



Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

• NEWSLETTER •

November 2006

• MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT •

At the Committee meeting on Monday 6 November the Committee voted in a **new President, Julia Landford**. Julia was the founding President of WABA and the main instigator of the group and its purpose. The Committee and members welcome Julia to this role, and we look forward to hearing her ideas for next year's program at the next meeting (see below).

A big thank you to Janet Twigg-Patterson and Belinda Ingram for standing in as 'co-presidents' in the absence of Gerry Heyen – our fleetingly 'short-lived' president – who is swanning around (his words) on Christmas Island (some people have the best jobs!). If and when Gerry returns to Canberra we hope he will become involved in WABA again.

• NEXT MEETING •

Monday 13 November - 7.30pm
Hughes Community Centre

Topics: Our new President, Julia Landford, will present ideas for next year's calendar and outline the meetings structure and timetable.

Paint a Christmas card (or two!)

BYO: painting/drawing materials, subject

Remember: \$2 (room hire, supper); **donations of prizes for the raffle – can be small, recycled, inexpensive – imaginative!** \$1 per raffle ticket.

TIDBINBILLA ONGOING EXHIBITION

We are planning a major change-over of artworks in the Tidbinbilla exhibition in November. 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 before the end of November.

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.

• CONGRATULATIONS! •

To **Elizabeth McDonald** who sold her painting 'Mt Kosciuszko', and to **Lesley Wallington** who sold her two works 'Zebra Finch' and 'Sugar Glider' at the Tidbinbilla ongoing exhibition.

Also to:

Janet Twigg-Patterson who sold her painting of 'Gynea Lily' at the 'Artviews in the Hills 2006' exhibition at Wanniasa Hills Primary School;

Belinda Ingram who was awarded a Highly Commended for her 'Chooks on a Fence' at the Goulburn Workers Club Annual Traditional Art Prize;

Vivien Pinder who was awarded a Highly Commended for her water-based pigment picture 'Gang-gang' at the Annual ASOC exhibition. She also sold her painting of 'Kookaburras'.

Well done all!



• XMAS PARTY •



Date: Sunday 10 December

Time: 12 noon – 2pm

Place: Sculpture Garden, National Gallery of Australia

Please bring a plate of goodies to share.

BYO: drinks, chair, rug, sketch pad, camera ...

• THANK YOU •

A huge thank you to those who helped me hang the exhibitions this year. Your support is greatly appreciated. I couldn't have done it without you!

Belinda ☺

• **WORKSHOPS** •

Canberra Institute of Botanical Art

Weekend workshop series

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

18-19 Nov: Liz Sherras-Clarke – Spring flowers

9-10 Dec: Liz Sherras-Clarke – Painting large

Workshop program for 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

11-12 Aug: Jane Wright & Helen Fitzgerald - Orchids with Jane

tba: Murray Fagg, Botany for artists

8-9 Sept: Helen Fitzgerald, How to work from field sketches & photos

27-28 Oct: Helen Fitzgerald - Botanical illustration an introduction

8-9 Dec: Liz Sherras-Clarke - Painting large

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*** Browse just a few of the interesting websites in the world of wildlife and botanical art ***

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Botanical Artist and Tutor

www.botanicalart.com.au

Botanical Art Society of Australia

<http://botanicalartsocietyaustralia.com>

Fernbrook Garden and Gallery

www.bluemts.com.au/fernbrook/default.htm

Rica Erickson – a tribute

www.liswa.wa.gov.au/erickson/pages/home.html

Wildlife Artists Society of Australasia

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~wildlife/>

Katherine Castle

<http://www.wildlifeart.com.au/>

Elizabeth Cogley

<http://www.ozwildart.com/>

(Erratum: my email address was wrong in the last newsletter – please note correction below.)



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And it saves paper – think before you print. Please email Glenda at gshelley@actewagl.net.au to get your newsletter FAST!

THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS, SPONSORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND HAPPINESS AND HEALTH FOR 2007!



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