

** PLEASE NOTE **

There will be **NO April newsletter.**

TIDBINBILLA EXHIBITION CLOSURE

Due to the refurbishment of the café at the current Visitor Centre, our ongoing exhibition at Tidbinbilla has been closed. A new Visitor Centre is currently under construction and it is hoped that we will be able to exhibit there again later this year.

Belinda Ingram is holding all the paintings at her place, so please collect your paintings ASAP from 19 Besant Street, Pearce. **Please phone Belinda beforehand on 6286 1754.**

• CONGRATULATIONS •

The following members have sold paintings at the Tidbinbilla Exhibition.

Vivien Pinder – ‘Kookaburra’

Di Mortimer – ‘Coastal Gum’

Arlene Williams – ‘Wader’

Jacqui King – ‘Visiting Gang-gangs’

Francesc McMahon – two prints

WELL DONE!

We are currently revising and standardising the format for CVs. Copies of blank forms will be available at the March monthly meeting.

• WABA EXHIBITIONS •

Wildlife Art @ Discovery

29 June – 8 July

CSIRO Discovery Centre, Clunies Ross Street, Acton

Information and Entry Form will be sent out soon.

WABA Members’ Annual Exhibition
November (Date TBA)

(More details for this will be announced soon.)



Children's Python checking out Anne Hand's arm!
Photo: Vivien Pinder

February meeting - report

Twenty members attended the first meeting of the year – “Corroboree Frogs, Amphibians and Reptiles” - with a fascinating presentation from Murray Evans on the endangered Corroboree Frog. Murray also brought along five live frogs for people to look at. This was the first time these frogs have been brought out of quarantine other than for the annual Herpetological Association display at the Botanical Gardens – a real treat! Two representatives from the ACT Herpetological Association also provided an interesting talk and introduced members to ‘Clyde’, the Children’s Python. An entertaining and educational evening was had by all. There are now real expectations for some artworks featuring frogs, snakes and other reptiles at our *Wildlife Art @ Discovery Exhibition* to be held from 29 June this year.

Julia Landford

• OTHER EXHIBITIONS •

Botanica 2007

16 March – 1 April

Lion Gate Lodge - Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney
Open 10am-4pm daily, Thurs to 8pm
Enquiries: (02) 9231 8182

Margaret Flockton Award Exhibition

16 March – 1 April, 10 am – 4 pm (weekends included),
2 April – 15 June 10 am – 4 pm (Mon – Fri only)
Red Box Gallery, Royal Botanic Gardens, enter via reception on Mrs Macquaries Road
Enquiries: (02) 9231 8111
www.rbgsgyd.nsw.gov.au



Northern Corroboree Frog – enlarged! (It is actually about the size of the pebble behind its right back foot.)
Photo: Vivien Pinder

Canberra Botanica

28 Sept – 8 Oct

CSIRO Discovery Centre, Clunies Ross Street, Acton.

Open to all artists – see www.caninsbotart.com for details.

• WORKSHOPS •

Canberra Institute of Botanical Art

Weekend workshop series

CSIRO Discovery Centre, Clunies Ross St,
CSIRO Black Mountain Laboratories,
Canberra.

Workshop program for first half of 2007:

31 Mar – 1 Apr: Susannah Blaxill - Pencil techniques

14-15 Apr: Leonie Norton - Seeds, Pods & nuts

26-27 May: Jennifer Small - Taking your plants apart

23-24 June: Mary Anne Mein - Winter flowering

For more information or details of later

workshops please phone: (02) 6278 5055 or visit
www.caninsbotart.com

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