



Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

• NEWSLETTER •

August 2006

• NEXT MEETING •

Monday 14 August - 7.30pm
Hughes Community Centre

Guest speaker: Member profile - Lisa Andreatta

Lisa, who is a relatively new member of WABA, is coming along to talk about her recent experiences in curating exhibitions for contemporary artists.

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

Lauren Black at the Australian National Botanic Gardens

7-23 July 2006

Report by Lisa Andreatta

The Australian National Botanic Gardens recently hosted an exhibition, workshop, Artist's Talk and live painting demonstration by renowned Australian botanical artist Lauren Black.

The Gardens' Visitor Centre gallery was the venue for the exhibition which showcased Lauren Black's recent major project named *Tasmanian Flora*, which was completed over a three-year period from 2002 to 2004. The body of work comprises six watercolours depicting some of Tasmania's distinctive and threatened flora. The originals were reproduced into a limited edition portfolio named *Tasmanian Flora*, with accompanying botanical texts. The series became recognised after being reproduced onto porcelain plates crafted by recognised ceramist Les Blakebrough. The series gained further attention when a set of plates were gifted to HRH Crown Prince Frederick and Princess Mary of Denmark on their first visit to Tasmania.

Lauren Black has been based in Tasmania for the past 7 years and practicing botanical art for around 10 years. In her Artist's Talk Lauren expressed her passion for the Tasmanian wilderness and the inspiration she derives from finding plants in their natural habitat. Lauren also discussed her recent experience working in Sri Lanka on an Asia Link residency.

To find out more, search 'Lauren Black botanical artist' in Google.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE!
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\$35 or \$20 student/pensioner – please send your cheque, made out to ACTBWAG to:

Di Mortimer
50 Harbison Crescent
WANNIASSA ACT 2903

or pay at the next meeting.

? QUESTIONNAIRE ?

Don't forget to complete your questionnaire that was enclosed with the July newsletter and **RETURN WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES.**

We really would like more feedback on what you want.

Have your say!

TIDBINBILLA ONGOING EXHIBITION

If you would like to exhibit in the ongoing exhibition please contact Belinda Ingram (interim exhibitions co-ordinator) **ASAP** on 6286 1754.

• WORKSHOPS •

Canberra Institute of Botanical Art

Weekend workshop series

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

26 Aug: Murray Fagg – Botany for artists

8-14 Oct: WA wildflowers painting field trip

28-29 Oct: Helen Fitzgerald – Botanical illustration
an introduction

tba: CSIRO Herbarium tour

For more information please phone:

(02) 6278 5055

www.caninsbotart.com

• EXHIBITIONS •

CANBERRA BOTANICAL 2006

‘Discovering Plants through Art’

Friday 22 Sept – Sunday 2 Oct 2006

**CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Canberra,
ACT**

WILDLIFE ART SOCIETY OF

AUSTRALASIA

‘Wild Awards’

Wed 4 Oct – Sunday 7 Nov

The Barn Gallery, Montsalvat, Eltham, VIC

This exhibition is usually only open to members of WASA. However, this year they have extended an invitation to WABA members.

Entry form, fees and high quality unmounted colour photo of your entry to arrive by **Friday 1 Sept 2006**.

Phone Di Mortimer on 6231 3040 for a copy of the entry form.

If you have any other enquiries please contact the exhibition director on (03) 8790 4215.

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