



December 2007



NEXT MEETING

Monday 10 December- 7.30pm sharp
Hughes Community Centre

Cheese and Wine provided. Come and join us
for a Christmas "Get Together"

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

WABA COMMITTEE

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We welcome our new President and Vice
President.

All the committee look forward to working
together to take our society forward in 2008



The president and Committee would like
to wish all members a Very Merry
Christmas and a safe and Happy New
Year.

WABA EXHIBITION

Opening on Saturday 1st December 2007-
at 2pm at the Visitors Centre Tidbinbilla.

It looks a great exhibition so, come along
and support WABA for the opening and
during the duration of the exhibition.

Tell your friends!!

Hand out the invitations!

If you are attending the opening, please
bring a plate of finger food to share.

OTHER EXHIBITIONS

Queensland Wildlife Artists Society
'International Nature in Art 2007'

30 Nov- 4 Jan

Logan Art Gallery, Wembley Road, Logan
Central, Qld.

Entries due :

Canberra Show -closes 7.1.08

Contact www.rncas.org.au or Ph:6241 2478

Government House Open Day Art Show

Closes 1.2.08

Contact: Ros Welch 6241 5956

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WABA WEBSITE

www.waba.net.au

Any suggestions regarding the web page, please
email info@waba.net.au

The **Members page** is **password protected** - the
login and password will be provided when you
renew your membership. If you have already
renewed, please contact Vivien Pinder on
6242 9699 for login and password.

INTRODUCING

Anne Guerin Our New President



Anne Guerin

After raising a family, active leadership in scouting, some travel overseas, working in private industry and the public service in forms design, print management and currently in quality and training, Anne wanted to indulge in creative activities that will assist her transition to an active retirement. Anne joined the Wildlife and Botanical Art Group Inc late in 2007 and happily stepped up to the role of President for 2008.

In 2000 Anne attended her first formal art training at a community college, under the guidance of Katherine Alexander. The class was both an introduction to watercolour techniques and also a fantastic social and creative outlet. The members eventually formed the 'Painting for Pleasure' art group in Tuggeranong. Anne showed off her fledgling watercolour attempts at the group's end of year exhibition with some success. She admits that receiving an award for her floral watercolour 'November Iris', quickly followed by a sale of another life drawing watercolour 'Male Nude 1' was very exciting and a considerable boost to her confidence as novice artist.

Looking for a further challenge, she attended workshops organised by Canberra Institute of Botanical Art, held at Canberra CSIRO. Helen Fitzgerald's 'Introduction to Botanical Art – Watercolour', Jennifer Small's 'Pulling your plant apart'. This just wet her appetite for botanical illustration. Seeking to develop her drawing skills, Anne enrolled in 'Unfinished Symphonies' botanical art workshop held in Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, under the guidance of Barbara Duckworth.

In 2008, with the assistance of WABA members, Anne aims to increase her knowledge of Australian botanical art and to produce artwork of a standard worthy of hanging alongside such inspiring entries as included in the 'Art of Nature'

– WABA Members Annual Exhibition, and also to increase involvement in the group activities by junior art and science students.

OTHER NEWS

The speaker at our last meeting was **Samantha Simpson-Morgan**, Business Entrepreneur and owner of Rarified Framing Gallery in Dickson. Her Topic was "Entrepreneurship and Creativity". Samantha's presentation covered her background as an artist and experience in small business. She outlined how she established her own business, her vision of the links between art and business and how important it is to align both of these with your core values.

Samantha also explained how valuable a business coach had been in establishing the business and continues to assist Samantha and her team in growing the business, which has now been open for three years.

Samantha responded to the questions from our members and generously shared many details about the resources she found most helpful in her endeavours.

Deadline for January/February Newsletter 31/1/08

If you have news items for the newsletter, please forward them to me by the deadline. This includes exhibition news or closing dates of exhibitions, news of members, achievements etc etc. Thanks
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Pialligo Fine Art Gallery would like to invite members of WABA to Christmas drinks on **Sunday 9 December at 2pm at the gallery, 12 Beltana Rd, Pialligo.**