



Wildlife and Botanical Artists Incorporated

• NEWSLETTER •

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• MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT •

You may have noticed our name at the top of the newsletter has changed – we are now an INCORPORATED association!

The Certificate of Incorporation reads:

“This is to certify that pursuant to section 19 of the Act WILDLIFE AND BOTANICAL ARTISTS INCORPORATED is on and from the sixteenth day of January 2007 incorporated as an association under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*” - certified by the Registrar-General’s Office of the ACT.

Our Association Number is A04541.

There are several advantages in incorporating the association:

- The incorporated association is a body corporate with perpetual succession that is capable of performing all the functions of a body corporate. It has powers to acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property and is capable of suing and being sued in its own name;
- Incorporation creates a legal entity that is separate and distinct from that of the individual members. It distinguishes the liability of an association from that of its members;
- It provides an inexpensive means for a group to acquire legal status as a corporate identity.

There are also obligations that the Association must abide by:

- The association must have a committee and a public officer.
- The Registrar-General’s Office must be notified of:
 - Alteration to rules;
 - Changes to the Committee;
 - A register of members must be maintained;
 - Accounting records must be maintained and audited each year.

The Association has chosen to adopt the ‘model rules’ under the Act.

You can view the whole Act and the Regulations made under the Act at the Registrar-General’s Office website: www.rgo.act.gov.au

• 2007 NEW HAPPENINGS •

New directions for 2007 embrace bringing artists, scientists and environmentalists together to promote appreciation of our natural wildlife and botanical heritage.

The Committee welcomes active member participation in all activities.

2007 program - A full program has been planned for this year – see details over the page. Put the enclosed 2007 Calendar on the fridge as a reminder for Monday Meetings, AGM, Workshops, Exhibitions etc.

Meeting format – In an effort to keep Monday meetings shorter in time, and so you can go home a little earlier, a few minutes will be spent at the beginning of each meeting with the announcement of upcoming events, welcoming of any new members and/or guests, then an hour allowed for the guest speaker (7.30-8.30), followed by a social get-together until 9ish.

Strathnairn workshops – members are encouraged to contact any of the committee members if they would like to spend a painting day at Strathnairn with other members. We will then arrange to book the studio.

Register of artists for professional drawing and/or painting opportunities will be set up on the website. All members are invited to submit a revised CV. The next newsletter will include a revised format for CVs.

• NEXT MEETING •

**Monday 12 February - 7.30pm sharp
Hughes Community Centre**

Topic: Corroboree Frogs, Amphibians and Reptiles - Dr Murray Evans (ACT Govt) & the ACT Herpetological Association

See enclosed flyer for more details. Please feel free to forward the flyer on to anyone you know who might be interested.

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

• **MONDAY MEETINGS** •
2007 PROGRAM

- 12 March:** Friends of Grasslands (FOG) – entomology for artists – insects of the ACT – collection and presentation techniques.
2 April: Heino Lepp – ANBG – Mushrooms and fungi.
14 May: Susannah Blaxill - Biographical – Botanical art techniques.
4 June: Wendy Jennings – Wildlife artist – Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize-winner – tips and ideas for members.
9 July: Cameron Mitchell – Wildlife illustrator.
13 August: National Science Week – Jeff Robertson (Friends of Grasslands) – Orchids of the Southern Tablelands.
10 September: Lesley Wallington – Spring garden – collage and gouache (with follow-up workshop).
8 October: Cacti and Succulents Society – slide presentation.
12 November: TBA
10 December: Swap meet – Xmas social gathering.

• **EXHIBITIONS** •

TIDBINBILLA ONGOING EXHIBITION

More paintings are needed for the Tidbinbilla exhibition. If you have artworks to be exhibited please contact Belinda Ingram (**interim** exhibitions co-ordinator) on 6286 1754 ASAP.

Please deliver your paintings to Belinda ASAP. Preferably the subjects should be native flora and fauna – they are very popular subjects with visitors (and potential buyers) and fit in with the theme of Tidbinbilla as a nature reserve for native plants and animals. For ideas on flora and fauna species that occur in the area, see the Namadgi list that was sent out last year. Please contact Glenda Shelley on 6259 0982 if you need another copy. Also, **PLEASE** pick up your paintings from the annual exhibition from Belinda's – she is running out of space!!

29 June – 8 July: Wildlife Exhibition – CSIRO Discovery Centre – open to all artists.
November (Date TBA): WABA Members' Annual Exhibition.
(More details for these will be announced soon.)

28 Sept – 8 Oct: Botanical Exhibition – CSIRO Discovery Centre – open to all artists – see www.caninsbotart.com for details.

Many thanks to the ACT Herpetological Association for allowing WABA exclusive access to the recent 'Snakes Alive' exhibition at the ANBG. A thoroughly enjoyable and informative couple of hours was spent by WABA members photographing and sketching a wide variety of lizards, snakes and frogs. Unfortunately, space restrictions prevent including some great photos here!

• **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

• **NEW MEMBERS** •

A warm welcome to: Jude Hopwood
Jennie Quayle
Barbara Gaynor
Bevan Badcott

• **OUR WEBSITE** •

Our website has a new name: www.waba.net.au
Our webmaster, Pamela Finger, is working on revamping the site with a new look. In the mean time Pamela will be updating the Monday meetings and the calendar of events.

• **COMMITTEE CONTACTS** •

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