

June 2007

• **NEXT MEETING** •

Monday 4 June - 7.30pm sharp

NOTE – NOT second Monday in June!

Hughes Community Centre

Topic: Guest speaker - Wendy Jennings.

Wendy is a Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize finalist. Wendy has spent over 30 years living in, or near, many diverse National Parks, developing an affinity with the wildlife and habitats. She began painting in 1981. She has exhibited in five states, and in China. Wendy will explain what inspired her to take up painting, show places and wildlife of where she has lived and how they transfer into art, demonstrate some of her techniques and explain how she incorporate environmental messages in her paintings.

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

• **MEMBERSHIP FEES REMINDER** •

Membership fees are due in July. Fee schedule:

Single membership \$40

Family membership \$50

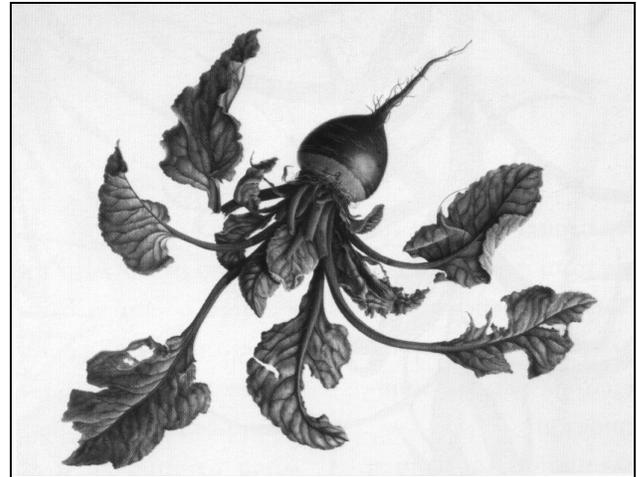
Pensioners/FULL-TIME students \$35

(Student ID or Pensioner ID must be provided)

**Presentation by Susannah Blaxill
report by Shelley Cannon**

At our last meeting we had 28 people in attendance who thoroughly enjoyed a lecture from Susannah Blaxill. Susannah travelled all the way from the Southern Highlands to be with us for the evening. Susannah talked about the people and experiences that had influenced her in her career. She brought two paintings along to show us: one, a watercolour of moss and lichens, the other a charcoal drawing of an eggplant. She also provided a slide show presentation of many her other works. A very focussed and disciplined lady, and a source of great inspiration.

!Erratum! – Di Stockbridge is the Animal Co-ordinator of Wildcare Queanbeyan, not the President, as was reported in last month's newsletter – this was a reporter's error. ☺



Horseradish (Charcoal) - © Susannah Blaxill

• **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

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

1st prize: Painting by Lesley Wallington

2nd prize: \$300 voucher - 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. Please return any unsold tickets to Belinda Ingram before the exhibition opening.

Winning tickets will be drawn on 8 July.

**Eighth Annual Exhibition
'Art of Nature'**

14 September – 7 October 2007

The Artists Shed, 14 Foster St, Queanbeyan

****Remember, you must be a financial member of WABA to be able to enter this exhibition.****

Entries will close 28 August – Entry forms will be available with the next newsletter.

• **CALL FOR PHOTOS** •

Remember to send your photos or anecdotes of past WABA events, workshops, field trips and members to **PO Box 2020, Woden ACT 2606** for our archives, but also for planning leading to our 10th anniversary celebrations for 2008.

Preferably 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! *****

• **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.

If you would like a CV template please contact Alison Bradney on 6251 2364.

• **OTHER EXHIBITIONS** •

CANBERRA BOTANICAL 2007 — The Colours of Spring

28 - September to 7 - October 2007

CSIRO Discovery Centre

Entries close 10 August 2007

For entry details go to www.caninsbotart.com or phone (02) 6278 6555

The Margaret Flockton Award Exhibition

Friday 16 March to Friday 15 June 2007

10 am to 4 pm (Monday to Friday only)

Red Box Gallery, National Herbarium of NSW,
Royal Botanic Gardens, enter via reception on Mrs Macquaries Road

• **WORKSHOPS** •

Canberra Institute of Botanical Art

23-24 June – Mary-Anne Mein – Winter flowering

11-12 August – Jane Wright and Helen Fitzgerald – Orchids with Jane

tba – Murray Fagg – Botany for artists

8-9 September – Helen Fitzgerald – How to work from field sketches and photos

Jan 2008 tba – Liz Sherras-Clarke – Larger than life

For more details on workshops go to:
www.caninsbotart.com or phone (02) 6278 5055.

Beechworth Institute of Botanical Art

28-29 July – Helen Fitzgerald – Botanical illustration – using washes

30-31 July – Helen Fitzgerald – Botanical illustration techniques

10-11 August – Mary Anne Mein – Winter flowering

For more details on workshops go to:
www.beechinsbotart.com or phone (03) 5728 7311

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