

Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

• NEWSLETTER •

April 2006

• NEXT MEETING •

Monday 10 April - 7.30pm Hughes Community Centre

Framing demonstration

A representative from The Framing Store, Phillip, will be demonstrating framing techniques. So if you haven't already framed your work for the Annual Exhibition, come along and get some valuable tips.

Updating our website

If you would like to have some of your art available for the world to see on our website, or if you want to update your current information, Pamela Finger, our webmaster, will be available at this meeting to scan or upload images of your artworks on to our website. **Please bring either a VERY GOOD photograph OR a CD with your work already scanned OR the original painting if it's not too large.** Also, you should provide an updated CV (curriculum vitae) to accompany your works.

Show and tell: please bring along any of your work to share and discuss.

Remember: \$2 (room hire, supper); donations of prizes for the raffle; \$1 per raffle ticket.

• EXHIBITIONS •

'ON THE WILD SIDE'

This exhibition by WABA members Arlene Williams, Di Mortimer, Belinda Ingram and Lesley Wallington opened last Sunday at the:

YARRALUMLA GALLERY, WESTON

The exhibition will be showing until 5 May 2006.

Highly recommended!

**RED DUST and PADDY MELONS
COMMUNITY GALLERY
Hillston, NSW**

For more information call Jo Coleman 02 6967 2458 or Catherine Byrne 02 6967 2776.

*** REMINDER ***

• ANNUAL EXHIBITION •

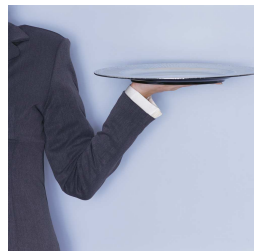
'The Art of Nature'

Opening: 2.00pm Sunday 23 April

at

Tidbinbilla Visitors' Centre (at Nature Reserve)

PLEASE SEE YOUR ENCLOSED INVITATION – PLUS TWO MORE TO PASS ON TO FRIENDS, RELATIONS OR WORK COLLEAGUES!



Exhibiting members are requested to bring a plate - **with some goodies on it!** - to share at the opening.

*** REMINDER ***

Artworks must be delivered no later than Thursday 13 April to Belinda Ingram, 19 Besant St, Pearce.

Entry Forms should already be in. Please contact Belinda ASAP this week if you haven't already sent in your entry form.

PLEASE NOTE

Tidbinbilla ongoing exhibition

In order to hang our Annual Exhibition, any paintings currently hanging will be removed. **Please collect your paintings from Belinda Ingram between Tuesday 18 April and Saturday 22 April.**

Please phone Belinda on 6286 1754 beforehand if you are collecting or delivering paintings.

**Report on March meeting
Guest speakers - Gwyn and Geoff Clarke**

Gwyn and Geoff presented a wonderful slide show of Australian Native Plants. Geoff's excellent photographic skills were evident in the many beautiful slides of a number of native plant species including acacia (including a stunning pink wattle!), melaleuca, eucalyptus, grevillea and eremophila, among others. There were some fantastic shots of Sturt's Desert Pea, and amazing close-ups of banksias and grevilleas, showing the regular abstract patterns of nature. Gwyn and Geoff also pointed out key features of the plants which distinguish different species to assist in the painting and identification of plants.

Gwyn and Geoff's interest in native plants extends to running their **GURAWIN NATIVE PLANT NURSERY** from their home at **26 Henry St, Cook**. They are having a **plant sale - Saturday 8 April 9.30am to 4pm**. Please see the enclosed plant list.

All welcome.

Ph: 6251 1043

(You can order plants and pick up at other times, provided you ring first.)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Halina Steele and Di Stockbridge both sold paintings from our ongoing exhibition at Tidbinbilla last month. Well done!

'Chinese Brush in the Bush'

Janet Twigg-Patterson recently presented a talk at the Australian National Botanic Gardens on her experience with Chinese brush work. She explained the use of traditional Chinese brush work, colours used, and the Chinese philosophy of art in nature. Janet also demonstrated the use of brush work for traditional Chinese subjects, as well as Australian native plants and animals, showing slides of contemporary and traditional examples – and she sold a painting!

**Don't forget to see the Constable
exhibition at the Australian National
Gallery – if you love clouds, you'll
love this exhibition!**

**Canberra Institute of Botanical Art
Weekend workshop series**

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

8-9 April: Leonie Norton – Autumn leaves

27-28 May: Susannah Blaxill – Botanical techniques

tba: Murray Fagg – Botany for botanical artists

28-29 Oct & 19-20 Nov: Helen Fitzgerald – Botanical illustration an introduction

tba: CSIRO Herbarium tour

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